

# The Implementation of Finite Element Method for Poisson Equation \*

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## Abstract

This is my MATH 574 course project report. In this report, I give some details for implementing the Finite Element Method (FEM) via Matlab and Python with FEniCs. This project mainly focuses on the Poisson equation with pure homogeneous and non-homogeneous Dirichlet boundary, pure Neumann boundary condition and Mixed boundary condition on unit square and unit circle domain. Symmetric and Unsymmetric Nitsche's method will be used to deal with the non-homogeneous boundary condition. Some of the functions in this project were written for [4, 5] and some functions are from Long Chen's package [2][3]. The Python code with FEniCs are learned from [1].

## 1 The Model Problem

For simplicity, I consider the following three types of boundary conditions:

1. Pure Dirichlet boundary condition poisson equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u &= f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= g_D & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

2. Pure Neumann boundary condition poisson equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u &= f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} &= g_N & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

3. Mixed boundary condition poisson equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u &= f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= g_D & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} &= g_N & \text{on } \Gamma_N. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $\Omega$  is assumed to be a polygonal domain,  $f$  a given function in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $g$  a given function in  $H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$ .

Before I give the details, I would like to introduce some useful notations in this report. Let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  to be the partition (Figure.1) (typically triangulation) of  $\Omega$ , with piecewise constant mesh size  $h$ , i.e.,  $h_K = \text{diam}(K)$ , similarly, to be  $h_e = \text{diam}(e)$ ,  $\Gamma_D$  to be the Dirichlet boundary,  $\Gamma_N$  to be the

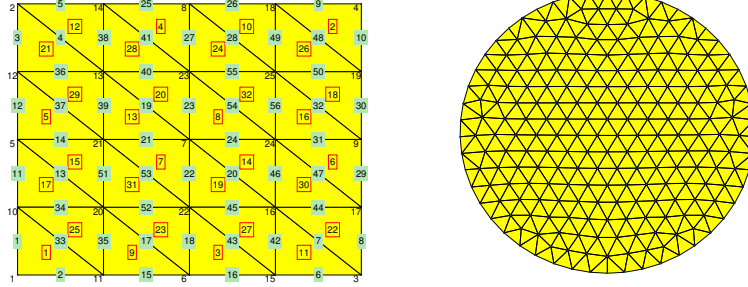


Figure 1: The triangulation on unit square and unit circle domain

Neumann boundary , and  $\mathbb{P}(K)$  to be a finite dimension smooth function (typically polynomial) on the region  $K$ . This space  $\mathbb{V}_h (\subset H_0^1(\Omega))$  will be used to approximate the variable  $u$ .

$$\mathbb{V}_h := \{v \in L^2(\Omega) \mid v|_K \in \mathbb{P}(K) \ \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D\}. \quad (4)$$

## 2 The weak formula and Canonical Galerkin approximation formula for model problem with

### 2.1 The weak formula and Galerkin approximation for the pure Dirichlet boundary problem

- MODEL PROBLEM.1 : the weak formula can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \text{ and} \\ &a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in H_0^1, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The Galerkin approximation formula can be read as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } u_h \in \mathbb{V}_h \text{ with } u_h|_{\partial\Omega} = g \text{ and} \\ &a(u_h, \phi_h) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \nabla \phi_h dx = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_h dx \quad \text{for } \forall \phi_h \in \mathbb{V}_h, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

- MODEL PROBLEM.2 : the weak formula can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ &a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g_N \phi ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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**Remark 2.1.** The necessary (and also sufficient in this setting) condition for existence of a solution is

$$\int_{\Omega} f dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g_N ds = 0.$$

The necessary condition for uniqueness of a solution is

$$\int_{\Omega} u dx = 0.$$

We assume  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in L^2(\partial\Omega)$  such that  $\int_{\Omega} f dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g ds = 0$ . Thus, there exists a unique solution in the subset of  $H^2(\Omega)$  consisting of zero-average functions.

**Remark 2.2.** The system arising from the pure Neumann model problem is a singular system. There are three popular approaches to deal with this singular system:

1. Fix one degree of freedom on the boundary (strongly impose as Dirichlet point);
2. Lagrange multiplier method. Changing the non-constrain problem to a constrain system;
3. Krylov solvers. AMG for example will do a optimal job if you make sure that the coarse solve doesn't mess with the nullspace. Using an iterative solver (like Jacobi) on the coarse solve will do the trick.

- **MODEL PROBLEM.3** : the weak formula can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ & a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} g_N \phi ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The Galerkin approximation formula can be read as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u_h \in \mathbb{V}_h \text{ with } u_h|_{\Gamma_D} = g_D \text{ and} \\ & a(u_h, \phi_h) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \nabla \phi_h dx = \int_{\Omega} f_h \phi_h dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} (g_N)_k \phi_h ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi_h \in \mathbb{V}_h, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

## 2.2 The weak formula for Symmetric and Unsymmetric Nitsche's method

### 2.2.1 Symmetric Nitsche's method

1. The weak formula for Model Problem.1 can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ & a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla u \cdot n \phi ds - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$f(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h, \quad (12)$$

2. The weak formula for Model Problem.3 can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ & a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla u \cdot n \phi ds - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad (13) \\ & f(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_N} \int_e g_N \phi ds - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

### 2.2.2 Unsymmetric Nitsche's method

1. The weak formula for Model Problem.1 can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ & a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla u \cdot n \phi ds + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h, \quad (16)$$

2. The weak formula for Model Problem.3 can be written as as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{find } u \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and} \\ & a(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx - \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla u \cdot n \phi ds + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad (17) \\ & f(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi dx + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_N} \int_e g_N \phi ds + \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e \nabla \phi \cdot n u ds + \frac{\gamma}{h_e} \sum_{e \in \Gamma_D} \int_e u v ds \quad \text{for } \forall \phi \in \mathbb{V}_h \quad (18) \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Poisson Solver

### 2.3.1 Data structure

Before I give the Poisson solver, I would like to introduce the data structure in Matlab. I will use the initial mesh (Figure.2) as an example to illustrate the concept of the components.

1. The basic data structure ( See Table (1)) is mesh which contains
  - ◊ **mesh.node**: The *node* vector is just the *xy*-value of node.
  - ◊ **mesh.elem**: In the *elem* matrix, the first and the second column represent the start nodal indices vector and the end nodal indices vector, respectively.
  - ◊ **mesh.Dirichlet**: The *Dirichlet* is the Dirichlet boundary condition edges.
  - ◊ **mesh.Neumann**: The *boundary* is the Neumann boundary condition edges.
2. Another main data structure is indices (See Table (2)) which will provide useful indices.
  - ◊ **indices.neighbor**: *indices.neighbor(1:NT,1:3)*: the indices map of neighbor information of elements, where *neighbor(t,i)* is the global index of the element opposite to the *i*-th vertex of the *t*-th element.
  - ◊ **indices.elem2edge**: *indices.elem2edge(1:NT,1:3)*: the indices map from elements to edges, *elem2edge(t,i)* is the edge opposite to the *i*-th vertex of the *t*-th element.

