

# Mathematical Foundation of Finite Element Methods

## Chapter 3: Finite Elements for 2D second order elliptic equation

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# Target problem

- Consider the 2D second order elliptic equation

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) &= f, \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega$  is a 2D domain,  $f(x, y)$  and  $c(x, y)$  are given functions on  $\Omega$ ,  $g(x, y)$  is a given function on  $\partial\Omega$  and  $u(x, y)$  is the unknown function.

- The gradient of a 2D function  $u$  is defined by

$$\nabla u = (u_x, u_y).$$

- The divergence of a  $2 \times 1$  vector  $\vec{v}$  is defined by

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y}.$$

# Weak formulation

- First, multiply a function  $v(x, y)$  on both sides of the original equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \Rightarrow & -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v = f v \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \Rightarrow & - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

- $u(x, y)$  is called a trial function and  $v(x, y)$  is called a test function.

# Weak formulation

- Second, using Green's formula (divergence theory, integration by parts in multi-dimension)

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v \, dx dy = \int_{\partial \Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds - \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy,$$

we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial \Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

# Weak formulation

- Since the solution on the domain boundary  $\partial\Omega$  are given by  $u(x, y) = g(x, y)$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x, y)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ .
- Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- What spaces should  $u$  and  $v$  belong to? **Sobolev spaces!**

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition (Support)

If  $u$  is a function defined on a domain  $\Omega$ , then its support  $\text{supp}(u)$  is the closure of the set on which  $u$  is nonzero.

## Definition (Compactly supported)

If  $u$  is a function defined on a domain  $\Omega$  and  $\text{supp}(u)$  is a compact subset (that is, a closed and bounded subset), then  $u$  is said to be compactly supported in  $\Omega$ .

## Lemma (I)

*A function compactly supported in  $\Omega$  is zero on and near the boundary of  $\Omega$ .*



# Sobolev spaces

## Definition

$C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is the set of all functions that are infinitely differentiable on  $\Omega$  and compactly supported in  $\Omega$ .

- Recall integration by parts:

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v \, dx dy = \int_{\partial\Omega} u v n_x \, ds - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dx dy.$$

- For  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , we have  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v \, dx dy = - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dx dy.$$

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition (weak derivative with respect to $x$ in 2D)

Suppose  $u$  is a real-valued function defined on a domain  $\Omega$  and that  $u$  is integrable over every compact subset of  $\Omega$ . If there exists another locally integrable function  $w$  defined on  $\Omega$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} wv \, dx dy = - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dx dy.$$

for all  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $u$  is said to be weakly differentiable with respect to  $x$  and  $w$  is called the weak partial derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $x$ .

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition (general weak derivative in 2D)

Let  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ . Suppose  $u$  is a real-valued function defined on a domain  $\Omega$  and that  $u$  is integrable over every compact subset of  $\Omega$ . If there exists another locally integrable function  $w$  defined on  $\Omega$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} wv \, dx dy = (-1)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \, dx dy.$$

for all  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $u$  is said to be  $\alpha$  weakly differentiable and  $w$  is called the weak partial derivative of order  $\alpha$  of  $u$ .

# Sobolev spaces

## Lemma (II)

*If  $u$  is differentiable, then  $u$  is weakly differentiable and its weak derivative of order  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  is  $\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}}$ .*

## Remark

*In the Sobolev spaces, which will be defined below,  $\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}}$  is used to represent the weak derivative of order  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ .*

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition ( $L^p$ space)

$$L^p(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} v^p \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

## Definition ( $L^2$ space)

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} v^2 \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

## Definition ( $L^\infty$ space)

$$L^\infty(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)| < \infty\}.$$

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition ( $H^m$ space)

$$H^m(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

## Definition ( $H^1$ space)

$$H^1(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1\}.$$

## Definition ( $H_0^1$ space)

$$H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

# Sobolev spaces

## Definition ( $W_p^m$ space)

$$W_p^m(\Omega) = \left\{ v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} \left[ \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right]^p dx dy < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0, \dots, m \right\}.$$

## Remark

- $L^p(\Omega) = W_p^0(\Omega);$
- $L^2(\Omega) = W_2^0(\Omega);$
- $H^m(\Omega) = W_2^m(\Omega);$
- $H^1(\Omega) = W_2^1(\Omega).$

# Weak formulation

- Weak formulation: find  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

for any  $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy$  and  $(f, v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy$ .
- Weak formulation: find  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$a(u, v) = (f, v)$$

for any  $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ .



# Galerkin formulation

- Assume there is a finite dimensional subspace  $U_h \subset H^1(\Omega)$ .
- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find  $u_h \in U_h$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= (f, v_h) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy &= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

for any  $v_h \in U_h$ .

- Basic idea of Galerkin formulation: use **finite** dimensional space to **approximate infinite** dimensional space.
- Here  $U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$  is chosen to be a finite element space where  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$  are the global finite element basis functions.

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# Discretization formulation

Recall the following definitions from Chapter 2:

- $N$ : number of mesh elements.
- $N_m$ : number of mesh nodes.
- $E_n$  ( $n = 1, \dots, N$ ): mesh elements.
- $Z_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, N_m$ ): mesh nodes.
- $N_l$ : number of local mesh nodes in a mesh element.
- $P$ : information matrix consisting of the coordinates of all mesh nodes.
- $T$ : information matrix consisting of the global node indices of the mesh nodes of all the mesh elements.

