

# Chapter II Conforming Finite Elements

Note Title

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historical remarks

math: Courant (1943), Schellbach (1851), also Euler  
Babuska & Aziz (1972), Strang & Fix (1973)

engineering (structural mechanics)

Turner, Clough, Martin, Topp (1956) — <sup>1<sup>st</sup> paper</sup> finite element  
Argyris (1957)

Zienkiewicz (1971) book, Oden (1991) review

## §1 Sobolev Spaces

Assume that  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is open with piecewise smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .

- $L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ v \mid \int_{\Omega} v^2 dx < +\infty \right\}$

$$(u, v)_0 = (u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} uv dx, \quad \|u\|_0 = \sqrt{(u, u)_0} = \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} u^2 dx}$$

multiple index  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  with  $\alpha_i \geq 0$  integers,  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$

- weak derivative

$u \in L^2(\Omega)$  has the (weak) derivative  $v = \partial^\alpha u \in L^2(\Omega)$

$$\iff (\phi, v)_0 = (-1)^{|\alpha|} (\partial^\alpha \phi, u)_0 \quad \forall \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$$

example

$$\underline{\alpha = (1, 0, \dots, 0)} \quad \int_{\Omega} \phi \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} dx = (-1) \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} u dx$$

$$\underline{\alpha = (1, 1, 0, \dots, 0)} \quad \int_{\Omega} \phi \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} dx = (-1) \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} dx = (-1)^2 \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} u dx$$

•  $\vec{u} \in L^2(\Omega)^n$  has divergence  $v = \operatorname{div} \vec{u} \in L^2(\Omega)$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\phi, v)_0 = -(\nabla \phi, \vec{u}) \quad \forall \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$$

## Sobolev Spaces

Given an integer  $m \geq 0$

•  $H^m(\Omega) = \left\{ u \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \partial^\alpha u \text{ exists } \forall |\alpha| \leq m \right\}$

$$(u, v)_m = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (\partial^\alpha u, \partial^\alpha v)_0, \quad \|u\|_m = \sqrt{(u, u)_m}, \quad |u|_m = \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|\partial^\alpha u\|_0^2}$$

•  $H^m(\Omega)$  is complete  $\longrightarrow H^m(\Omega)$  is a Hilbert space

$H^m(\Omega) \cap C^\infty(\Omega)$  is dense in  $H^m(\Omega)$

$$H_0^m(\Omega) = \overline{C_0^\infty(\Omega)}^{\|\cdot\|_m} = \left\{ u \in H^m(\Omega) \mid \partial^\alpha u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \quad \forall |\alpha| \leq m \right\}$$

•  $W^{m,p}(\Omega), W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$  are based on the  $L^p$ -norm

## Friedrich's Inequality

- Assume that  $\Omega \subset W = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid 0 < x_i < s\}$

$$\Rightarrow \|v\|_0 \leq s |v|, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

Proof Since  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is dense in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ , it suffices to prove

$$\|v\|_0 \leq s |v|, \quad \forall v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$$

extension of  $v$  onto  $W$ :

$$v = \begin{cases} v & \text{in } \Omega \\ 0 & \text{in } W \setminus \Omega \end{cases}$$

$$v(x) = \int_0^{x_1} \partial_1 v(t, x_2, \dots, x_n) dt \leq s^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_0^s |\partial_1 v|^2 dx_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^s |v|^2 dx_1 \leq s^2 \int_0^s |\partial_1 v|^2 dx_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \|v\|_{0, \Omega}^2 = \|v\|_{0, W}^2 = \int_W |v|^2 dx \leq s^2 \int_W |\partial_1 v|^2 dx \leq s^2 \int_W |\nabla v|^2 dx = s^2 |v|_{\Omega}^2$$

Thm Assume that  $\Omega$  is bounded

$$\Rightarrow |\cdot|_m \text{ and } \|\cdot\|_m \text{ are equivalent on } H_0^m(\Omega): |v|_m \leq \|v\|_m \leq C_\Omega |v|_m \quad \forall v \in H_0^m(\Omega)$$

Remark Poincaré's Inequality holds on

$$H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v|_{\Gamma_D} = 0\}$$

$$\hat{H}^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid \int_\Omega v dx = 0\}$$

Problem #1.12

## Possible Singularities of $H^1$ functions

- $L^2(\Omega)$  contains unbounded functions for all  $n$ -dim

$$\underline{n=1} \quad \Omega = (0,1)$$

$$v(x) = x^{-\alpha} \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2} \quad \in H^1(0,1)$$

- $H^1(\Omega)$  contains unbounded functions for  $n \geq 2$  dimensions.

$$\underline{n=1} \quad H^1(a,b) \subset C^0(a,b)$$

$$\underline{n=2} \quad D = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$$

$$u(x,y) = \log \log \frac{2}{r} \in H^1(D) \quad \text{since } \int_0^1 |\partial_r u|^2 r dr = 4 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{r \log^2 r} dr < +\infty$$

$$\underline{n \geq 3} \quad u = r^{-\alpha} \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < \frac{n-2}{2} \in H^1(D)$$

## Compact Imbeddings

Given  $m \geq 0$ , assume that  $\Omega$  is a Lipschitz domain and that  $\Omega$  satisfies a cone condition.