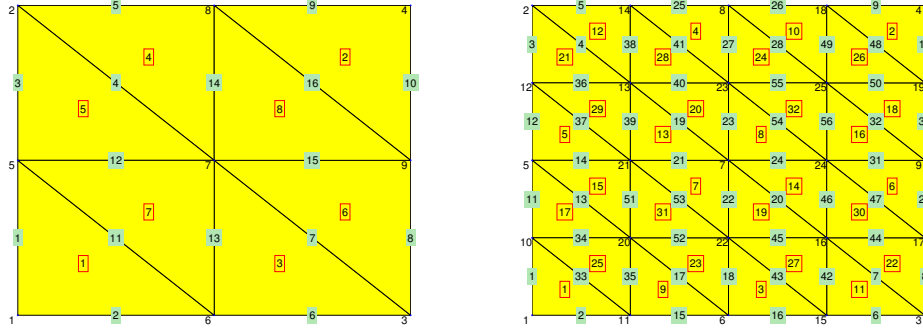


Figure 2: The initial mesh and the uniformly refinement hierarchical mesh

- ◇ **indices.edge**: `indices.edge(1:NE,1:2)`: all edges, where `edge(e,i)` is the global index of the  $i$ -th vertex of the  $e$ -th edge, and `edge(e,1) < edge(e,2)`.
- ◇ **indices.bdEdge**: `indices.bdEdge(1:Nbd,1:2)`: boundary edges with positive orientation, where `bdEdge(e,i)` is the global index of the  $i$ -th vertex of the  $e$ -th edge for  $i=1,2$ . The positive orientation means that the interior of the domain is on the left moving from `bdEdge(e,1)` to `bdEdge(e,2)`. Note that this requires `elem` is positive ordered, i.e., the signed area of each triangle is positive. If not, use `elem = fixorder(node,elem)` to fix the order.
- ◇ **indices.edge2elem**: `indices.edge2elem(1:NE,1:4)`: the indices map from edge to element, where `edge2elem(e,1:2)` are the global indices of two elements sharing the  $e$ -th edge, and `edge2elem(e,3:4)` are the local indices of  $e$  (See Figure. 3 and Table. 2).

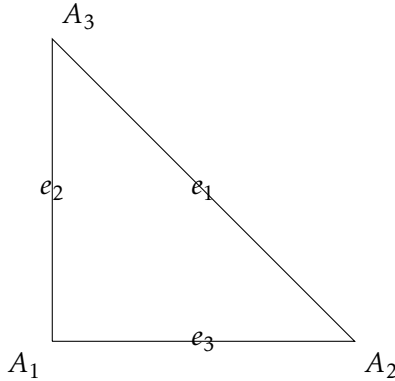


Figure 3: The local indices of vertices and edges .

### 2.3.2 Poisson solver Process

The Canonical Poisson solver contains three main steps:

◇ **Step 1** Pre-process step: In this phase, we should get the information of the nodal, element and indices. In this project, I use my own function *InitialMesh* to generate for the square domain. For the complex domain, you can use Matlab's PDE tool or the package in [6] to generate the

Table 1: MESH Data structure in two dimension

| Nodal NO. | node(:,1) | node(:,2) |     |                |                |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|----------------|----------------|
|           |           |           | $i$ | Dirichlet(:,1) | Dirichlet(:,2) |
| 1         | -1        | -1        |     |                |                |
| 2         | -1        | 0         | 1   |                | 2              |
| 3         | -1        | 1         | 1   |                | 4              |
| 4         | 0         | -1        | 2   |                | 3              |
| 5         | 0         | 0         | 3   |                | 6              |
| 6         | 0         | 1         | 4   |                | 7              |
| 7         | 1         | -1        | 6   |                | 9              |
| 8         | 1         | 0         | 7   |                | 8              |
| 9         | 1         | 1         | 8   |                | 9              |

| NO. | Element |   |   | neighbor |   |   | elem2edge |    |    |
|-----|---------|---|---|----------|---|---|-----------|----|----|
|     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 1        | 2 | 3 | 1         | 2  | 3  |
| 1   | 1       | 4 | 2 | 2        | 1 | 1 | 4         | 1  | 2  |
| 2   | 5       | 2 | 4 | 1        | 5 | 3 | 4         | 8  | 5  |
| 3   | 2       | 5 | 3 | 4        | 3 | 2 | 6         | 3  | 5  |
| 4   | 6       | 3 | 5 | 3        | 7 | 4 | 6         | 10 | 7  |
| 5   | 4       | 7 | 5 | 6        | 2 | 5 | 11        | 8  | 9  |
| 6   | 8       | 5 | 7 | 5        | 6 | 7 | 11        | 15 | 12 |
| 7   | 5       | 8 | 6 | 8        | 4 | 6 | 13        | 10 | 12 |
| 8   | 9       | 6 | 8 | 7        | 8 | 8 | 13        | 16 | 14 |

Table 2: Indices data structure in two dimension

| Edge NO. | edge      |           | EdgeNO. | edge2elem |        |       |       |
|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
|          | edge(:,1) | edge(:,2) |         | elem 1    | elem 2 | local | local |
| 1        | 1         | 2         | 1       | 1         | 1      | 2     | 2     |
| 2        | 1         | 4         | 2       | 1         | 1      | 3     | 3     |
| 3        | 2         | 3         | 3       | 3         | 3      | 2     | 2     |
| 4        | 2         | 4         | 4       | 1         | 2      | 1     | 1     |
| 5        | 2         | 5         | 5       | 2         | 3      | 3     | 3     |
| 6        | 3         | 5         | 6       | 3         | 4      | 2     | 2     |
| 7        | 3         | 6         | 7       | 4         | 4      | 3     | 3     |
| 8        | 4         | 5         | 8       | 2         | 5      | 2     | 2     |
| 9        | 4         | 7         | 9       | 5         | 5      | 3     | 3     |
| 10       | 5         | 6         | 10      | 4         | 7      | 2     | 2     |
| 11       | 5         | 7         | 11      | 5         | 6      | 1     | 1     |
| 12       | 5         | 8         | 12      | 6         | 7      | 3     | 3     |
| 13       | 6         | 8         | 13      | 7         | 8      | 1     | 1     |
| 14       | 6         | 9         | 14      | 8         | 8      | 3     | 3     |
| 15       | 7         | 8         | 15      | 6         | 6      | 2     | 2     |
| 16       | 8         | 9         | 16      | 8         | 8      | 2     | 2     |

| Boundary Element | BdEdge NO. | bdedge(:,1) | bdedge(:,2) |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1                | 1          | 2           | 1           |
| 1                | 2          | 3           | 2           |
| 3                | 3          | 7           | 8           |
| 4                | 4          | 8           | 9           |
| 5                | 5          | 1           | 4           |
| 8                | 6          | 6           | 3           |
| 6                | 7          | 4           | 7           |
| 8                | 8          | 9           | 6           |

mesh.