# Discretization formulation

- We only consider the nodal basis functions (Lagrange type) in this course.
- $N_{lb}$ : number of local finite element nodes (=number of local finite element basis functions) in a mesh element.
- $N_b$ : number of the finite element nodes (= the number of unknowns = the total number of the finite element basis functions).
- $X_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ): finite element nodes.
- $P_b$ : information matrix consisting of the coordinates of all finite element nodes.
- $T_b$ : information matrix consisting of the global node indices of the finite element nodes of all the mesh elements.

# Discretization formulation

- Recall the Galerkin formulation: find  $u_h \in U_h$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= (f, v_h) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy &= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

for any  $v_h \in U_h$ .

- Here  $U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$  is chosen to be a finite element space where  $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$  are the global finite element basis functions defined in Chapter 2.
- Since  $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ , then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients  $u_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

# Discretization formulation

- In fact, since

$$\phi_j(X_k) = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \neq k, \\ 1, & \text{if } j = k. \end{cases}$$

then

$$u_h(X_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j(X_k) = u_k.$$

- Hence the coefficient  $u_j$  is actually the numerical solution at the node  $X_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

# Discretization formulation

- If we can set up a linear algebraic system for  $u_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ) and solve it, then we can obtain the finite element solution  $u_h$ .
- Therefore, we choose the test function  $v_h = \phi_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N_b$ ). Then the finite element formulation gives

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy,$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right] = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

# Matrix formulation

- Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$A \vec{X} = \vec{b}.$$



# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Once  $\vec{X}$  is obtained, the finite element solution  $u_h$  and the numerical solutions at all the mesh nodes are obtained.
- From the definition of  $\phi_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ), we can see that  $\phi_j$  are non-zero only on the elements adjacent to the node  $X_j$ , but 0 on all the other elements.
- This observation motivates us to think about

$$a_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy.$$

- It is easy to see that most of  $\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy$  will be 0.
- So we only need to use numerical integration to compute those nonzero integrals.

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

General local assembly idea for  $A$ :

- Loop over all the elements;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for  $A$ ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the stiffness matrix  $A$ .

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for  $A$ :

- On the  $n^{th}$  element  $E_n$ , we get non-zero local integrals only when the trial and test basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of this element.
- Let  $p_s = T_b(s, n)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- Then we only consider the trial and test basis functions to be  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- There are only  $N_{lb}^2$  non-zero local integrals on  $E_n$  with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}).$$

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{ns} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_n} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions  $\psi_{ns}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature.** The needed information is stored in the matrices  $P$  and  $T$ .

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into  $A$ :

- When the trial function is  $\phi_i$  and the test function is  $\phi_j$ , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to  $a_{ij}$ .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the trial and test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local trial and test basis functions  $\psi_{n\alpha}$  and  $\psi_{n\beta}$  ( $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ )?

- **Information matrix  $T_b$ !**

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Recall that  $T_b(\alpha, n)$  and  $T_b(\beta, n)$  give the global node indices of the local trial and test basis functions  $\psi_{n\alpha}$  and  $\psi_{n\beta}$  ( $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- That is, for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to  $a_{ij}$  where  $i = T_b(\beta, n)$  and  $j = T_b(\alpha, n)$ .

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm I-1:

- Initialize the matrix:  $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $A$ :

*FOR*  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

*FOR*  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

*FOR*  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $r = \int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$ ;

Add  $r$  to  $A(T_b(\beta, n), T_b(\alpha, n))$ .

*END*

*END*

*END*



# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm 1-2:

- Initialize the matrix:  $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$  and  $S = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, N_{lb})$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $A$ :

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FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :
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    FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
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        FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
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            Compute  $S(\beta, \alpha) = \int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$ ;
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        END
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    END
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     $A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) = A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) + S$ ;
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END
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# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

To make a general subroutine for different cases, more information needed for computing and assembling the integral should be treated as input parameters or input functions of this subroutine:

- the coefficient function  $c$ ;
- the quadrature points and weights for numerical integrals;
- the mesh information matrices  $P$  and  $T$ , which can also provide the number of mesh elements  $N = \text{size}(T, 2)$  and the number of mesh nodes  $N_m = \text{size}(P, 2)$ ;
- the finite element information matrices  $P_b$  and  $T_b$  for the trial and test functions respectively, which can also provide the number of local basis functions  $N_{lb} = \text{size}(T_b, 1)$  and the number of the global basis functions  $N_b = \text{size}(P_b, 2)$  (= the number of unknowns);
- the type of the basis function for the trial and test functions respectively;

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Note that

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x} \, dx dy + \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial y} \, dx dy.$$

- Hence we can consider to develop an algorithm to assemble the matrix arising from a more general integral

$$\int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} \, dx dy.$$

with parameters  $r$ ,  $s$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$ .

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm I-3:

- Initialize the matrix:  $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $A$ :
 

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FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :
  FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
    FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
      Compute  $r = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;
      Add  $r$  to  $A(T_b(\beta, n), T_b(\alpha, n))$ .
    END
  END
END
      
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# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm 1-4:

- Initialize the matrix:  $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$  and  $S = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, N_{lb})$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $A$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $S(\beta, \alpha) = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

END

END

$A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) = A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) + S$ ;

END

# Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- First, we call **Algorithm I-3** with  $r = p = 1$  and  $s = q = 0$  to obtain **A1**.
- Second, we call **Algorithm I-3** with  $r = p = 0$  and  $s = q = 1$  to obtain **A2**.
- Then the stiffness matrix  $A = A1 + A2$ .
- That is, Algorithm I-1 is equivalent to calling Algorithm I-3 twice with two different groups of parameters ( $r = p = 1, s = q = 0$  and  $r = p = 0, s = q = 1$ ) and then adding the two resulted matrices together.
- Algorithm I-2 and Algorithm I-4 have a similar relationship.

