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## Quadrature Rules

How do we compute integrals of the form  

$$\int_{\hat{K}} f(\hat{x}) d\hat{x} ?$$

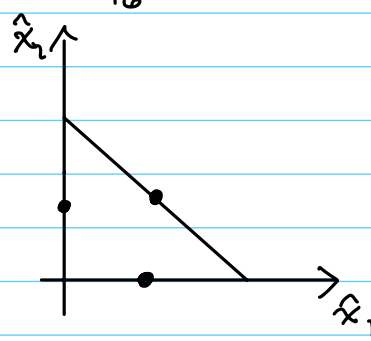
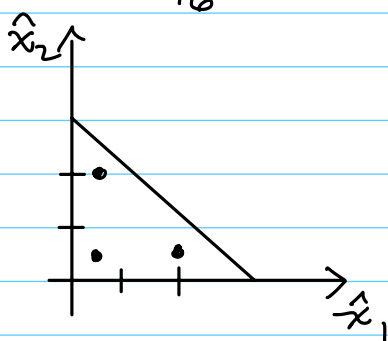
We wish to approximate

$$(12.1) \quad \int_{\hat{K}} f(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2) d\hat{x}_1 d\hat{x}_2 \approx \sum_{n=1}^{\alpha} w_n f(q_1^{(n)}, q_2^{(n)})$$

such that the approximation is exact for all  
 $f \in \mathcal{P}_r(\hat{K})$

	<u>Rule 1</u>	<u>Rule 2</u>
$(q_1^{(1)}, q_2^{(1)})$	$(1/6, 1/6)$	$(1/2, 0)$
$(q_1^{(2)}, q_2^{(2)})$	$(2/3, 1/6)$	$(1/2, 1/2)$
$(q_1^{(3)}, q_2^{(3)})$	$(1/6, 2/3)$	$(0, 1/2)$
$w_1$	$1/6$	$1/6$
$w_2$	$1/6$	$1/6$
$w_3$	$1/6$	$1/6$

( $\alpha=3$ )



Rules 1 and 2 are exact for polynomials of degree 2 or less.

Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}_i, \hat{\psi}_j \in \mathbb{P}_2(\hat{K})$ . Then,

$$B_K^{-1} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\psi}_i \cdot B_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\psi}_j \in \mathbb{P}_2(\hat{K})$$

The approximation of

$$\int_{\hat{K}} (B_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\psi}_i) \cdot (B_K^{-T} \hat{\nabla} \hat{\psi}_j) d\hat{x}$$

via the quadrature (12.1) is exact.

Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}_i, \hat{\psi}_j \in \mathbb{P}_2(\hat{K})$ . Then the product  $\hat{\psi}_i \hat{\psi}_j \in \mathbb{P}_4(\hat{K})$  and we need a higher-order quadrature rule to compute

$$\int_{\hat{K}} \hat{\psi}_i \hat{\psi}_j d\hat{x}$$

exactly using quadrature rule is (12.1).

For example, rules for  $r=3$  and 4 are below.

$\alpha$	$r$	$n$	$q_1^{(n)}$	$q_2^{(n)}$	$w_n$
4	3	1	1/3	1/3	-9/32
		2	3/5	1/5	25/96
		3	1/5	3/5	25/96
		4	1/5	1/5	25/96

$\alpha$	$r$	$n$	$\varphi_1^{(n)}$	$\varphi_2^{(n)}$	$w_n$
7	4	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{40}$
		2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{15}$
		3	1	0	$\frac{1}{40}$
		4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{15}$
		5	0	1	$\frac{1}{40}$
		6	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{15}$
		7	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{40}$

Observe that, we always require that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Why is this so?

Now, if  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  is not a polynomial then we have a small dilemma. What will be the effect of the approximation

$$(\hat{f}(\hat{x}), \hat{\psi}_i(\hat{x}))_{L^2(\hat{K})} = \int_{\hat{K}} \hat{f}(\hat{x}) \hat{\psi}_i(\hat{x}) d\hat{x}$$

$$\stackrel{\alpha}{=} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\hat{\varphi}_1^{(n)}) \hat{\psi}_i(\hat{\varphi}_1^{(n)}) w_n ?$$

There will be an error generated that can be accounted for in the global error analysis.

See the book by Braess for a discussion.

We will not discuss this error herein.

The book by Gockenbach has quadrature rules for  $\mathbb{P}_r$ ,  $r=1, \dots, 6$ . See Chapter 8.