◊*Step 2* Process step: This phase contains four sub-steps as follow:

◊*step 2.1* Compute the stiffness matrix and load vector of the elements

◊*step 2.2* Assemble the global stiffness matrix and global load vector

◊*step 2.3* Deal with the boundary condition (Strongly impose the boundary)

◊*step 2.4* Solve the linear system  $AU = F$

◊*Step 3* post-process step: this phase is just to output the solution and give it visual form.

## 3 Templates

### 3.1 Basis functions template

Listing 1: Quadrature points in 1-D with barycentric coordinates

```
1 %Basis functions of P1
2 phi(:,1) = lambda(:,1);
3 phi(:,2) = lambda(:,2);
4 phi(:,3) = lambda(:,3);
5
6 % Gradient Basis functions of P1
7 Dhip(:,1) = 1;
8 Dhip(:,2) = 1;
9 Dhip(:,3) = 1;
10
11 %Basis functions of P2
12 phi(:,1) = lambda(:,1).*(2*lambda(:,1)-1);
13 phi(:,2) = lambda(:,2).*(2*lambda(:,2)-1);
14 phi(:,3) = lambda(:,3).*(2*lambda(:,3)-1);
15 phi(:,4) = 4*lambda(:,2).*lambda(:,3);
16 phi(:,5) = 4*lambda(:,3).*lambda(:,1);
17 phi(:,6) = 4*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,2);
18
19 % Gradient Basis functions of P2
20 Dhip(:,1) = (4*lambda(p,1)-1).*Dlambda(:,1);
21 Dhip(:,2) = (4*lambda(p,2)-1).*Dlambda(:,2);
22 Dhip(:,3) = (4*lambda(p,3)-1).*Dlambda(:,3);
23 Dhip(:,4) = 4*(lambda(p,2)*Dlambda(:,3)+lambda(p,3)*Dlambda(:,2));
24 Dhip(:,5) = 4*(lambda(p,3)*Dlambda(:,1)+lambda(p,1)*Dlambda(:,3));
25 Dhip(:,6) = 4*(lambda(p,1)*Dlambda(:,2)+lambda(p,2)*Dlambda(:,1));
26
27
28 % Basis functions of P3
29 phi(:,1) = 0.5*(3*lambda(:,1)-1).*(3*lambda(:,1)-2).*lambda(:,1);
30 phi(:,2) = 0.5*(3*lambda(:,2)-1).*(3*lambda(:,2)-2).*lambda(:,2);
31 phi(:,3) = 0.5*(3*lambda(:,3)-1).*(3*lambda(:,3)-2).*lambda(:,3);
32 phi(:,4) = 9/2*lambda(:,3).*lambda(:,2).*(3*lambda(:,2)-1);
33 phi(:,5) = 9/2*lambda(:,3).*lambda(:,2).*(3*lambda(:,3)-1);
34 phi(:,6) = 9/2*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,3).*(3*lambda(:,3)-1);
35 phi(:,7) = 9/2*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,3).*(3*lambda(:,1)-1);
36 phi(:,8) = 9/2*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,2).*(3*lambda(:,1)-1);
37 phi(:,9) = 9/2*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,2).*(3*lambda(:,2)-1);
38 phi(:,10) = 27*lambda(:,1).*lambda(:,2).*lambda(:,3);
```



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39
40 % Gradient Basis functions of P3
41 Dhip(:, :, 1) = (27/2*lambda(p, 1)*lambda(p, 1)-9*lambda(p, 1)+1) .* Dlambda
    ( :, :, 1);
42 Dhip(:, :, 2) = (27/2*lambda(p, 2)*lambda(p, 2)-9*lambda(p, 2)+1) .* Dlambda
    ( :, :, 2);
43 Dhip(:, :, 3) = (27/2*lambda(p, 3)*lambda(p, 3)-9*lambda(p, 3)+1) .* Dlambda
    ( :, :, 3);
44 Dhip(:, :, 4) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 2)*lambda(p, 2)-lambda(p, 2)) .* Dlambda(:, :, 3)
    +...
    lambda(p, 3)*(6*lambda(p, 2)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 2));
45
46 Dhip(:, :, 5) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 3)*lambda(p, 3)-lambda(p, 3)) .* Dlambda(:, :, 2)
    +...
    lambda(p, 2)*(6*lambda(p, 3)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 3));
47
48 Dhip(:, :, 6) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 3)*lambda(p, 3)-lambda(p, 3)) .* Dlambda(:, :, 1)
    +...
    lambda(p, 1)*(6*lambda(p, 3)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 3));
49
50 Dhip(:, :, 7) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 1)*lambda(p, 1)-lambda(p, 1)) .* Dlambda(:, :, 3)
    +...
    lambda(p, 3)*(6*lambda(p, 1)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 1));
51
52 Dhip(:, :, 8) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 1)*lambda(p, 1)-lambda(p, 1)) .* Dlambda(:, :, 2)
    +...
    lambda(p, 2)*(6*lambda(p, 1)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 1));
53
54 Dhip(:, :, 9) = 9/2*((3*lambda(p, 2)*lambda(p, 2)-lambda(p, 2)) .* Dlambda
    ( :, :, 1)+...
    lambda(p, 1)*(6*lambda(p, 2)-1) .* Dlambda(:, :, 2));
55
56 Dhip(:, :, 10) = 27*(lambda(p, 1)*lambda(p, 2)*Dlambda(:, :, 3)+lambda(p, 1)*
    lambda(p, 3)*Dlambda(:, :, 2)+...
    lambda(p, 3)*lambda(p, 2)*Dlambda(:, :, 1));
57

```

### 3.2 Quadrature points in 1-D with barycentric coordinates