# Assembly of the load vector

- The idea for the assembly of the load vector is similar. We have

$$b_i = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} f \phi_i \, dx dy, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the elements;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for the load vector  $\vec{b}$ ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the load vector  $\vec{b}$ .

# Assembly of the load vector

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for  $\vec{b}$ :

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- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- There are only  $N_{lb}$  non-zero local integrals on  $E_n$  with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

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- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{ns} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_n} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$



# Assembly of the load vector

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions  $\psi_{ns}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature**. The needed information is stored in the matrices  $P$  and  $T$ .

# Assembly of the load vector

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into  $\vec{b}$ :

- When the test function is  $\phi_i$ , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to  $b_i$ .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.
- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{E_n} f \phi_i \, dx dy \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions  $\psi_{n\beta}$  ( $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ )?

- **Information matrix  $T_b$ !**

# Assembly of the load vector

- Recall that  $T_b(\beta, n)$  give the global node indices of the local test basis functions  $\psi_{n\beta}$  ( $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- That is, for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to  $b_i$  where  $i = T_b(\beta, n)$ .

# Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-1:

- Initialize the matrix:  $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $b$ :

*FOR*  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

*FOR*  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

*Compute*  $r = \int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$ ;

$b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$ ;

*END*

*END*

# Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-2:

- Initialize the vector:  $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$  and  $d = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $b$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $d(\beta, 1) = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

END

$b(T_b(:, n), 1) = b(T_b(:, n), 1) + d$ ;

END

# Assembly of the load vector

To make a general subroutine for different cases, more information needed for computing and assembling the integral should be treated as input parameters or input functions of this subroutine:

- the right hand side function  $f$ ;
- the quadrature points and weights for numerical integrals;
- the mesh information matrices  $P$  and  $T$ , which can also provide the number of mesh elements  $N = \text{size}(T, 2)$  and the number of mesh nodes  $N_m = \text{size}(P, 2)$ ;
- the finite element information matrices  $P_b$  and  $T_b$  for the test functions, which can also provide the number of local basis functions  $N_{lb} = \text{size}(T_b, 1)$  and the number of the global basis functions  $N_b = \text{size}(P_b, 2)$  (= the number of unknowns);
- the type of the basis function for the test functions.

# Assembly of the load vector

- We can also consider to develop an algorithm to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy.$$

# Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-3:

- Initialize the matrix:  $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $b$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $r = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

$b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$ ;

END

END



# Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-4:

- Initialize the vector:  $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$  and  $d = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $b$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $d(\beta, 1) = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

END

$b(T_b(:, n), 1) = b(T_b(:, n), 1) + d$ ;

END

# Assembly of the load vector

- We call **Algorithm I-3** with  $p = q = 0$  to obtain  $b$ .
- That is, Algorithm II-3 is equivalent to Algorithm II-1 with  $p = q = 0$ .
- Algorithm II-2 and Algorithm II-4 have a similar relationship.

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# Dirichlet boundary condition

- Basically, the Dirichlet boundary condition  $u = g$  give the solutions at all boundary finite element nodes.
- Since the coefficient  $u_j$  in the finite element solution  $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$  is actually the numerical solution at the finite element node  $X_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ), we actually know those  $u_j$  which are corresponding to the boundary finite element nodes.
- Recall that `boundarynodes(2,:)` store the global node indices of all boundary finite element nodes.
- If  $m \in \text{boundarynodes}(2, :)$ , then the  $m^{th}$  equation is called a boundary node equation.
- Set `nbm` to be the number of boundary nodes;

# Dirichlet boundary condition

- One way to impose the Dirichlet boundary condition is to replace the boundary node equations in the linear system by the following equations

$$u_m = g(X_m).$$

for all  $m \in \text{boundarynodes}(2, :)$ .

# Dirichlet boundary condition

Algorithm III:

- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary conditions:

*FOR*  $k = 1, \dots, nb_n$ :

    If *boundarynodes*(1,  $k$ ) shows Dirichlet condition, then

$i = \text{boundarynodes}(2, k);$

$A(i, :) = 0;$

$A(i, i) = 1;$

$b(i) = g(P_b(:, i));$

*ENDIF*

*END*

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# Universal framework of the finite element method

- Generate the mesh information: **matrices  $P$  and  $T$** ;
- Assemble the matrices and vectors: **local assembly based on  $P$  and  $T$  only**;
- Deal with the boundary conditions: **boundary information matrix and local assembly**;
- Solve linear systems: **numerical linear algebra (Math 6601: Numerical Analysis)**.



# Algorithm

- Generate the mesh information matrices  $P$  and  $T$ .
- Assemble the stiffness matrix  $A$  by using Algorithm I. (We will choose Algorithm I-3 in class)
- Assemble the load vector  $\vec{b}$  by using Algorithm II. (We will choose Algorithm II-3 in class)
- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary condition by using Algorithm III.
- Solve  $A\vec{X} = \vec{b}$  for  $\vec{X}$  by using a direct or iterative method.

# Algorithm

Recall Algorithm I-3:

- Initialize the matrix:  $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $A$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $r = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

Add  $r$  to  $A(T_b(\beta, n), T_b(\alpha, n))$ .