$\implies$  the imbedding  $H^{m+1}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow H^m(\Omega)$  is compact

(A cont. linear mapping  $L: U \rightarrow V$  is compact  $\iff L(B)$  is relatively compact)

HWs 1.10, 1.11, 1.12.

## §2. Variational Formulation of Elliptic BVPs of 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order

### Diffusion and Reaction Eq

$$(P) \begin{cases} Lu \equiv -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u = f & \bar{m} \Omega \\ u|_{\partial \Omega} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} a_0 \geq 0 \quad \bar{m} \Omega \\ \alpha \|\xi\|_{\mathbb{R}^2}^2 \leq \langle A \xi, \xi \rangle \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, \bar{m} \Omega \end{array} \right.$$

classical solution if  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  Dirichlet BCs

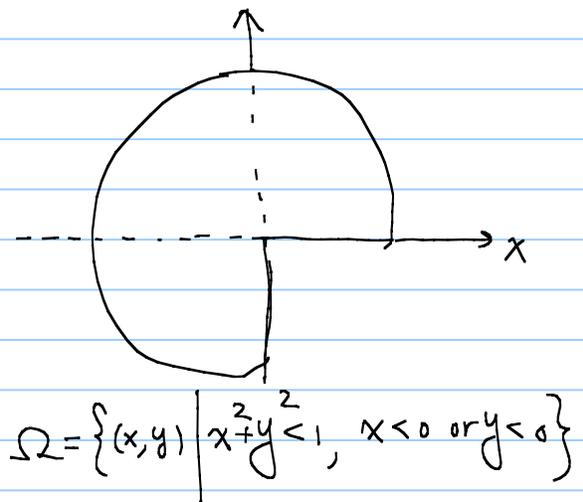
or  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  Neumann BCs

requirements  $\partial \Omega$ , given data — sufficiently smooth  
additional conditions on mixed BCs  $y$

example (reentrant corner  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ )

$$u(r, \theta) = r^{\frac{2}{3}} \bar{m} \left( \frac{2\theta}{3} \right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 & \bar{m} \Omega \\ u(1, \theta) = \bar{m} \left( \frac{2\theta}{3} \right) & 0 < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2} \\ u(r, \theta) = 0 & \theta = 0, \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$



$$\Omega = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1, x > 0 \text{ or } y > 0\}$$

$$\Delta = \partial_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_{\theta\theta}$$

•  $\partial_r u = \frac{2}{3} r^{-\frac{1}{3}} \bar{m} \frac{2\theta}{3}$  unbounded as  $r \rightarrow 0$   $\rightarrow$  no classical der.

• but  $u \in \underline{H^{1+\frac{2}{3}}(\Omega)}$   $\rightarrow$  weak der. exists

$$(M) \quad J(u) = \min_{v \in U} J(v) \quad \text{with} \quad J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - \langle l, v \rangle$$

$$(V) \quad \text{Find } u \in U \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in U.$$

### Characterization Thrm

Let  $V$  be a linear space and  $l: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear funct.  
Assume that  $a: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is sym. bilinear form.

$$\Rightarrow \text{" } J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \iff \text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Moreover,  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is pos. ( $a(v, v) > 0 \quad \forall 0 \neq v \in V$ )

$\Rightarrow$  (M) and (V) with  $U = V$  have a unique solution.

Proof  $\forall u, v \in V, t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$J(u+tv) = J(u) + t[a(u, v) - \langle l, v \rangle] + \frac{1}{2} t^2 a(v, v) \quad (2.3)$$

$\Leftarrow$  • "  $u \in V$  satisfies (2.2) "

$$(2.3) \text{ with } t=1 \Rightarrow \boxed{J(u+v) = J(u) + \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) \geq J(u) \quad \forall 0 \neq v \in V}$$

$\Rightarrow u$  is a minimal pt.