```

1 function [lambda, weight] = quadpts1d(numPts)
2 %% QUADPTS1 quadrature points in 1-D with Bar.
3
4 if numPts > 8
5     fprintf('No gauss quadrature for this case')
6 end
7
8 switch numPts
9     case 1
10         lambda = [0.5000000000000000    0.5000000000000000];
11         weight = 1;
12
13     case 2
14         lambda = [0.788675134594813    0.211324865405187;
15                 0.211324865405187    0.788675134594813];
16         weight = [0.5000000000000000;
17                 0.5000000000000000];
18
19     case 3
20         lambda = [0.5000000000000000    0.5000000000000000;
21                 0.887298334620742    0.112701665379258;
22                 0.112701665379258    0.887298334620742];

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23     weight =[0.4444444444444444;
24             0.2777777777777778;
25             0.2777777777777778];
26
27 case 4
28     lambda =[0.669990521792428    0.330009478207572;
29             0.930568155797026    0.069431844202974;
30             0.330009478207572    0.669990521792428;
31             0.069431844202974    0.930568155797026];
32     weight =[0.326072577431273;
33             0.173927422568727;
34             0.326072577431273;
35             0.173927422568727];
36
37 case 5
38     lambda =[0.500000000000000    0.500000000000000;
39             0.769234655052841    0.230765344947159;
40             0.953089922969332    0.046910077030668;
41             0.230765344947158    0.769234655052841;
42             0.046910077030668    0.953089922969332];
43
44     weight =[0.2844444444444444;
45             0.239314335249683;
46             0.118463442528095;
47             0.239314335249683;
48             0.118463442528095];
49
50 case 6
51
52     lambda =[0.619309593041598    0.380690406958402;
53             0.830604693233132    0.169395306766868;
54             0.966234757101576    0.033765242898424;
55             0.380690406958402    0.619309593041598;
56             0.169395306766868    0.830604693233132;
57             0.033765242898424    0.966234757101576];
58
59     weight =[0.233956967286346;
60             0.180380786524069;
61             0.085662246189585;
62             0.233956967286346;
63             0.180380786524069;
64             0.085662246189585];
65
66 case 7
67     lambda =[0.500000000000000    0.500000000000000;
68             0.702922575688699    0.297077424311301;
69             0.870765592799697    0.129234407200303;
70             0.974553956171379    0.025446043828621;
71             0.297077424311301    0.702922575688699;
72             0.129234407200303    0.870765592799697;
73             0.025446043828621    0.974553956171379];
74
75     weight =[0.208979591836735;
76             0.190915025252559;
77             0.139852695744638;
78             0.064742483084435;

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79         0.190915025252559;
80         0.139852695744638;
81         0.064742483084435];
82
83     case 8
84         lambda =[0.591717321247825    0.408282678752175;
85                 0.762766204958164    0.237233795041836;
86                 0.898333238706813    0.101666761293187;
87                 0.980144928248768    0.019855071751232;
88                 0.408282678752175    0.591717321247825;
89                 0.237233795041836    0.762766204958164;
90                 0.101666761293187    0.898333238706813;
91                 0.019855071751232    0.980144928248768];
92
93         weight =[0.181341891689181;
94                 0.156853322938944;
95                 0.111190517226687;
96                 0.050614268145188;
97                 0.181341891689181;
98                 0.156853322938944;
99                 0.111190517226687;
100                0.050614268145188];
101 end

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### 3.3 Quadrature points in 2-D with barycentric coordinates

Listing 2: Quadrature points in 2-D with barycentric coordinates

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1 function [lambda,weight] = quadpts2d(order)
2 %% QUADPTS1 quadrature points in 2-D with barycentric coordinates.
3 % References:
4 %
5 % David Dunavant.
6 %   High degree efficient symmetrical Gaussian quadrature rules for
7 %   the triangle. International journal for numerical methods in
8 %   engineering. 21(6):1129--1148, 1985.
9 if order > 6
10     fprintf('No gauss quadrature for this case')
11 end
12
13 switch order
14     case 1
15         lambda =[0.333333333333333    0.333333333333333
16                 0.333333333333333];
17         weight = 1;
18
19     case 2
20         lambda =[0.666666666666667    0.166666666666667    0.166666666666667;
21                 0.166666666666667    0.666666666666667    0.166666666666667;
22                 0.166666666666667    0.166666666666667    0.666666666666667];
23         weight =[0.333333333333333;
24                 0.333333333333333;
25                 0.333333333333333];

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25
26 case 3
27     lambda =[0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333;
28               0.6000000000000000 0.2000000000000000 0.2000000000000000;
29               0.2000000000000000 0.6000000000000000 0.2000000000000000;
30               0.2000000000000000 0.2000000000000000
31               0.6000000000000000];
32     weight =[-0.5625000000000000;
33              0.5208333333333333;
34              0.5208333333333333;
35              0.5208333333333333];
36 case 4
37     lambda =[0.108103018168070 0.445948490915965 0.445948490915965;
38               0.445948490915965 0.108103018168070 0.445948490915965;
39               0.445948490915965 0.445948490915965 0.108103018168070;
40               0.816847572980459 0.091576213509771 0.091576213509771;
41               0.091576213509771 0.816847572980459 0.091576213509771;
42               0.091576213509771 0.091576213509771
43               0.816847572980459];
44     weight =[0.223381589678011;
45              0.223381589678011;
46              0.223381589678011;
47              0.109951743655322;
48              0.109951743655322;
49              0.109951743655322];
50 case 5
51     lambda =[0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333 0.3333333333333333;
52               0.059715871789770 0.470142064105115 0.470142064105115;
53               0.470142064105115 0.059715871789770 0.470142064105115;
54               0.470142064105115 0.470142064105115 0.059715871789770;
55               0.797426985353087 0.101286507323456 0.101286507323456;
56               0.101286507323456 0.797426985353087 0.101286507323456;
57               0.101286507323456 0.101286507323456
58               0.797426985353087];
59     weight =[0.2250000000000000
60              0.132394152788506
61              0.132394152788506
62              0.132394152788506
63              0.125939180544827
64              0.125939180544827
65              0.125939180544827];
66 case 6
67
68     lambda =[0.249286745170910 0.249286745170910 0.501426509658180;
69               0.249286745170910 0.501426509658179 0.249286745170911;
70               0.501426509658179 0.249286745170910 0.249286745170911;
71               0.063089014491502 0.063089014491502 0.873821971016996;
72               0.063089014491502 0.873821971016996 0.063089014491502;
73               0.873821971016996 0.063089014491502 0.063089014491502;
74               0.310352451033784 0.636502499121399 0.053145049844817;
75               0.636502499121399 0.053145049844817 0.310352451033784;
76               0.053145049844817 0.310352451033784 0.636502499121399;
77               0.053145049844817 0.310352451033784 0.636502499121399;