END

END

END

# Algorithm

## Recall

- First, we call **Algorithm I-3** with  $r = p = 1$  and  $s = q = 0$  to obtain **A1**.
- Second, we call **Algorithm I-3** with  $r = p = 0$  and  $s = q = 1$  to obtain **A2**.
- Then the stiffness matrix  $A = A1 + A2$ .

# Algorithm

Recall Algorithm II-3:

- Initialize the matrix:  $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $b$ :

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $r = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$ ;

$b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$ ;

END

END

- Recall: We call **Algorithm I-3** with  $p = q = 0$  to obtain  $b$ .

# Algorithm

Recall Algorithm III:

- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary conditions:

*FOR*  $k = 1, \dots, nb_n$ :

  If *boundarynodes*(1,  $k$ ) shows Dirichlet condition, then

$i = \text{boundarynodes}(2, k);$

$A(i, :) = 0;$

$A(i, i) = 1;$

$b(i) = g(P_b(:, i));$

*ENDIF*

*END*

# Measurements for errors

Recall

Definition ( $L^2$  space)

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} v^2 \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

Definition ( $H^1$  space)

$$H^1(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1\}.$$

Definition ( $L^\infty$  space)

$$L^\infty(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)| < \infty\}.$$

# Measurements for errors

- $L^\infty$  norm:  $\|u\|_\infty = \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)|$  for  $u \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ .
- $L^\infty$  norm error:  $\|u - u_h\|_\infty = \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)|$ .
- $L^2$  norm:  $\|u\|_0 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega u^2 dx dy}$  for  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ .
- $L^2$  norm error:  $\|u - u_h\|_0 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega (u - u_h)^2 dx dy}$ .
- $H^1$  semi-norm:  $|u|_1 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 dx dy + \int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 dx dy}$  for  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ .
- $H^1$  semi-norm error:  
 $|u - u_h|_1 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial(u-u_h)}{\partial x}\right)^2 dx dy + \int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial(u-u_h)}{\partial y}\right)^2 dx dy}.$

# Measurements for errors

- By using  $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$ , the definition of  $T_b$ , and the definition of the local basis functions  $\psi_{nk}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u - u_h\|_{\infty} &= \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} \left| u(x,y) - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} \left| u(x,y) - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}(x,y) \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$



# Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_n(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}(x, y).$$

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|.$$

- $\max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|$  can be approximated by choosing the maximum values of  $|u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|$  on a group of chosen points in  $E_n$ , such as some Gauss quadrature nodes in this element. We denote the approximation by  $r_n$ .

# Measurements for errors

Algorithm IV:

- Initialize the error  $error = 0$ ;
- Approximate the maximum absolute errors on all elements and then choose the largest one as the final approximation:

*FOR*  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

    Compute  $r_n \approx \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x,y) - w_n(x,y)|$ ;

*IF*  $r_n > error$ , *THEN*

$error = r_n$ ;

*END*

*END*

# Measurements for errors

- By using  $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$ , the definition of  $T_b$ , and the definition of the local basis functions  $\psi_{nk}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u - u_h\|_0 &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} (u - u_h)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} (u - u_h)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( u - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( u - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk} \right)^2 dx dy}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_n = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}.$$

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_0 = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} (u - w_n)^2 dx dy}.$$

- Each integral  $\int_{E_n} (u - w_n)^2 dx dy$  can be computed by numerical integration.

# Measurements for errors

- By using  $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$ , the definition of  $T_b$ , and the definition of the local basis functions  $\psi_{nk}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u - u_h|_{1,x} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial x} \right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Measurements for errors

- Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u - u_h|_{1,y} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy}.
 \end{aligned}$$

# Measurements for errors

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |u - u_h|_1^2 \\ = & |u - u_h|_{1,x}^2 + |u - u_h|_{1,y}^2 \\ = & \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

# Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_{n1} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x},$$

$$w_{n2} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y}.$$

Then

$$|u - u_h|_1 = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - w_{n1} \right)^2 dx dy + \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w_{n2} \right)^2 dx dy}.$$

- Each integral  $\int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - w_{n1} \right)^2 dx dy$  or  $\int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w_{n2} \right)^2 dx dy$  can be computed by numerical integration.



# Measurements for errors

- Develop a subroutine for a more general formulation

$$\sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \psi_{nk}}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right)^2 dx dy}.$$

- $\|u - u_h\|_0$  is equivalent to calling this subroutine with  $\alpha_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = 0$ .
- $|u - u_h|_{1,x}$  is equivalent to calling this subroutine with  $\alpha_1 = 1$  and  $\alpha_2 = 0$ .
- $|u - u_h|_{1,y}$  is equivalent to calling this subroutine with  $\alpha_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = 1$ .

# Measurements for errors

Algorithm V:

- Initialize the error  $error = 0$ ; input the parameters  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ ;
- Compute the integrals and add them into the total error:

FOR  $n = 1, \dots, N$ :

$$error = error + \int_{E_n} \left( \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \psi_{nk}}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right)^2 dx dy;$$

END

$$error = \sqrt{error};$$

# Numerical example

- Example 1: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -y(1-y)(1-x - \frac{x^2}{2})e^{x+y} \\ &\quad -x(1 - \frac{x}{2})(-3y - y^2)e^{x+y}, \\ u &= -1.5y(1-y)e^{-1+y} \text{ on } x = -1, \\ u &= 0.5y(1-y)e^{1+y} \text{ on } x = 1, \\ u &= -2x(1 - \frac{x}{2})e^{x-1} \text{ on } y = -1, \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } y = 1.\end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is  $u = xy(1 - \frac{x}{2})(1-y)e^{x+y}$ , which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

# Numerical example

- Let's code for the linear and quadratic finite element method of the 2D second order elliptic equation together!
- Open your Matlab!