$\Rightarrow$  • "  $J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v)$  "

$$\text{Let } g(t) = J(u+tv) \Rightarrow g(0) = \min_t g(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(t) \Big|_{t=0} = 0 \Rightarrow a(u, v) - \langle l, v \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \in V.$$

• Uniqueness  $a(u_i, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V$

$$\Rightarrow a(u_1 - u_2, v) = 0 \Rightarrow a(u_1 - u_2, u_1 - u_2) = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = u_2 \quad \#$$

### Minimal Property

Assume that a solution  $\bar{u}$  of (2.6) is  $\bar{u} \in V$ .

$$\Rightarrow J(\bar{u}) = \min_{v \in V_0} J(v) \quad \text{with } J(v) = \frac{1}{2} \left( (A \nabla v, \nabla v) + (a_0 v, v) \right) - (f, v)$$

Proof Let  $a(u, v) = (A \nabla u, \nabla v) + (a_0 u, v)$  and  $\langle l, v \rangle = (f, v)$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall v \in V_0 \\ \Rightarrow a(u, v) - \langle l, v \rangle &= (A \nabla u, \nabla v) + (a_0 u, v) - (f, v) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (Lu - f) v \, dx = 0 \end{aligned}$$

class. thm

$$\Rightarrow J(\bar{u}) = \min_{v \in V_0} J(v)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Assume } \exists \underline{u} \text{ s.t. } J(\underline{u}) = \min_{v \in V_0} J(v)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} Lu = f & \bar{\omega} \subset \Omega \\ u|_{\partial \Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Existence of  $\min J(v) \bar{u} \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  ??

## Existence of Solutions of Minimization Prob

Def. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $a: H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bilinear form

$a$  is continuous  $\iff \exists C > 0$  s.t.  $|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\| \|v\| \quad \forall u, v \in H$

$a$  is  $H$ -elliptic  $\iff \exists \alpha > 0$  s.t.  $\alpha \|v\|^2 \leq a(v, v) \quad \forall v \in H$

energy norm  $\|v\|_a = \sqrt{a(v, v)}$

$\uparrow$   
if  $\dim H$  is finite,  $a(v, v) > 0$

## The Lax-Milgram Thrm (Convex set)

Let  $V$  be a closed convex set in a Hilbert space  $H$

let  $a: H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a cont. elliptic bilinear form

$\implies \forall \ell \in H'$ ,  $\exists u \in V$  s.t.

$$J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \quad \text{with } J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - \langle \ell, v \rangle$$

Proof (Existence)

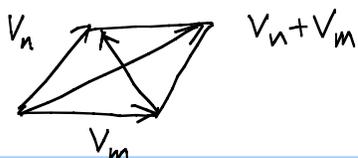
- $J$  is bounded below

$$J(v) \geq \frac{1}{2} \alpha \|v\|^2 - \|\ell\|_{H'} \|v\| = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \|v\| - \frac{1}{\alpha} \|\ell\|_{H'} \right)^2 - \frac{\|\ell\|_{H'}^2}{2\alpha} \geq -\frac{\|\ell\|_{H'}^2}{2\alpha}$$

- Let  $c_1 = \inf_{v \in V} J(v)$  ( $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists v_\varepsilon \in V$  s.t.  $J(v_\varepsilon) \leq c_1 + \varepsilon$ )

$\implies \exists \{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  s.t.  $c_1 \leq J(v_n) \leq c_1 + \frac{1}{n}$  minimizing sequence

- $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H$

Parallelogram law 

$$\alpha \|v_n - v_m\|^2 \leq a(v_n - v_m, v_n - v_m) = 2a(v_n, v_n) + 2a(v_m, v_m) - a(v_n + v_m, v_n + v_m)$$

$$\left( 4 \left[ \frac{1}{2} a(v_n, v_n) - \langle \ell, v_n \rangle \right] + 4 \left[ \frac{1}{2} a(v_m, v_m) - \langle \ell, v_m \rangle \right] - \left[ a(v_n + v_m, v_n + v_m) - 4 \langle \ell, v_n + v_m \rangle \right] \right)$$

$$= 4J(v_n) + 4J(v_m) - 8J\left(\frac{v_n + v_m}{2}\right)$$

$$\left( V \text{ is convex} \Rightarrow \frac{v_n + v_m}{2} \in V \Rightarrow J\left(\frac{v_n + v_m}{2}\right) \geq c_1 \right)$$

$$\leq 4J(v_n) + 4J(v_m) - 8c_1$$

$$\rightarrow 4c_1 + 4c_1 - 8c_1 = 0 \quad \text{as } n, m \rightarrow \infty$$

**V is closed**

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n = u \implies u \in V$

- $J(u) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J(v_n) = \inf_{v \in V} J(v)$