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78         0.636502499121399    0.310352451033784    0.053145049844817;
79         0.310352451033784    0.053145049844817    0.636502499121399;
80         0.053145049844817    0.636502499121399
81         0.310352451033784];
82     weight =[0.116786275726379
83             0.116786275726379
84             0.116786275726379
85             0.050844906370207
86             0.050844906370207
87             0.050844906370207
88             0.082851075618374
89             0.082851075618374
90             0.082851075618374
91             0.082851075618374
92             0.082851075618374
93             0.082851075618374];
94
95 end

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## 4 Numerical Experiments

### 4.1 Canonical Finite Element Method

#### 4.1.1 Test. 1

1. **Square domain** In the first test, we choose the data such that the exact solution of (1) on the square domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  is given by

$$u(x, y) = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y).$$

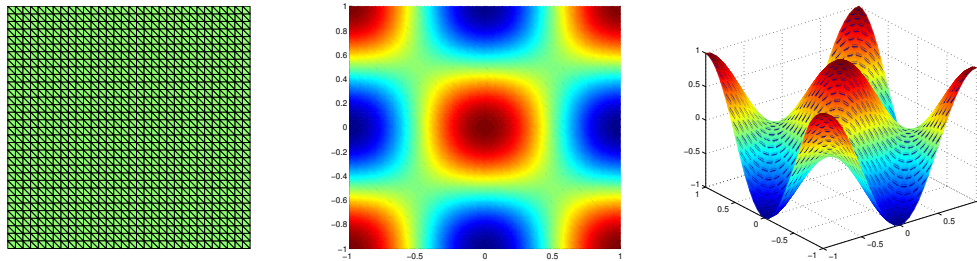


Figure 4: The canonical FEM approximation on square domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

The errors for the FEM approximation (Fig.7) using  $q = 1, 2, 3$  on unit square domain and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (3).

#### 2. Unit circle domain

The errors for the FEM approximation (Fig.5) using  $q = 1, 2, 3$  on unit square domain and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (4).

Table 3: Errors of the computed solution on square domain in Test 1.

|         | $\#elem$ | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|----------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 32       | $5.58312 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $4.87956 \times 10^0$    |        |
|         | 128      | $4.56716 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.2898 | $2.99068 \times 10^0$    | 0.7063 |
|         | 512      | $1.52379 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.5836 | $1.67526 \times 10^0$    | 0.8361 |
|         | 2048     | $4.13290 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.8824 | $8.63415 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9563 |
|         | 8192     | $1.05529 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9695 | $4.35052 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9889 |
|         | 32768    | $2.65236 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9923 | $2.17948 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9972 |
| $q = 2$ | 32       | $3.19977 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $1.90646 \times 10^0$    |        |
|         | 128      | $6.18139 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.3720 | $9.35270 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.0274 |
|         | 512      | $7.45408 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.0518 | $2.58878 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.8531 |
|         | 2048     | $9.17985 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.0215 | $6.67841 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9547 |
|         | 8192     | $1.14367 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.0048 | $1.68392 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9877 |
|         | 32768    | $1.42863 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.0010 | $4.21912 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9968 |
| $q = 3$ | 32       | $2.36147 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $9.85850 \times 10^{-1}$ |        |
|         | 128      | $1.45057 \times 10^{-2}$ | 4.0250 | $1.44741 \times 10^{-1}$ | 2.7679 |
|         | 512      | $8.94294 \times 10^{-4}$ | 4.0197 | $1.81811 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.9930 |
|         | 2048     | $5.34187 \times 10^{-5}$ | 4.0653 | $2.23215 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.0259 |
|         | 8192     | $3.26047 \times 10^{-6}$ | 4.0342 | $2.75868 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.0164 |
|         | 32768    | $2.01648 \times 10^{-7}$ | 4.0152 | $3.42841 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.0084 |

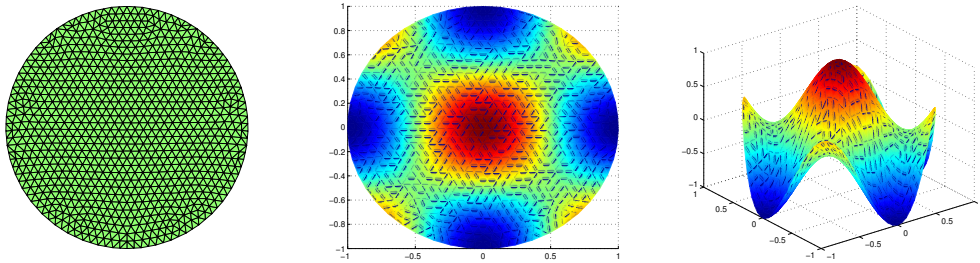


Figure 5: The canonical FEM approximation on unit circle domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

Table 4: Errors of the computed solution on unit circle domain in Test 1.

|         | $\#elem$ | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$       | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|----------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 6464     | $4.88656 \times 10^{-3}$  |        | $3.11195 \times 10^{-1}$ |        |
|         | 25856    | $1.22587 \times 10^{-3}$  | 1.9950 | $1.55775 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9984 |
|         | 103424   | $3.06784 \times 10^{-4}$  | 1.9985 | $7.79145 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.9995 |
|         | 413696   | $7.67189 \times 10^{-5}$  | 1.9996 | $3.89612 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.9999 |
|         | 1654784  | $1.91814 \times 10^{-5}$  | 1.9999 | $1.94812 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.0000 |
|         | 6619136  | $4.79545 \times 10^{-6}$  | 2.0000 | $9.74067 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.0000 |
| $q = 2$ | 6464     | $6.97589 \times 10^{-5}$  |        | $9.40105 \times 10^{-3}$ |        |
|         | 25856    | $8.72684 \times 10^{-6}$  | 2.9988 | $2.35466 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9973 |
|         | 103424   | $1.09144 \times 10^{-6}$  | 2.9992 | $5.89078 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.9990 |
|         | 413696   | $1.36475 \times 10^{-7}$  | 2.9995 | $1.47313 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.9996 |
|         | 1654784  | $1.70625 \times 10^{-8}$  | 2.9997 | $3.68330 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.9998 |
|         | 6619136  | $2.13304 \times 10^{-9}$  | 2.9998 | $9.20882 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.9999 |
| $q = 3$ | 6464     | $1.55711 \times 10^{-6}$  |        | $1.34110 \times 10^{-4}$ |        |
|         | 25856    | $9.65997 \times 10^{-8}$  | 4.0107 | $1.67345 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.0025 |
|         | 103424   | $6.01450 \times 10^{-9}$  | 4.0055 | $2.08997 \times 10^{-6}$ | 3.0013 |
|         | 413696   | $3.75178 \times 10^{-10}$ | 4.0028 | $2.61131 \times 10^{-7}$ | 3.0006 |
|         | 1654784  | $2.34006 \times 10^{-11}$ | 4.0030 | $3.26342 \times 10^{-8}$ | 3.0003 |
|         | 6619136  | $4.63512 \times 10^{-12}$ |        | $4.07888 \times 10^{-9}$ | 3.0001 |

### 4.1.2 Test. 2

In the second test, we choose the data such that the exact solution of (3) on the square domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$  is given by

$$u(x, y) = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y),$$

where the mixed boundary condition are

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= g_D, \quad x = -1 \text{ and } x = 1 \\ u(x, y) &= g_N = 0, \quad y = -1 \text{ and } y = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The errors for the FEM approximation using  $r = 1, 2, 3$  and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (5).