# Numerical example

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$2.3620 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.8300 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8774 \times 10^{-1}$
1/16	$6.3421 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7189 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.4167 \times 10^{-2}$
1/32	$1.6430 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.3049 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.7121 \times 10^{-2}$
1/64	$4.1810 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0767 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.3565 \times 10^{-2}$
1/128	$1.0546 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.6922 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1783 \times 10^{-2}$

Table : The numerical errors for linear finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and first order convergence  $O(h)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

# Numerical example

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$3.3678 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1705 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.9192 \times 10^{-3}$
1/16	$4.4273 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4637 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.2414 \times 10^{-3}$
1/32	$5.6752 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.8289 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.6131 \times 10^{-4}$
1/64	$7.1839 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.2853 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.4042 \times 10^{-4}$
1/128	$9.0366 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.8560 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.5114 \times 10^{-5}$

Table : The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence  $O(h^3)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.

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# Neumann boundary conditions

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} c p v \, ds.$$

- Is there anything wrong? **The solution is not unique!**
- If  $u$  is a solution, then  $u + c$  is also a solution where  $c$  is a constant.



# Neumann boundary condition

- Consider

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} &= p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1 \subset \partial\Omega, \\ u &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/\Gamma_1.\end{aligned}$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on  $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_1$  is given by  $u = g$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_1$ .

# Neumann boundary condition

- Since

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds &= \int_{\Gamma_1} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\partial\Omega/\Gamma_1} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_1} cpv \, ds,\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\Gamma_1} cpv \, ds = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx dy.$$

- Hence the weak formulation is

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} cpv \, ds.$$

# Neumann boundary condition

- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find  $u_h \in U_h$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} c p v_h \, ds$$

for any  $v_h \in U_h$ .

- Recall: Since  $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ , then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients  $u_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

- Recall: Choose  $v_h = \phi_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

# Neumann boundary condition

- Then for  $i = 1, \dots, N_b$ , the finite element formulation gives

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} c p \phi_i \, ds,$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right] = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} c p \phi_i \, ds.$$

# Neumann boundary condition

## Recall

- Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

# Neumann boundary condition

- Define the additional vector from the Neumann boundary condition

$$\vec{v} = [v_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Gamma_1} cp\phi_i ds \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the new vector  $\tilde{\vec{b}} = \vec{b} + \vec{v}$ .
- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$A\vec{X} = \tilde{\vec{b}}.$$

- Code?
- Add one more subroutine for  $\vec{v}$  to the existing code!

# Neumann boundary condition

## Recall

- Matrix *boundaryedges*:
- *boundaryedges*(1,  $k$ ) is the type of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ : Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- *boundaryedges*(2,  $k$ ) is the index of the element which contains the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- Each boundary edge has two end nodes. We index them as the first and the second counterclock wise along the boundary.
- *boundaryedges*(3,  $k$ ) is the global node index of the first end node of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- *boundaryedges*(4,  $k$ ) is the global node index of the second end node of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- Set  $nbe = \text{size}(\text{boundaryedges}, 2)$  to be the number of boundary edges;

# Neumann boundary condition

- The idea for the assembly of the vector  $\vec{v}$  is similar to that of the load vector. We have

$$v_i = \int_{\Gamma_1} cp\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_1 \\ 1 \leq k \leq nbe}} \int_{e_k} cp\phi_i ds, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the boundary edges;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Neumann boundary edge for the vector  $\vec{v}$ ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the vector  $\vec{v}$ .



# Neumann boundary condition

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Neumann boundary edge for  $\vec{v}$ :

- The index of the element which contains the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$  is  $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ . Then on  $e_k$ , we get non-zero local integrals only when the test basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of the  $n_k^{th}$  element  $E_{n_k}$ .
- Let  $p_s = T_b(s, n_k)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- There are only  $N_{lb}$  non-zero local integrals on  $e_k$  with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \phi_i ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}).$$

# Neumann boundary condition

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{n_k s} = \phi_{p_s} |_{E_{n_k}} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions  $\psi_{n_k s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} \, ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature**. The needed information is stored in the matrices  $P$  and *boundaryedges*.

# Neumann boundary condition

- $P(:, \text{boundaryedges}(3 : 4, k))$  provides the coordinates of the two end points of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  boundary edge. We discuss three cases based on these coordinates.
- Case 1: If a boundary edge is vertical, then it can be described as  $x = c$  ( $y_1 \leq y \leq y_2$ ). The  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on  $[y_1, y_2]$ . And the  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be  $c$ .

# Neumann boundary condition

- Case 2: If a boundary edge is horizontal, then it can be described as  $y = c$  ( $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$ ). The  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on  $[x_1, x_2]$ . And the  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be  $c$ .
- Case 3: Otherwise, a boundary edge can be described as  $y = ax + b$  ( $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$ ). The  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss nodes in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . And the  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are obtained from  $y = ax + b$ .
- The case 3 with  $a = 0$  and  $b = c$  is equivalent to case 2. Hence case 2 and case 3 can be combined into one case.

# Neumann boundary condition

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into  $\vec{v}$ :

- When the test function is  $\phi_i$ , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to  $v_i$ .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.
- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} cp\psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} cp\phi_i ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions  $\psi_{n_k\beta}$  ( $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ )?