(Uniqueness) Assume that it has 2 solutions  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$\implies \{u_1, u_2, u_1, u_2, \dots\}$  is a minimizing sequence

$\implies$  it is a Cauchy sequence  $\implies \|u_1 - u_2\| = 0 \implies u_1 = u_2$ . #

Remark (1)  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  defines an inner product in  $H$

Riesz Rep. Thm  $\implies \exists \alpha \ell \in H$  s.t.  $\langle \ell, v \rangle = a(\alpha \ell, v) \quad \forall v \in H$

$$\implies J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - a(\alpha \ell, v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v - \alpha \ell, v - \alpha \ell) - \frac{1}{2} a(\alpha \ell, \alpha \ell)$$

$$\implies J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \iff \|u - \alpha \ell\|_a = \min_{v \in V} \|v - \alpha \ell\|_a$$

$u$  is the projection of  $\alpha \ell$  onto  $V$ .

(2)  $V = H$  Given  $l \in H'$ ,  $\exists u \in H$  s.t.  $a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in H$  }  $\Leftrightarrow u = \sigma l$

(3)  $V$  is a closed convex set.

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$$J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \Leftrightarrow u \in V, \quad a(u, v-u) \geq \langle l, v-u \rangle \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Proof  $J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \Leftrightarrow \|u - \sigma l\|_a = \min_{v \in V} \|v - \sigma l\|_a$

?  $\Leftrightarrow a(\sigma l - u, v-u) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in V \Leftrightarrow \langle l, v-u \rangle \leq a(u, v-u) \quad \forall v \in V$

$\|u - \sigma l\|_a^2 \leq \|v - \sigma l\|_a^2 \quad \forall v \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow 0 &\geq \|u - \sigma l\|_a^2 - \|v - \sigma l\|_a^2 \\ &= \|u - \sigma l\|_a^2 - \|(v-u) + (u - \sigma l)\|_a^2 \\ &= -\|v-u\|_a^2 + 2a(\sigma l - u, v-u) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|v-u\|_a^2 \geq 2a(\sigma l - u, v-u) \quad \forall v \in V$$

?  $\Leftrightarrow 0 \geq a(\sigma l - u, v-u) \quad \forall v \in V$

2.8 Def.  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  is a weak solution of  $\begin{cases} Lu = f & \bar{\Omega} \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$

iff  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  satisfies  $a(u, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

2.9 Existence Thrm  $a_{ij}, a_0 \in L^\infty(\Omega), f \in L^2(\Omega)$

Variational problem: find  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  s.t.  $a(u, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$   
always has a solution.

Moreover,  $J(u) = \min_{v \in H_0^1(\Omega)} J(v)$ .

Proof  $a(u, v) = (A \nabla u, \nabla v) + (a_0 u, v)$

$$|a(u, v)| \leq c \|u\|_1 \|v\|_1, \quad \forall u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(v, v) &\geq \alpha |v|_1^2, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ &\geq \alpha C_\Omega \|v\|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\langle \ell, v \rangle| = |(f, v)| \leq \|f\|_0 \|v\|_0$$

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example  $\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \bar{\Omega} \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$

inhomogeneous BCs  $\begin{cases} Lu = f & \bar{\Omega} \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{cases}$

$u_0 \in H^1(\Omega)$

$u_0$  - extension of  $g$  into  $\Omega$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{cases} Lu_0 \text{ exists} \\ u_0|_{\partial\Omega} = g \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} L(u - u_0) = f - Lu_0 & \bar{\Omega} \\ (u - u_0)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Find  $w = u - u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$a(w, v) = (f - Lu_0, v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \parallel & \parallel \\ a(u - u_0, v) & (f, v) - a(u_0, v) \end{matrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Find  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$a(u, v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$u - u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

### Summary

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} Lu \equiv -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

(1) Chara. Thrm  $V$ -linear space,  $l: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  linear,  $a: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  sym. bilinear.

$$(M) \quad J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \iff \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u \in V \\ a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V \end{array} \right] (V)$$

(2)  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  is a solution of (P)  $\xrightarrow{\text{Minimal Principle}}$   $u$  is a solution of (M)

$u \longleftarrow u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  is

it is possible that there is NO  $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  s.t.  $J(u) = \min_{v \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega})} J(v)$

(3) (Existence) The Lax-Milgram Thrm (closed convex set)

$H$ -Hilbert space,  $V \subset H$  - closed convex set,  $a: H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cont. elliptic bilinear

$$\Rightarrow \forall l \in H', \exists u \in V \text{ s.t. } J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v)$$

$$\Downarrow \forall l \in H', \exists u \in V \text{ s.t. } a(u, v - u) \geq \langle l, v - u \rangle \quad \forall v \in V.$$

(4) (V) for (P): Find  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  s.t.  $a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

(5) Inhomogeneous BCs.

