

2D Finite Element Method

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ND Finite Element Method

► Same steps as in 1D:

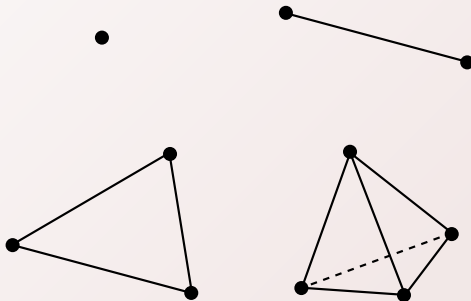
1. Mesh

- 2D - triangles, rectangles, hexagons ...
- 3D - tetrahedrons, bricks ...

2. Approximation.

3. Compact form.

4. Solve SLE.

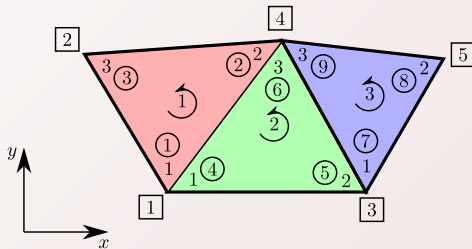


2D Mesh

- Set of elements (triangles) \mathcal{E} and nodes \mathcal{N} .
- Element set (matrix) - pointers to nodes:

$$\mathcal{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- [Distmesh](#) - free MATLAB mesh generator.





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2D Problem

2D Poisson equation

PDE:

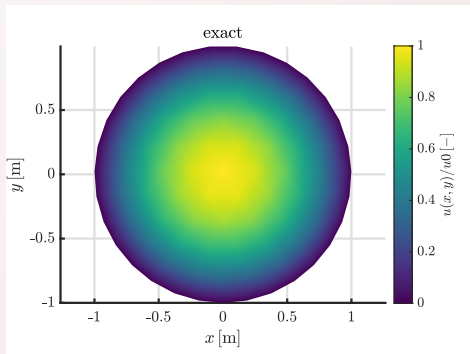
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 4, \quad \Omega : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1.$$

Boundary conditions:

$$u(\{x, y\} \in \delta\Omega) = 0 \text{ V.}$$

Analytical solution:

$$u(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y^2.$$

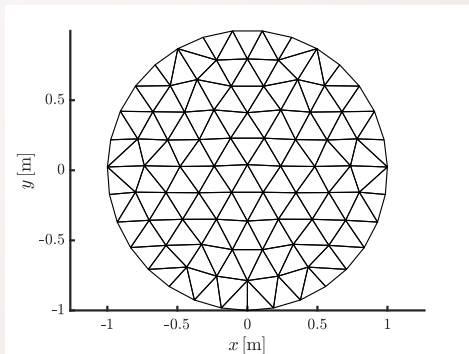


2D Mesh

- ▶ Equilateral triangles are the best!
- ▶ Counterclockwise order of nodes!
- ▶ Area of individual triangles:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^{(e)} &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)\end{aligned}$$

(see next slides for meaning of b ,
and c triangle coeffs.)



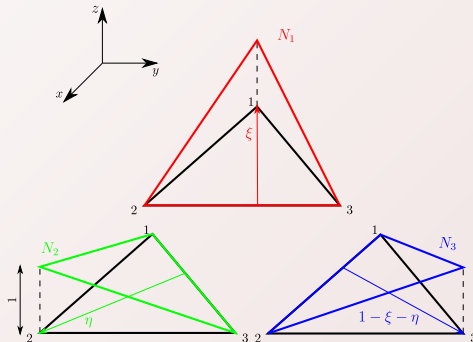
2D Approximation

- First order basis functions:

$$N_j(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_j + b_j x + c_j y)$$

- Relation to simplex coordinates?

$$\begin{aligned}\xi + \eta + \zeta &= 1, \\ \zeta &= 1 - \xi - \eta.\end{aligned}$$



2D Approximation

- First order basis functions:

$$N_j(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_j + b_j x + c_j y)$$

- Triangle coefficients:

$$a_1 = x_2 y_3 - y_2 x_3,$$

$$b_1 = y_2 - y_3,$$

$$c_1 = x_3 - x_2,$$

$$a_2 = x_3 y_1 - y_3 x_1,$$

$$b_2 = y_3 - y_1,$$

$$c_2 = x_1 - x_3,$$

$$a_3 = x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2.$$

$$b_3 = y_1 - y_2.$$

$$c_3 = x_2 - x_1.$$

- Basis function derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} = \frac{b_j}{2\Delta}.$$

$$\frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} = \frac{c_j}{2\Delta}.$$



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Rayleigh–Ritz Formulation

- ▶ Minimization of functional \mathcal{F} :

$$\mathcal{F} = \sum_{e=1}^M \mathcal{F}^{(e)} \left(N^{(e)} \right)$$

Functional

Higher-order function \simeq function that takes functions as arguments (or return them).

- ▶ Variational analysis:

$$I(y) = \int_a^b \mathcal{F}(x, y, \partial y / \partial x) dx$$

- ▶ Variation δy - infinitesimal change in y for a fixed value of the independent variable x
- ▶ Variation δy of y vanishes for points where y is known (prescribed).