- **Information matrix  $T_b$ !**

# Neumann boundary condition

- Recall that  $T_b(\beta, n_k)$  give the global node indices of the local test basis functions  $\psi_{n_k\beta}$  ( $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- That is,

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to  $v_i$  where  $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$ .

# Neumann boundary condition

Algorithm VI-1:

- Initialize the vector:  $v = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $v$ :

*FOR*  $k = 1, \dots, nbe$ :

*IF* *boundaryedges*(1,  $k$ ) shows Neumann boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ ;

*FOR*  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :

Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} ds$ ;

$v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$ ;

*END*

*ENDIF*

*END*

# Neumann boundary condition

- If we follow Algorithm VI-1 to develop a subroutine to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds,$$

then Algorithm VI-1 is equivalent to calling this subroutine with parameters:  $a = b = 0$  and  $\tilde{p} = cp$ .



# Neumann boundary condition

Algorithm VI:

- Initialize the vector:  $v = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
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END

ENDIF

END

# Neumann boundary condition

## Recall

- Matrix *boundarynodes*:
- *boundarynodes*(1,  $k$ ) is the type of the  $k^{th}$  boundary finite element node: Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- The intersection nodes of Dirichlet boundary condition and other boundary conditions usually need to be treated as Dirichlet boundary nodes.
- *boundarynodes*(2,  $k$ ) is the global node index of the  $k^{th}$  boundary boundary finite element node.
- Set  $nbn = \text{size}(\text{boundarynodes}, 2)$  to be the number of boundary finite element nodes;

# Neumann boundary condition

- Example 2: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -2e^{x+y}, \\ u &= e^{-1+y} \quad \text{on } x = -1, \\ u &= e^{1+y} \quad \text{on } x = 1, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} &= -e^{x-1} \quad \text{on } y = -1, \\ u &= e^{x+1} \quad \text{on } y = 1.\end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is  $u = e^{x+y}$ , which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

# Neumann boundary condition

- Let's code for the linear and quadratic finite element method of the 2D second order elliptic equation with Neumann boundary condition!
- Open your Matlab!

# Neumann boundary condition

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _{\infty}$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$1.3358 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.1224 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8523 \times 10^{-1}$
1/16	$3.4487 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.2793 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.2559 \times 10^{-2}$
1/32	$8.7622 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.1973 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.6273 \times 10^{-2}$
1/64	$2.2084 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.9928 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.3136 \times 10^{-2}$
1/128	$5.5433 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9982 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1568 \times 10^{-2}$

Table : The numerical errors for linear finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and first order convergence  $O(h)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

# Neumann boundary condition

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$1.0956 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.9285 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.9874 \times 10^{-3}$
1/16	$1.4074 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.9015 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.4668 \times 10^{-4}$
1/32	$1.7835 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.1244 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.8667 \times 10^{-4}$
1/64	$2.2447 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.6549 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.6667 \times 10^{-5}$
1/128	$2.8155 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.5686 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1667 \times 10^{-5}$

Table : The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence  $O(h^3)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.

# Robin boundary conditions

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2 \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/\Gamma_2.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on  $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_2$  is given by  $u = g$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_2$ .

# Robin boundary condition

- Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds &= \int_{\Gamma_2} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\partial\Omega/\Gamma_2} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds \\
 &= \int_{\Gamma_2} c(q - ru) v \, ds \\
 &= \int_{\Gamma_2} cq v \, ds - \int_{\Gamma_2} cruv \, ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \left( \int_{\Gamma_2} cq v \, ds - \int_{\Gamma_2} cruv \, ds \right) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Hence the weak formulation is

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} cruv \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} cq v \, ds.$$



# Robin boundary condition

- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find  $u_h \in U_h$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} c r u_h v_h \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} c q v_h \, ds$$

for any  $v_h \in U_h$ .

- Recall: Since  $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ , then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients  $u_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

- Recall: Choose  $v_h = \phi_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N_b$ ).

# Robin boundary condition

- Then for  $i = 1, \dots, N_b$ , the finite element formulation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} cr \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \phi_i \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} cq \phi_i \, ds, \\ \Rightarrow & \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[ \int_{\Gamma_2} cr \phi_j \phi_i \, ds \right] \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} cq \phi_i \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

# Robin boundary condition

- Recall: Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Recall: Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Recall: Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the additional vector from the Robin boundary condition

$$\vec{w} = [w_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Gamma_2} c q \phi_i \, ds \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

# Robin boundary condition

- Define the additional matrix from the Robin boundary condition

$$R = [r_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[ \int_{\Gamma_2} c r \phi_j \phi_i \, ds \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the new vector  $\tilde{\vec{b}} = \vec{b} + \vec{w}$ .
- Define the new matrix  $\tilde{A} = A + R$ .
- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$\tilde{A} \vec{X} = \tilde{\vec{b}}.$$

- Code?
- Add one more subroutine for  $\vec{w}$  and  $R$  to the existing code!