### §3. The Mixed BVPs. A Trace Thrm

$$(P) \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ A \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = g & \text{on } \Gamma_N \end{cases} \quad \partial \Omega = \overline{\Gamma_D} \cup \overline{\Gamma_N}$$

$$(f, v) = (-\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u, v) \xrightarrow{\int_{\Gamma_N} g v ds \quad \text{if } v|_{\Gamma_N} = 0} \\ = (A \nabla u, \nabla v) - \int_{\partial \Omega} (\vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u) v ds + (a_0 u, v)$$

$$(V) \text{ Find } u \in H_D^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v|_{\Gamma_D} = 0\} \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \forall v \in H_D^1(\Omega)$$

$$\iff \text{ where } a(u, v) = (A \nabla u, \nabla v) + (a_0 u, v) \\ f(v) = (f, v) + \int_{\Gamma_N} g v ds$$

$$(M) \text{ Find } u \in H_D^1(\Omega) \text{ s.t.} \\ J(u) = \min_{v \in H_D^1(\Omega)} J(v) \quad \text{with } J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - f(v) \\ f \in L^2(\Omega)$$

Thm  $(P) \Rightarrow (V)$  and  $(V) + u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C^1(\overline{\Omega}) \Rightarrow (P)$

Proof  $(V) \xrightarrow{u \in C^2} (P) \quad u \in H_D^1(\Omega) \Rightarrow u|_{\Gamma_D} = 0$

$$0 = f(v) - a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} [f + \operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) - a_0 u] v dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} [g - \vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u] v ds - \int_{\Gamma_D} (\vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u) v ds \\ v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \Rightarrow 0 = \int_{\Omega} [f + \operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) - a_0 u] v dx = 0 \Rightarrow -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$v \in H_D^1(\Omega) \Rightarrow 0 = \int_{\Gamma_N} [g - \vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u] v ds \xrightarrow[\text{chosen arbitrarily}]{v|_{\Gamma_N} \text{ can be}} \vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u|_{\Gamma_N} = g$$

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Thm (V) has a unique solution if  $\text{mes}(\Gamma_D) \neq 0$ . ( $a_0 \geq 0$ )

Proof  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is sym, cont., elliptic  $\|v\|_{0, \Gamma_N} \leq C \|v\|_{1, \Omega}$

$$|f(v)| \leq \|f\| \|v\| + \|g\|_{0, \Gamma_N} \|v\|_{0, \Gamma_N} \leq C (\|f\| + \|g\|_{0, \Gamma_N}) \|v\|_{1, \Omega}.$$

$$\leq \|f\|_{-1} \|v\|_{1} + \|g\|_{-\frac{1}{2}, \Gamma_N} \|v\|_{\frac{1}{2}, \Gamma_N}$$

$$\leq C (\|f\|_{-1} + \|g\|_{-\frac{1}{2}, \Gamma_N}) \|v\|_{1, \Omega}$$

$$\|v\|_{\frac{1}{2}, \Gamma_N} \leq C \|v\|_{1, \Omega}$$

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Pure Neumann BCs ( $\Gamma_D = \emptyset$ ) and  $a_0 = 0$

solution is unique up to an additive const.

$$\hat{H}'(\Omega) = \left\{ v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid \int_{\Omega} v dx = 0 \right\}$$

$$a(v, v) = (A \nabla v, \nabla v) \geq \alpha \|\nabla v\|^2 \geq C \|v\|_{1, \Omega}^2.$$

the compatibility condition ( $A = I$ ,  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $\Gamma_N = \partial\Omega$ )

$$\int_{\Omega} f dx = \int_{\Omega} -\Delta u dx = - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} ds = - \int_{\partial\Omega} g ds$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g ds = 0$$

A Trace Thm Suppose that  $\Omega$  has a Lipschitz boundary.