Mark Gockenbach, Understanding and Implementing the Finite Element Method, SIAM, 2006

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### Basic Error Analysis

let us recall Cea's lemma. There is some  $C > 0$ , st

$$\|u - u_n\|_V \leq C \inf_{v \in V_n} \|u - v\|_V.$$

For the model problem,  $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$  and

$$V_n = \mathcal{M}_{0,r} \stackrel{\text{v.s.s.}}{\subset} H_0^1(\Omega)$$

We can use

$$\|\cdot\|_V = \|\cdot\|_{H^1}$$

or

$$\|\cdot\|_V = \|\cdot\|_{H_0^1} = \|\cdot\|_{H^1}$$

Recall that these are equivalent on  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Also recall

$$\|v\|_{H_0^1} = |v|_{H^1} = \sqrt{(\nabla v, \nabla v)_{L^2}} = \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha|=1} (\partial^\alpha v, \partial^\alpha v)_{L^2}},$$

and

$$\|v\|_{H^1} = \sqrt{\|v\|_{L^2}^2 + \|v\|_{H_0^1}^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} (\partial^\alpha v, \partial^\alpha v)_{L^2}}.$$

Key Idea: We will examine the difference between  $u \in V$  and its piecewise polynomial interpolant

$$\Pi_n u \in V_n = \mathcal{M}_{0,r}$$

$$\|u - u_n\|_V \leq \inf_{v \in V_n} \|u - v\|_V \leq \|u - \Pi_n u\|_V.$$

Suppose that  $u \in H^m(\Omega)$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . Then

$$H^m(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C^0(\bar{\Omega})$$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d \leftarrow \text{space dim}$

for  $d=1, 2, 3$ , via Sobolev embedding. In other words,  $u$  has well defined point values everywhere in  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

Defn: let  $\{\psi_1^K, \dots, \psi_d^K\}$  be a local Lagrange nodal basis for  $\mathbb{P}_r(K)$ ,

$$d = \dim(\mathbb{P}_r(K)) = \frac{(r+1)(r+2)}{2}$$

Define

$$\Pi_K : C(\bar{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_r(K)$$

via

$$\Pi_K u(\vec{x}) := \sum_{i=1}^d u(\vec{a}_{K,i}) \psi_i^K(\vec{x})$$

where  $\{\vec{a}_{K,i}\}_{i=1}^d \subset \bar{K}$  are the local nodes satisfying

$$\psi_i^K(\vec{a}_{K,j}) = \delta_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, \dots, d$$

$\Pi_K$  is called the local Lagrange nodal interpolation operator.

Def: let  $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{N_r}\}$  be a global Lagrange nodal basis for

$$V_h = \mathcal{M}_T = \{u \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \mid u|_K \in \mathbb{P}_r(K), K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

Suppose that  $\{\vec{z}_j\}_{j=1}^{N_r} \subset \bar{\Omega}$  is the set of nodes satisfying

$$\phi_i(\vec{z}_j) = \delta_{i,j}$$

Define

$$\Pi_h : C(\bar{\Omega}) \rightarrow V_h$$

via

$$\Pi_h u(\vec{x}) := \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} u(\vec{z}_j) \phi_j(\vec{x})$$

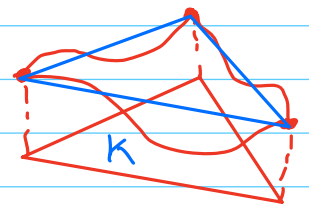
$\Pi_h$  is called the (global) Lagrange nodal interpolation operator.

Proposition: For every  $u \in C(\bar{K})$ ,  $\Pi_K u \in \mathbb{P}_r(K)$  and

i)  $\Pi_K u = u \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{P}_r(K)$

ii)  $\Pi_K(\Pi_K u) = \Pi_K u$

iii)  $u(\vec{a}_{K,i}) = \Pi_K u(\vec{a}_{K,i}), \quad i=1, \dots, d$



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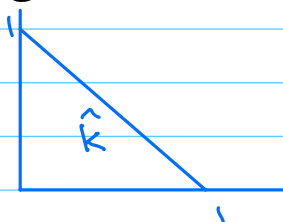
iv)  $(\Pi_h u)|_K = \Pi_K u$

lemma: Suppose that  $K$  is non-degenerate and

$$\vec{F}_K : \hat{K} \xrightarrow[\text{onto}]{1-1} K$$

via

$$\vec{F}_K(\hat{x}) = B_K \hat{x} + \vec{a}_{K,1}$$



Set

$$h_K = \text{diam}(K), \quad \hat{h} = \text{diam}(\hat{K}) = \sqrt{2}$$

let  $\rho_K$  and  $\hat{\rho}$  be the diameters of the largest inscribed balls in  $K$  and  $\hat{K}$ , resp.  
Then