# Robin boundary condition

## Recall

- Matrix *boundaryedges*:
- *boundaryedges*(1,  $k$ ) is the type of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ : Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- *boundaryedges*(2,  $k$ ) is the index of the element which contains the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- Each boundary edge has two end nodes. We index them as the first and the second counterclock wise along the boundary.
- *boundaryedges*(3,  $k$ ) is the global node index of the first end node of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- *boundaryedges*(4,  $k$ ) is the global node index of the second end node of the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$ .
- Set  $nbe = \text{size}(\text{boundaryedges}, 2)$  to be the number of boundary edges;

# Robin boundary condition

- The idea for the assembly of the matrix  $R$  and the vector  $\vec{w}$  is similar to that of the stiffness matrix and the load vector. We have

$$w_i = \int_{\Gamma_2} cq\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_2 \\ 1 \leq k \leq nbe}} \int_{e_k} cq\phi_i ds, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b,$$

$$r_{ij} = \int_{\Gamma_2} cr\phi_j\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_2 \\ 1 \leq k \leq nbe}} \int_{e_k} cr\phi_j\phi_i ds, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the boundary edges;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Robin boundary edge for the vector  $\vec{w}$  and the matrix  $R$ ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the vector  $\vec{w}$  and the matrix  $R$ .

# Robin boundary condition

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Robin boundary edge for the vector  $\vec{w}$  and the matrix  $R$ :

- The index of the element which contains the  $k^{th}$  boundary edge  $e_k$  is  $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ . Then on  $e_k$ , we get non-zero local integrals only when the test and trial basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of the  $n_k^{th}$  element  $E_{n_k}$ .
- Let  $p_s = T_b(s, n)$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).
- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).

# Robin boundary condition

- There are only  $N_{lb}$  non-zero local integrals on  $e_k$  with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{e_k} c q \phi_i \, ds, \quad i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}},$$
$$\int_{e_k} c r \phi_j \phi_i \, ds, \quad i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}.$$

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{n_k s} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_{n_k}} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$



# Robin boundary condition

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions  $\phi_{p_s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions  $\psi_{n_k s}$  ( $s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} ds, \quad \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb},$$
$$\int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}.$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- Gauss quadrature.** The needed information is stored in the matrices  $P$  and *boundaryedges*.

# Robin boundary condition

## Recall

- $P(:, \text{boundaryedges}(3 : 4, k))$  provides the coordinates of the two end points of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  boundary edge. We discuss three cases based on these coordinates.
- Case 1: If a boundary edge is vertical, then it can be described as  $x = c$  ( $y_1 \leq y \leq y_2$ ). The  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on  $[y_1, y_2]$ . And the  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be  $c$ .

# Robin boundary condition

- Case 2: If a boundary edge is horizontal, then it can be described as  $y = c$  ( $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$ ). The  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on  $[x_1, x_2]$ . And the  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be  $c$ .
- Case 3: Otherwise, a boundary edge can be described as  $y = ax + b$  ( $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$ ). The  $x$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss nodes in  $[x_1, x_2]$ . And the  $y$ -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are obtained from  $y = ax + b$ .
- The case 3 with  $a = 0$  and  $b = c$  is equivalent to case 2. Hence case 2 and case 3 can be combined into one case.

# Robin boundary condition

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into  $\vec{w}$  and  $R$ :

- When the test function is  $\phi_i$ , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to  $w_i$ .
- When the trial function is  $\phi_i$  and the test function is  $\phi_j$ , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to  $r_{ij}$ .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the trial and test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.

# Robin boundary condition

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} c q \psi_{n_k \beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} c q \phi_i ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions  $\psi_{n_k \beta}$  ( $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ )?

# Robin boundary condition

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} cr \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} cr \phi_j \phi_i ds \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local trial and test basis functions  $\psi_{n_k \alpha}$  and  $\psi_{n_k \beta}$  ( $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ )?

- Information matrix  $T_b$ !**

# Robin boundary condition

- Recall that  $T_b(\alpha, n_k)$  and  $T_b(\beta, n_k)$  give the global node indices of the local trial and test basis functions  $\psi_{n_k\alpha}$  and  $\psi_{n_k\beta}$  ( $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ ).

- That is,

$$\int_{e_k} c q \psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to  $w_i$  where  $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$ .

- And

$$\int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k\alpha} \psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to  $r_{ij}$  where  $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$  and  $j = T_b(\alpha, n_k)$ .

# Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII-1:

- Initialize  $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$  and  $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $R$  and  $w$ :  
 FOR  $k = 1, \dots, nbe$ :  
   IF  $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$  shows Robin boundary condition, THEN  
      $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ ;  
     FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :  
       Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c q \psi_{n_k \beta} ds$ ;  
        $w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$ ;  
     END  
     FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :  
       FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :  
         Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds$ ;  
         Add  $r$  to  $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$ ;  
       END  
     END  
   ENDIF  
 END



# Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII-2:

- Initialize  $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$  and  $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $R$  and  $w$ :  
 FOR  $k = 1, \dots, nbe$ :  
   IF  $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$  shows Robin boundary condition, THEN  
      $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ ;  
     FOR  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :  
       Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c q \psi_{n_k \beta} ds$ ;  
        $w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$ ;  
       FOR  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :  
         Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds$ ;  
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       END  
     END  
   ENDIF  
 END

# Robin boundary condition

- If we follow Algorithm VII-1 to develop a subroutine to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds,$$

and the vector arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{r} \frac{\partial^{m+s} \psi_{n_k \alpha}}{\partial x^m \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{d+l} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^d \partial y^l} ds,$$

then Algorithm VII-1 is equivalent to calling this subroutine with parameters:  $a = b = r = s = d = l = 0$ ,  $\tilde{p} = cq$ , and  $\tilde{r} = cr$ .

- Note that the vector part is exactly the same as what we had for the Neumann boundary condition!

# Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII:

- Initialize  $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$  and  $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ ;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into  $R$  and  $w$ :
  - FOR*  $k = 1, \dots, nbe$ :
    - IF* *boundaryedges*(1,  $k$ ) shows Robin boundary condition, *THEN*
      - $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$ ;
      - FOR*  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
        - Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds$ ;
        - $w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$ ;
      - END*
      - FOR*  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
        - FOR*  $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$ :
          - Compute  $r = \int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds$ ;
          - Add  $r$  to  $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$ ;
        - END*
      - END*
    - ENDIF*
  - END*

# Robin boundary condition

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- Example 3: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain  $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -2e^{x+y}, \\ u &= e^{-1+y} \quad \text{on } x = -1, \\ u &= e^{1+y} \quad \text{on } x = 1, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + u &= 0 \quad \text{on } y = -1, \\ u &= e^{x+1} \quad \text{on } y = 1.\end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is  $u = e^{x+y}$ , which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

# Robin boundary condition

- Let's code for the linear and quadratic finite element method of the 2D second order elliptic equation with Neumann boundary condition!
- Open your Matlab!

# Robin boundary condition

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$1.3358 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.1094 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8523 \times 10^{-1}$
1/16	$3.4487 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.2760 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.2559 \times 10^{-2}$
1/32	$8.7622 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.1893 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.6273 \times 10^{-2}$
1/64	$2.2084 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.9727 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.3136 \times 10^{-2}$
1/128	$5.5433 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9932 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1568 \times 10^{-2}$

Table : The numerical errors for linear finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and first order convergence  $O(h)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

# Robin boundary condition

$h$	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	$1.0956 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.9278 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.9874 \times 10^{-3}$
1/16	$1.4074 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.9012 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.4668 \times 10^{-4}$
1/32	$1.7835 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.1243 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.8667 \times 10^{-4}$
1/64	$2.2447 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.6549 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.6667 \times 10^{-5}$
1/128	$2.8155 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.5686 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1667 \times 10^{-5}$

Table : The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence i  $O(h^3)$  in  $L^2/L^\infty$  norm and second order convergence  $O(h^2)$  in  $H^1$  semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.



# Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin mixed boundary condition

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1 \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2 \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2).$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$  is given by  $u = g$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$ .

# Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin mixed boundary condition

- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} c r u v \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} c p v \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_2} c q v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

- Code?
- Combine all of the subroutines for Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin boundary conditions.

# Non-isotropic equation

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1 \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2 \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2),$$

where

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

# Non-isotropic equation

- Since the solution on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$  is given by  $u = g$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$ .
- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} r u v \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} p v \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_2} q v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v &= \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} u_x + c_{12} u_y \\ c_{21} u_x + c_{22} u_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= c_{11} u_x v_x + c_{12} u_y v_x + c_{21} u_x v_y + c_{22} u_y v_y. \end{aligned}$$

# Non-isotropic equation

- Code? Just call **Algorithm I-3** four times! Everything else is the same as before!
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 1, s = 0, p = 1, q = 0$ , and  $c = c_{11}$  to obtain  $A_1$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 0, s = 1, p = 1, q = 0$ , and  $c = c_{11}$  to obtain  $A_2$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 1, s = 0, p = 0, q = 1$ , and  $c = c_{21}$  to obtain  $A_3$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 0, s = 1, p = 0, q = 1$ , and  $c = c_{22}$  to obtain  $A_4$ .
- Then the stiffness matrix is  $A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$ .

# A more general second order equation

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) + au = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_1 \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2 \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega / (\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2),$$

where

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Then

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\Omega} auv \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx dy.$$

# A more general second order equation

- Since the solution on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$  is given by  $u = g$ , then we can choose the test function  $v(x)$  such that  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2)$ .
- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy + \int_{\Omega} a u v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_2} r u v \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_1} p v \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_2} q v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v = c_{11} u_x v_x + c_{12} u_y v_x + c_{21} u_x v_y + c_{22} u_y v_y.$$

## A more general second order equation

- Code? Just call **Algorithm I-3** five times! Everything else is the same as before!
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 0$ ,  $s = 0$ ,  $p = 0$ ,  $q = 0$ , and  $c = a$  to obtain  $A_0$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 1$ ,  $s = 0$ ,  $p = 1$ ,  $q = 0$ , and  $c = c_{11}$  to obtain  $A_1$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 0$ ,  $s = 1$ ,  $p = 1$ ,  $q = 0$ , and  $c = c_{11}$  to obtain  $A_2$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 1$ ,  $s = 0$ ,  $p = 0$ ,  $q = 1$ , and  $c = c_{21}$  to obtain  $A_3$ ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with  $r = 0$ ,  $s = 1$ ,  $p = 0$ ,  $q = 1$ , and  $c = c_{22}$  to obtain  $A_4$ .
- Then the stiffness matrix is  $A = A_0 + A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$ .



# Linear regression for the convergence order

- Consider  $\|u - u_h\| = Ch^r$ .
- The goal is to design a linear regression to obtain the  $C$  and  $r$  based on the  $h$  and errors given in the table.
- First,

$$\begin{aligned}\log(\|u - u_h\|) &= \log(Ch^r) \\ &= \log(C) + \log(h^r) \\ &= \log(C) + r \log(h).\end{aligned}$$

- Let  $y = \log(\|u - u_h\|)$ ,  $x = \log(h)$ ,  $a = r$ ,  $b = \log(C)$ .
- Then  $y = ax + b$ .
- For different  $h$ , we can obtain the corresponding  $x$  and  $y$ .
- Then by the regular linear regression, we can obtain  $a$  and  $b$ , which give us the  $C = e^b$  and  $r = a$ .