Variational principle of common PDEs

► Minimization of \mathcal{F} - no variation:

$$\delta I = 0$$

► For expansion (basis) functions N_i :

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial u_1} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial u_2} = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial u_N} = 0,$$

Name of eq.	PDE	$I(\Phi)$
Inhom. wave eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = g$	$1/2 \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2 - k^2 \Phi^2 + 2g\Phi] d\Omega$
Hom. wave eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = 0$	$1/2 \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2 - k^2 \Phi^2] d\Omega$
TD hom. wave eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi - 1/k^2 \Phi_{tt} = 0$	$1/2 \int_{\Delta t} \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2 - 1/k^2 \Phi_t^2] d\Omega dt$
Diffusion eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi - k^2 \Phi_t = 0$	$1/2 \int_{\Delta t} \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2 - k^2 \Phi \Phi_t] d\Omega dt$
Poisson's eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi = g$	$1/2 \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2 + 2g\Phi] d\Omega$
Laplace's eq.	$\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$	$1/2 \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \Phi ^2] d\Omega$

Rayleigh–Ritz Formulation

- Back to our 2D Poisson's eq.:

$$\mathcal{F}^{(e)} = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u^{(e)}}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right] d\Omega - \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} f^{(e)} u^{(e)} d\Omega$$

- Minimization of functional over element e :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{F}^{(e)}}{\partial N_i^{(e)}} = \sum_{j=1}^3 u_j^{(e)} \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} d\Omega - \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} f N_i d\Omega$$

- Matrix form:

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$$

Element Matrices

- Matrix \mathbf{K} :

$$K_{i,j} = \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} dy dx$$

- Using barycentric coords.:

$$K_{i,j} = 2\Delta \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-\xi_i} \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial y} d\xi_j d\xi_i = \frac{b_i b_j + c_i c_j}{4\Delta}$$

Element Matrices

- ▶ Right-hand side g :

$$g_j = \iint_{\Omega^{(e)}} f N_j \, dy \, dx$$

- ▶ Using barycentric coords.:

$$g_j = 2\Delta \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-\xi_i} f \xi_j \, d\xi_j \, d\xi_i = \frac{\Delta f}{3}$$

Matrix Assembly

- Put matrices $\mathbf{K}^{(e)}$ on diagonal:

$$\mathbf{K}_{3M \times 3M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}^{(1)} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}^{(2)} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{K}^{(M)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{3M \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{g}^{(2)} \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{g}^{(M)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compact form:

$$\mathbf{K}_c = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{C},$$

$$\mathbf{g}_c = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{g}.$$

- Apply boundary condition:

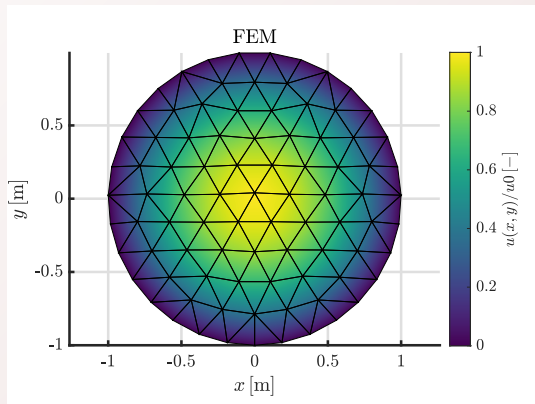
$$u(\{x, y\} \in \delta\Omega) = 0$$

- delete rows and columns corresponding to global nodes on boundary $\delta\Omega$ from \mathbf{K}_c and \mathbf{g}_c

Solution

- Solve the reduced system:

$$\mathbf{K}_r \mathbf{u}_r = \mathbf{g}_r$$

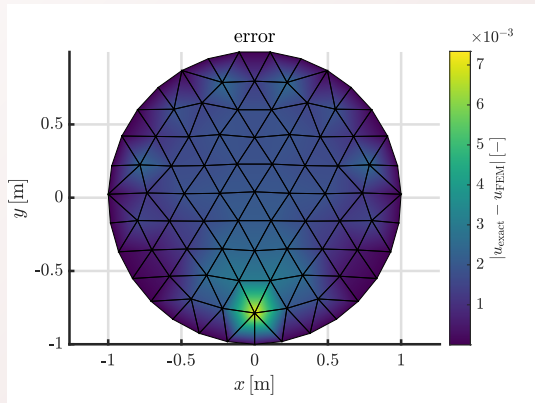


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- Analytical vs. FEM error (three orders of magnitude lower).





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General Boundary Conditions

- ▶ Homogeneous BC: 0 for boundary point $\mathbf{r} \in \delta\Omega$.
- ▶ Three types:
 1. Dirichlet: $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$.
 2. Neumann: $\frac{\partial\Phi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial n} = 0$.
 3. Mixed: $\frac{\partial\Phi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial n} + h(\mathbf{r})\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$.

- ▶ Inhomogeneous BC: $q(\mathbf{r})$ for boundary point $\mathbf{r} \in \delta\Omega$.
- ▶ Three types:
 1. Dirichlet: $\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = q(\mathbf{r})$.
 2. Neumann: $\frac{\partial\Phi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial n} = q(\mathbf{r})$.
 3. Mixed: $\frac{\partial\Phi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial n} + h(\mathbf{r})\Phi(\mathbf{r}) = q(\mathbf{r})$.
- ▶ \mathbf{n} - unit vector perpendicular to boundary pointing outwards.

Boundary Conditions Example

Solve for u :

ODE:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f, \quad 0 \leq x \leq L \quad (L = 1 \text{ m}).$$

Neumann B.C.:

$$\frac{\partial u(x=0)}{\partial x} = a,$$

Dirichlet B.C.:

$$u(x=L) = b.$$

► FDM system $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$:

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\Delta x^2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ \dots \\ u_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a}{\Delta x} \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ \dots \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

Boundary Conditions

▶ Neumann B.C.:

- ▶ Incorporate to the system matrices.
- ▶ Used for excitation of the system.

▶ Dirichlet B.C.:

- ▶ Reduce the size of the system by N pre-defined values.
- ▶ Significant reduction for 2D and 3D.



Thank you for your attention!

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