$\forall p \in [1, +\infty], \exists C > 0$  s.t.

$$u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \Rightarrow u|_{\partial\Omega} \in L^p(\partial\Omega)$$

$$\|u\|_{p, \partial\Omega} \leq C \|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

Proof special case  $p=2$  and  $\Omega = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$   
 $= \{(r,\theta) \mid 0 \leq r < 1, 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi\}$

(1)  $u \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$

$$\|u\|_{0, \partial\Omega} \leq 2^{\frac{3}{4}} \|u\|_{0, \Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{1, \Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Proof  $u^2(1, \theta) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 u^2) dr$

$$= 2 \int_0^1 (r u \nabla u \cdot \frac{(x,y)}{r} + r u^2) dr$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \nabla u \cdot \frac{(x,y)}{r}$$

$$\leq 2 \int_0^1 (|u| |\nabla u| + u^2) r dr$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|_{0, \partial\Omega}^2 = \int_0^{2\pi} u^2(1, \theta) d\theta \leq 2 \int_{\Omega} (|u| |\nabla u| + u^2) dx dy \leq 2^{\frac{3}{2}} \|u\|_{0, \Omega} \|u\|_{1, \Omega}$$

(2)  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$

$$C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \text{ is dense in } H^1(\Omega) \Rightarrow \exists \{u_j\} \subset C^1(\bar{\Omega}) \text{ s.t. } \|u - u_j\|_{1, \Omega} \leq \frac{1}{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u_k - u_j\|_{0, \partial\Omega} \leq C \|u_k - u_j\|_{1, \Omega} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \{u_j\} \text{ is a Cauchy sequence in } L^2(\partial\Omega)$$

$L^2(\partial\Omega)$  is complete

$$\Rightarrow \exists v \in L^2(\partial\Omega) \text{ s.t. } \lim_j \|u_j - v\|_{0, \partial\Omega} = 0$$

Define  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = v$ .

•  $u|_{\partial\Omega}$  is indep. of  $\{u_j\}$

Proof Assume that  $\{v_j\} \subset C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  s.t.  $\lim_j \bar{\|u - v_j\|_{1,\Omega}} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_j \bar{\|v - v_j\|_{0,\partial\Omega}} = 0 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \|v - v_j\|_{0,\partial\Omega} \leq \|v - u\|_{0,\partial\Omega} + \|u_j - v_j\|_{0,\partial\Omega} \\ \leq c \|u_j - v_j\|_{1,\Omega} \end{array} \right)$$

•  $\|u\|_{0,\partial\Omega} \leq c \|u\|_{0,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{1,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Proof  $\|u\|_{0,\partial\Omega} = \|v\|_{0,\partial\Omega} = \lim_j \|u_j\|_{0,\partial\Omega}$

$$\leq c \lim_j \|u_j\|_{0,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u_j\|_{1,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} = c \|u\|_{0,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u\|_{1,\Omega}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \#$$

HW 3.6, 3.8

### §4. The Ritz-Galerkin Method and Some Finite Element

$$(M) \quad J(u) = \min_{v \in V} J(v) \quad \text{with} \quad J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - \langle l, v \rangle$$
$$V = H_0^1(\Omega) \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{H}^1(\Omega)$$

$$(V) \quad \text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t.} \quad a(u, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V$$

finite dimensional subspace  $S_h \subset V$

$$J(u_h) = \min_{v \in S_h} J(v) \iff \text{Find } u_h \in S_h \text{ s.t.}$$
$$a(u_h, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in S_h.$$

$$\text{Let } S_h = \text{span} \left\{ \psi_i(x) \right\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\text{Find } u_h = \sum_j z_j \psi_j(x) \text{ s.t.} \quad a(u_h, \psi_i) = \langle l, \psi_i \rangle \quad \forall i$$

$$Az = b \quad \text{with} \quad A = \left( a(\psi_j, \psi_i) \right)_{N \times N} \quad b = \left( \langle l, \psi_i \rangle \right)_{N \times 1}$$

$\Rightarrow A$  is sym. pos. def.

#### Methods

- Rayleigh-Ritz method  $\forall v \in S_h, v = \sum v_i \psi_i(x)$ 
$$J(u_h) = \min_{v_i} J\left(\sum v_i \psi_i(x)\right) \iff \frac{\partial J\left(\sum v_i \psi_i(x)\right)}{\partial v_j} = 0 \quad \forall j$$
- Galerkin method ( $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is not sym) Ritz-Galerkin —  $a$  is sym.
$$\text{Find } u_h \in S_h \text{ s.t.} \quad a(u_h, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in S_h$$

• Petrov-Galerkin  $\dim S_h = \dim T_h$

Find  $u_h \in S_h$  s.t.  $a(u_h, v) = \langle l, v \rangle \forall v \in T_h$

examples finite volume element, singular function methods

Assumptions  $V \subset H^1(\Omega)$

(1)  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is cont.:  $|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\|, \|v\|, \forall u, v \in V$

(2)  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is  $V$ -elliptic:  $\exists \alpha > 0$  s.t.  $a(v, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|^2, \forall v \in V$