Table 5: Errors of the computed solution on square domain in Test 2.

|         | <i>#elem</i> | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 32           | $4.41951 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $4.75239 \times 10^0$    |        |
|         | 128          | $4.38083 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.0127 | $2.96046 \times 10^0$    | 0.6828 |
|         | 512          | $1.49298 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.5530 | $1.66891 \times 10^0$    | 0.8269 |
|         | 2048         | $4.07246 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.8742 | $8.62520 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9523 |
|         | 8192         | $1.04122 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9676 | $4.34937 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9878 |
|         | 32768        | $2.61781 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9918 | $2.17934 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9969 |
| $q = 2$ | 32           | $2.71445 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $1.86894 \times 10^0$    |        |
|         | 128          | $6.06297 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.1626 | $9.18462 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.0249 |
|         | 512          | $7.32915 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.0483 | $2.56647 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.8394 |
|         | 2048         | $9.10672 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.0086 | $6.65096 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9482 |
|         | 8192         | $1.13981 \times 10^{-4}$ | 2.9981 | $1.68051 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9847 |
|         | 32768        | $1.42650 \times 10^{-5}$ | 2.9982 | $4.21487 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9953 |
| $q = 3$ | 32           | $2.27969 \times 10^{-1}$ |        | $9.34541 \times 10^{-1}$ |        |
|         | 128          | $1.40805 \times 10^{-2}$ | 4.0171 | $1.39645 \times 10^{-1}$ | 2.7425 |
|         | 512          | $8.78339 \times 10^{-4}$ | 4.0028 | $1.77623 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.9749 |
|         | 2048         | $5.27990 \times 10^{-5}$ | 4.0562 | $2.20197 \times 10^{-3}$ | 3.0120 |
|         | 8192         | $3.23758 \times 10^{-6}$ | 4.0275 | $2.73863 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.0073 |
|         | 32768        | $2.00799 \times 10^{-7}$ | 4.0111 | $3.41554 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.0033 |

## 4.2 Symmetric and Unsymmetric Nitsche's method

### 4.2.1 Test. 1

In the first test, we choose the data such that the exact solution of (1) on the unit domain  $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  is given by

$$u(x) = xy + \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y).$$



### 1. Symmetric Nitsche's method approximation

The errors for the symmetric Nitsche's method approximation (6) using  $r = 1, 2, 3$  and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (6).

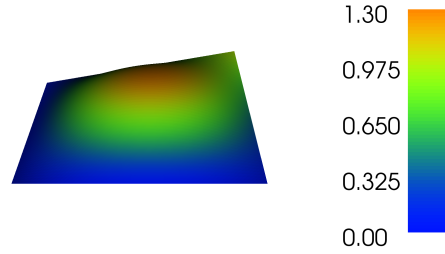


Figure 6: The symmetric Nitsche's method approximation on square domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

Table 6: Errors of the computed solution (symmetric Nitsche's method) on square domain in Test 1.

|         | $\#elem$ | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|----------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 128      | $2.67237 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.5056 | $6.03088 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.8117 |
|         | 512      | $7.53495 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.6660 | $2.75422 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9712 |
|         | 2048     | $1.97027 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.7557 | $1.23602 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.0328 |
|         | 8192     | $5.02548 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.8096 | $5.73406 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.0516 |
|         | 32768    | $1.26861 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.8449 | $2.74357 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.0540 |
|         | 131072   | $3.18684 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.8696 | $1.33937 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.0507 |
|         | 524288   | $7.98636 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.8877 | $6.61383 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.0461 |
| $q = 2$ | 128      | $9.12212 \times 10^{-4}$ | 3.3725 | $4.60368 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.2815 |
|         | 512      | $9.64065 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.3073 | $1.03643 \times 10^{-2}$ | 2.2163 |
|         | 2048     | $1.02791 \times 10^{-5}$ | 3.2813 | $2.32636 \times 10^{-3}$ | 2.1960 |
|         | 8192     | $1.18421 \times 10^{-6}$ | 3.2404 | $5.55349 \times 10^{-4}$ | 2.1637 |
|         | 32768    | $1.4137 \times 10^{-7}$  | 3.2056 | $1.35441 \times 10^{-4}$ | 2.1381 |
|         | 131072   | $1.72858 \times 10^{-8}$ | 3.1767 | $3.34266 \times 10^{-5}$ | 2.1182 |
|         | 524288   | $1.97191 \times 10^{-9}$ | 3.1703 | $8.30185 \times 10^{-6}$ | 2.1027 |

2. **Unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation** The errors for the unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation using  $r = 1, 2, 3$  and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (7).

#### 4.2.2 Test. 2

In the second test, we choose the data such that the exact solution of (3) on the unit circle domain is given by

$$u(x, y) = \sin(\pi(x^2 + y^2))\cos(\pi(x - y)).$$

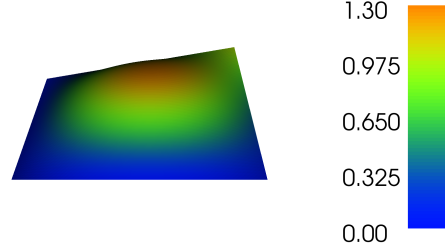


Figure 7: The unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation on square domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

Table 7: Errors of the computed solution (unsymmetric Nitsche's method) on square domain in Test 1.