$$\|B_K\|_2 \leq \frac{h_K}{\hat{\rho}}$$

$$\|B_K^{-1}\|_2 \leq \frac{\hat{h}}{\rho_K}$$

Proof: Recall that

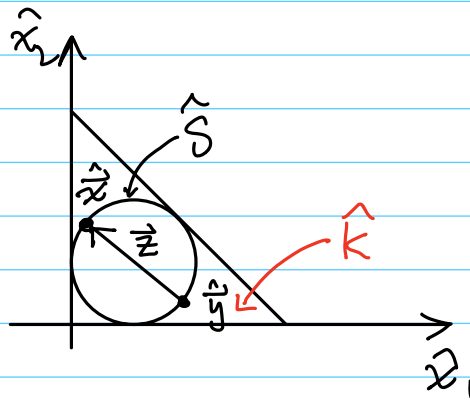
$$\|B_K\|_2 = \sup_{\hat{x} \neq 0} \frac{\|B_K \hat{x}\|_2}{\|\hat{x}\|_2}$$

$$= \sup_{\|\vec{z}\|_2=1} \|\mathbf{B}_k \vec{z}\|_2$$

$$= \sup_{\|\vec{z}\|=\hat{\rho}} \hat{\rho}^{-1} \|\mathbf{B}_k \vec{z}\|_2$$

Now, let  $\hat{\vec{x}}$  and  $\hat{\vec{y}}$  be any two vectors on  $\hat{S}$  such that

$$\vec{z} = \hat{\vec{x}} - \hat{\vec{y}}, \quad \|\vec{z}\|_2 = \hat{\rho}$$



Then

$$\|\mathbf{B}_k\|_2 = \sup_{\substack{\hat{\vec{x}}, \hat{\vec{y}} \in \hat{S} \\ \|\hat{\vec{x}} - \hat{\vec{y}}\|_2 = \hat{\rho}}} \|\mathbf{B}_k(\hat{\vec{x}} - \hat{\vec{y}})\|_2 \hat{\rho}^{-1}$$



$$= \sup_{\substack{\hat{\vec{x}}, \hat{\vec{y}} \in \hat{S} \\ \|\hat{\vec{x}} - \hat{\vec{y}}\|_2 = \hat{\rho}}} \|\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{x}}) - \vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{y}})\|_2 \hat{\rho}^{-1}$$

$$\leq \sup_{\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in K} \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|_2 \hat{\rho}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{h_K}{\hat{\rho}}.$$



The other inequality is gotten analogously. ||

Defn: let  $\hat{v} \in C(\bar{\hat{K}})$  and suppose that

$$\{\hat{\psi}_1, \dots, \hat{\psi}_d\} \subset \mathbb{P}_r(\hat{K})$$

is the local Lagrange nodal basis for  $\mathbb{P}_r(\hat{K})$  satisfying

$$\hat{\psi}_i(\hat{\mathbf{a}}_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, d.$$

Then

$$\hat{\Pi} \hat{v}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) := \sum_{i=1}^d \hat{v}(\hat{\mathbf{a}}_i) \hat{\psi}_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

Theorem: Suppose that  $v \in C(\bar{K})$  and

$$\hat{v}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) := v(\vec{F}_K(\hat{\mathbf{x}}))$$

Then  $\hat{v} \in C(\bar{\hat{K}})$  and

$$\hat{\Pi} \hat{v}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \Pi_K v(\vec{F}_K(\hat{\mathbf{x}})) \quad \forall \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \hat{K}.$$

Proof: By defn

$$\Pi_K v(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^d v(\vec{a}_{K,i}) \psi_i^K(\vec{x})$$

Recall that

and  $\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{a}}_i) = \vec{a}_{k,i} \quad i=1, \dots, d$

$$\hat{\psi}_i(\hat{\vec{x}}) = \psi_i^k(\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{x}})) \quad i=1, \dots, d \\ \forall \hat{\vec{x}} \in \hat{K}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_k v(\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{x}})) &= \sum_{i=1}^d v(\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{a}}_i)) \psi_i^k(\vec{F}_k(\hat{\vec{x}})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d \hat{v}(\hat{\vec{a}}_i) \hat{\psi}_i(\hat{\vec{x}}) \\ &= \hat{\Pi} \hat{v}(\hat{\vec{x}}). \quad // \end{aligned}$$

## A Quotient Space Estimate

We will need the following estimate for our error analysis of Lagrange nodal interpolation.

Theorem: Let  $\Omega$  be an open, bounded, Lipschitz domain in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . There is a constant  $C = C(\Omega, k) > 0$  such that

$$\inf_{p \in P_k(\Omega)} \|v + p\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} \leq C \|v\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)}$$

for all  $v \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$ .

Recall that

$$\|\vec{v}\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)} = \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha| \leq k+1} (\partial^\alpha v, \partial^\alpha v)_{L^2}}$$

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Proposition: Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open, bounded, Lipschitz domain the object

$$\inf_{p \in P_k(\Omega)} \|v + p\|_{H^{k+1}(\Omega)},$$

the so called quotient norm is a bona fide norm on the space

$$V = H^{k+1}(\Omega) / P_k(\Omega)$$

$$= \{[v] \mid [v] = \{v + q \mid q \in P_k(\Omega)\}, v \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)\}$$

which is the so called quotient space.

See the book by Atkinson and Han for details.