(3)  $l \in V'$ :  $|\langle l, v \rangle| \leq \|l\|_* \|v\|, \forall v \in V.$

Stability  $u_h$ -solution

$$\|u_h\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|l\|_*$$

Proof  $\alpha \|u_h\|_1^2 \leq a(u_h, u_h) = \langle l, u_h \rangle \leq \|l\|_* \|u_h\|_1$  #

Cea's Lemma

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq \frac{C}{\alpha} \inf_{v \in S_h} \|u - v\|_1$$

$a(u - u_h, v) = 0 \forall v \in S_h.$

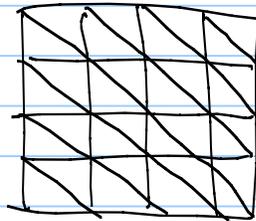
Proof  $\alpha \|u - u_h\|_1^2 \leq a(u - u_h, u - u_h) = a(u - u_h, u - v) \forall v \in S_h$   
 $\leq C \|u - u_h\|_1 \|u - v\|_1$  #

Projection Assume that  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is sym. Let  $\|v\|_a = \sqrt{a(v, v)}$ .

$$\|u - u_h\|_a = \min_{v \in S_h} \|u - v\|_a$$

# Example (Courant 1943)

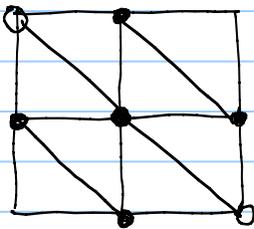
$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \bar{\Omega} = (0,1)^2 \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$



$\mathcal{T}_h$  = a uniform triangulation

$$S_h = \left\{ v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) \mid v|_K \text{ is linear and } v|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \text{span} \{ \psi_i(x) \} \quad \text{nodal basis functions}$$



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WH 4.4, 4.5, 4.8, 4.9

## §5 Finite Element Spaces (Z. Cai)

$$V = H^1(\Omega) \text{ or } H_0^1(\Omega)$$

- Construction of  $S^h \subset V$  where  $S^h$  is piecewise smooth functions

(1) Partition of  $\Omega$

(2) Global smoothness of p. smooth functions in  $V$

(3) Construction of local spaces

- Approximation Properties

### Partition of $\Omega$

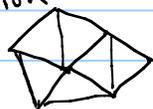
Def (Subdivision)  $\{T_i\}$  is a subdivision of a domain  $\Omega$

- $\iff$
- (1)  $K_i$  are open sets;
  - (2)  $K_i \cap K_j = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$ ;
  - (3)  $\cup \bar{K}_i = \bar{\Omega}$

Def (Triangulation)  $\mathcal{T} = \{K\}$  is a triangulation of a polygonal domain  $\Omega$

- $\iff$
- (1)  $\mathcal{T}$  is a subdivision of  $\Omega$ ;
  - (2)  $\forall K \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $K$  is a triangle (or rectangle)
  - (3) no vertex of any  $K \in \mathcal{T}$  lies in the interior of an edge of  $K' \in \mathcal{T}$

triangulation



not

## Global smoothness

Thm Assume that  $\Omega$  is bounded. Let  $k \geq 1$  and  $v$  be a piecewise infinitely diff. function  $v: \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\Rightarrow " v \in H^k(\Omega) \iff v \in C^{k-1}(\bar{\Omega}) "$$

Proof ( $k=1$ ) Let  $v$  be p. infinitely diff w.r.t  $\mathcal{T} = \{K\}$ .

$$\forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (\partial_i v) \varphi dx = \sum_K \int_K (\partial_i v) \varphi dx = - \int_{\Omega} v \partial_i \varphi dx + \sum_K \int_{\partial K} \varphi v n_i ds$$

$$v \in H^1(\Omega) \iff 0 = \sum_K \int_{\partial K} \varphi v n_i ds = \sum_F \int_F \varphi \llbracket v \rrbracket_F n_i ds \quad F = \partial K \cap \partial K'$$

$$\iff \llbracket v \rrbracket_F = 0 \quad \forall F \iff v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega})$$

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## Construction of Local FE Space

$(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$  is called a finite element  
K - element,  $\mathcal{P}$  - finite-dim space of functions on K  
N - degrees of freedom

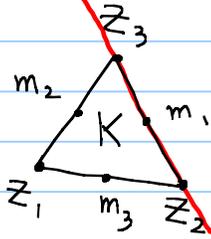
## Triangular Finite Elements

K - triangle,  $\mathcal{P}_k = \{ \text{all poly. of degree } \leq k \}$ ,  $\dim \mathcal{P}_k = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2)$