|         | #elem  | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 128    | $2.55734 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.4155 | $4.40466 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9252 |
|         | 512    | $7.92932 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.5525 | $2.17000 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9733 |
|         | 2048   | $2.19209 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.6533 | $1.06718 \times 10^{-1}$ | 0.9901 |
|         | 8192   | $5.74701 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.7228 | $5.28208 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.9963 |
|         | 32768  | $1.47022 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.7716 | $2.62667 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.9986 |
|         | 131072 | $3.71744 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.8069 | $1.30964 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.9995 |
|         | 524288 | $9.34603 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.8334 | $6.53886 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.9999 |
| $q = 2$ | 128    | $1.79718 \times 10^{-3}$ | 2.8185 | $3.40591 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.9840 |
|         | 512    | $2.28582 \times 10^{-4}$ | 2.8967 | $8.49843 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9934 |
|         | 2048   | $2.84656 \times 10^{-5}$ | 2.9329 | $2.11907 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.9969 |
|         | 8192   | $3.53995 \times 10^{-6}$ | 2.9516 | $5.28854 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.9983 |
|         | 32768  | $4.40984 \times 10^{-7}$ | 2.9622 | $1.32085 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.9989 |
|         | 131072 | $5.50094 \times 10^{-8}$ | 2.9690 | $3.30042 \times 10^{-5}$ | 1.9992 |
|         | 524288 | $6.62729 \times 10^{-9}$ | 2.9811 | $8.24887 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.9994 |

where

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= g_D, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D, \quad x \leq 0, \\ u(x, y) &= g_N, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N, \quad x > 0, \end{aligned}$$

with  $g_D$  = exact solution and  $g_N = x * (2 * pi * x * cos(pi * (x - y)) * cos(pi * (x * x + y * y)) - pi * sin(pi * (x - y)) * sin(pi * (x * x + y * y))) + y * (2 * pi * y * cos(pi * (x - y)) * cos(pi * (x * x + y * y)) + pi * sin(pi * (x - y)) * sin(pi * (x * x + y * y)))$

1. **Symmetric Nitsche's method approximation** The errors for the symmetric Nitsche's method approximation (8) using  $r = 1, 2, 3$  and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (8).
2. **Unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation** The errors for the unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation (Fig.9) using  $r = 1, 2, 3$  and varying  $h$  can be found in Table (9).

Table 8: Errors of the computed solution (symmetric Nitsche's method) on unit circle domain in Test 2.

|         | <i>#elem</i> | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 70           | $2.5577 \times 10^{-0}$  | 1.4533 | $5.56708 \times 10^0$    | 1.3399 |
|         | 263          | $8.03284 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.5273 | $2.48582 \times 10^0$    | 1.2181 |
|         | 998          | $1.85969 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.7436 | $1.10756 \times 10^0$    | 1.2153 |
|         | 4085         | $4.64263 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.7991 | $5.23983 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1745 |
|         | 16117        | $6.34069 \times 10^{-3}$ | 2.0046 | $2.74048 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1206 |
|         | 64585        | $2.66504 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.8795 | $1.27762 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1177 |
|         | 258133       | $7.32207 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.8764 | $6.77738 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.0882 |

Table 9: Errors of the computed solution (unsymmetric Nitsche's method) on unit circle domain in Test 2.

|         | <i>#elem</i> | $\ u - u_h\ _{L^2}$      | order  | $\ u - u_h\ _{H^1}$      | order  |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| $q = 1$ | 70           | $2.62624 \times 10^{-0}$ | 1.5537 | $5.70487 \times 10^0$    | 1.3857 |
|         | 263          | $8.05497 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.5918 | $2.44824 \times 10^0$    | 1.2685 |
|         | 998          | $1.89594 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.7790 | $1.09123 \times 10^0$    | 1.2491 |
|         | 4085         | $4.81340 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.8192 | $5.18076 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1983 |
|         | 16117        | $6.98021 \times 10^{-3}$ | 2.0033 | $2.71889 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1385 |
|         | 64585        | $2.80584 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1.8891 | $1.27267 \times 10^{-1}$ | 1.1316 |
|         | 258133       | $8.82705 \times 10^{-4}$ | 1.8568 | $6.73668 \times 10^{-2}$ | 1.1006 |

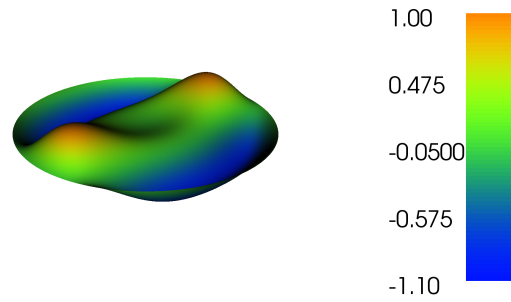


Figure 8: The symmetric Nitsche's method approximation on square domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

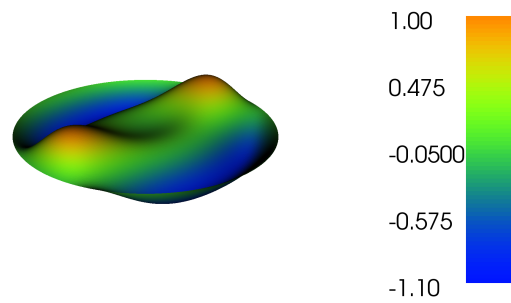


Figure 9: The unsymmetric Nitsche's method approximation on square domain with pure Dirichlet boundary

Listing 3: Python demo code

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1  '''
2      # This is MATH 574 course project. We try to solve the Poisson
3      # Equation by using Classical FEM and FEM with Nitsche techniques
4      # for pure homogeneous Dirichlet BC.
5      #      \Delta u + cu= f      in \Omega
6      #      u      = g_D      on \Gamma_D
7      #      u      = g_N      on \Gamma_N
8      #
9  '''
10
11 from collections import namedtuple
12 from math import log as ln
13 from dolfin import *
14
15 set_log_level(ERROR)
16 set_log_level(WARNING)
17

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18 Result = namedtuple('Result', ['fun_name', 'NT', 'h', 'L2', 'H10', 'H1'])
19 f = Expression('2*pi*pi*sin(pi*x[0])*sin(pi*x[1])')
20 u_exact = Expression('x[0]*x[1] + sin(pi*x[0])*sin(pi*x[1])')
21
22
23 def classical_poisson(N,p):
24     function_name= 'Classical FEM'
25     'Standard formulation with strongly imposed bcs.'
26     mesh = UnitSquareMesh(N, N)
27
28     NT=mesh.num_cells()
29     h = mesh.hmin()
30     #print 'hmin', h
31     #print 'circumradius',Circumradius(mesh)
32
33     #plot(mesh)
34     V = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'CG', p)
35     u = TrialFunction(V)
36     v = TestFunction(V)
37
38     a = inner(grad(u), grad(v))*dx
39     L = inner(f, v)*dx
40     bc = DirichletBC(V, u_exact, DomainBoundary())
41
42     uh = Function(V)
43     solve(a == L, uh, bc)
44
45     #plot(uh, title='numeric')
46     #plot(u_exact, mesh=mesh, title='exact')
47     #interactive()
48
49     # Compute norm of error
50     E = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'DG', 6)
51     uh = interpolate(uh, E)
52     u = interpolate(u_exact, E)
53     e = uh - u
54
55     norm_L2 = assemble(inner(e, e)*dx, mesh=mesh)
56     norm_H10 = assemble(inner(grad(e), grad(e))*dx, mesh=mesh)
57     norm_H1 = norm_L2 + norm_H10
58
59     norm_L2 = sqrt(norm_L2)
60     norm_H1 = sqrt(norm_H1)
61     norm_H10 = sqrt(norm_H10)
62
63     return Result(fun_name=function_name, NT=NT, h=h, L2=norm_L2, H1=norm_H1,
64                   H10=norm_H10)
65
66 def nitsche1_poisson(N,p):
67     'Classical (symmetric) Nitsche formulation.'
68     function_name= 'Symmetric Nitsche Method'
69     mesh = UnitSquareMesh(N, N)
70     NT=mesh.num_cells()
71
72

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73 V = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'CG', p)
74 u = TrialFunction(V)
75 v = TestFunction(V)
76
77 beta_value = 2
78 beta = Constant(beta_value)
79 h_E = MinFacetEdgeLength(mesh)#mesh.ufl_cell().max_facet_edge_length
80 n = FacetNormal(mesh)
81
82 a = inner(grad(u), grad(v))*dx - inner(dot(grad(u), n), v)*ds -\
83     inner(u, dot(grad(v), n))*ds + beta*h_E**-1*inner(u, v)*ds
84
85 L = inner(f, v)*dx -\
86     inner(u_exact, dot(grad(v), n))*ds + beta*h_E**-1*inner(u_exact, v)
87     *ds
88
89 uh = Function(V)
90 solve(a == L, uh)
91
92 # Save solution to file
93 #file = File("poisson.pvd")
94 #file << uh
95 if N==64:
96     viz1=plot(uh)
97     viz1.write_png('snitche')
98 # plot(uh, title='numeric')
99 # plot(u_exact, mesh=mesh, title='exact')
100 # interactive()
101
102 # Compute norm of error
103 E = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'DG', 4)
104 uh = interpolate(uh, E)
105 u = interpolate(u_exact, E)
106 e = uh - u
107
108 norm_L2 = assemble(inner(e, e)*dx, mesh=mesh)
109 norm_H10 = assemble(inner(grad(e), grad(e))*dx, mesh=mesh)
110 norm_edge = assemble(beta*h_E**-1*inner(e, e)*ds)
111
112 norm_H1 = norm_L2 + norm_H10 + norm_edge
113 norm_L2 = sqrt(norm_L2)
114 norm_H1 = sqrt(norm_H1)
115 norm_H10 = sqrt(norm_H10)
116
117 return Result(fun_name=function_name, NT=NT, h=mesh.hmin(), L2=norm_L2,
118               H1=norm_H1, H10=norm_H10)
119
120 def nitsche2_poisson(N,p):
121     'Unsymmetric Nitsche formulation.'
122     function_name= 'Unsymmetric Nitsche Method'
123     mesh = UnitSquareMesh(N, N)
124     NT=mesh.num_cells()
125
126     V = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'CG', p)
127     u = TrialFunction(V)

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127     v = TestFunction(V)
128
129     beta_value = 2
130     beta = Constant(beta_value)
131     h_E = MinFacetEdgeLength(mesh)#mesh.ufl_cell().max_facet_edge_length
132     n = FacetNormal(mesh)
133
134     a = inner(grad(u), grad(v))*dx - inner(dot(grad(u), n), v)*ds +\
135         inner(u, dot(grad(v), n))*ds + beta*h_E**-1*inner(u, v)*ds
136
137     L = inner(f, v)*dx +\
138         inner(u_exact, dot(grad(v), n))*ds + beta*h_E**-1*inner(u_exact, v)
139         *ds
140
141     uh = Function(V)
142     solve(a == L, uh)
143
144     # plot(uh, title='numeric')
145     # plot(u_exact, mesh=mesh, title='exact')
146     # interactive()
147     if N==64:
148         viz1=plot(uh)
149         viz1.write_png('nnitche')
150     # Compute norm of error
151     E = FunctionSpace(mesh, 'DG', 4)
152     uh = interpolate(uh, E)
153     u = interpolate(u_exact, E)
154     e = uh - u
155
156     norm_L2 = assemble(inner(e, e)*dx, mesh=mesh)
157     norm_H10 = assemble(inner(grad(e), grad(e))*dx, mesh=mesh)
158     norm_edge = assemble(beta*h_E**-1*inner(e, e)*ds)
159     norm_H1 = norm_L2 + norm_H10 + norm_edge
160
161     norm_L2 = sqrt(norm_L2)
162     norm_H1 = sqrt(norm_H1)
163     norm_H10 = sqrt(norm_H10)
164
165     return Result(fun_name=function_name, NT=NT, h=mesh.hmin(), L2=norm_L2,
166                   H1=norm_H1, H10=norm_H10)
167
168 #
169 -----
170
171 methods = [classical_poisson, nitsche1_poisson, nitsche2_poisson]
172
173 #print 'The Method:{:d}',format( method
174 for m in [1,2]: # [0,1,2]:
175     for p in [1,2]:
176         method = methods[m]
177
178         #print "The Method:{}".format(method)
179
180         #norm_type = 'H1'

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179     R = method(N=4,p=p)
180     print "The method: {0} with degree of polynomial {1:}".format(R.
        fun_name,p)
181     print "{0:>6s} {1:>6s} {2:>10s} {3:>7s} {4:>6s} {5:>7s}".format("
        Elem", "h", "L^2", "rate", "H^1", "rate")
182     h_ = R.h
183     e_ = getattr(R, 'H1')
184     eL2_ = getattr(R, 'L2')
185     for N in [8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512]:
186         R = method(N,p=p)
187         h = R.h
188         NT = R.NT
189         e = getattr(R, 'H1')
190         eL2 = getattr(R, 'L2')
191         rate = ln(e/e_)/ln(h/h_)
192         rateL2 = ln(eL2/eL2_)/ln(h/h_)
193         # print 'h error rate'
194         print '{0:6d} {h:.3E} {eL2:.5E} {rateL2:.4f} {e:.5E} {rate:.4f}
            '.format(NT,h=h,eL2=eL2,rateL2=rateL2, e=e, rate=rate)

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