$\mathcal{N}_k = ?$

$k=1$

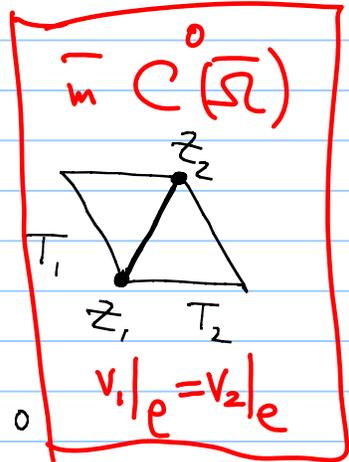
$L_i: L_i(x,y) = a_i + b_i x + c_i y = 0$



$\mathcal{P}_1 = \text{span}\{1, x, y\}, \mathcal{N}_1 = \{N_1, N_2, N_3\}$

• Linear Lagrange Element

$N_i(v) = v(z_i)$



Lemma ( $\mathcal{N}_1$  determines  $\mathcal{P}_1$ )

$\forall v \in \mathcal{P}_1, N_i(v) = v(z_i) = 0 \implies v \equiv 0$  on  $K$

Proof  $v|_{L_1} = a + bs$  is linear and  $v(z_2) = v(z_3) = 0$

$\implies v \equiv 0$  on  $L_1 \implies v = c L_1(x,y)$  where  $c$  is a const.

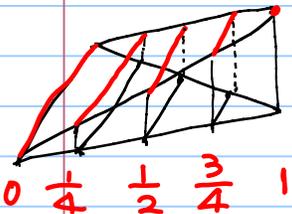
$\xrightarrow{v(z_1)=0} c = 0 \implies v \equiv 0$  on  $K$ . #

Nodal Basis Functions  $N_j(\phi_i) = \phi_i(z_j) = \delta_{ij}$

$\phi_1 = \lambda_1(x,y)$

$\phi_1(z_2) = \phi_1(z_3) = 0 \implies \phi_1|_{L_1} \equiv 0 \implies \phi_1 = c L_1(x,y)$

$\phi_1(z_1) = 1 \implies \phi_1(x,y) = \frac{L_1(x,y)}{L_1(z_1)} = \lambda_1(x,y)$

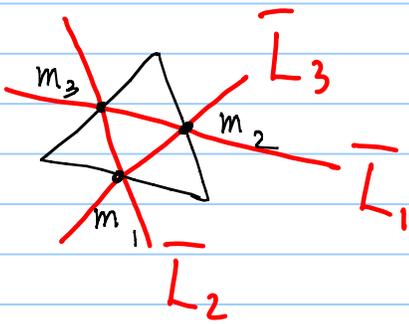


Barycentric coordinate  $\lambda_i(z_j) = \delta_{ij}$

$\lambda_i(x,y) = \frac{L_i(x,y)}{L_i(z_i)}$

$\lambda_1(x,y) + \lambda_2(x,y) + \lambda_3(x,y) \equiv 1$  on  $K$ .

- Crouzeix-Raviart element  $N_{\bar{c}}(v) = v(m_{\bar{c}})$  not in  $C^0(\bar{\Omega})$



(1)  $N_i$  determines  $\mathcal{P}_1$

(2) Nodal basis functions

$$\phi_i = \frac{\bar{L}_i(x, y)}{\bar{L}_i(m_i)}$$

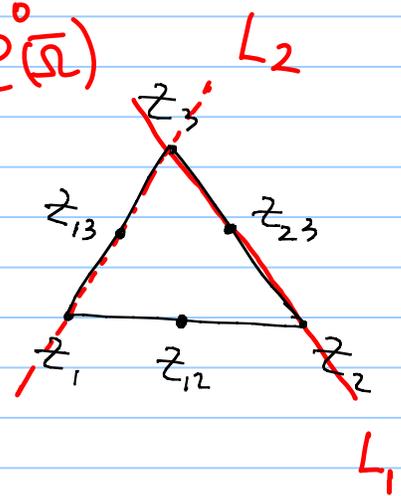
$k=2$  (quadratic Lagrange element)

in  $C^0(\bar{\Omega})$

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \text{span} \{1, x, y, x^2, xy, y^2\}$$

$$N_2 = \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_{12}, N_{13}, N_{23}\}$$

$$N_{\bar{c}}(v) = v(z_{\bar{c}}), \quad N_{ij}(v) = v(z_{ij})$$



Lemma ( $N_2$  determines  $\mathcal{P}_2$ )

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{P}_2, v(z_{\bar{c}}) = 0, v(z_{ij}) = 0 \implies v \equiv 0 \text{ on } K$$

Proof  $v|_{L_1} = a + bs + cs^2$  and  $v(z_{12}) = v(z_{23}) = v(z_{13}) = 0$

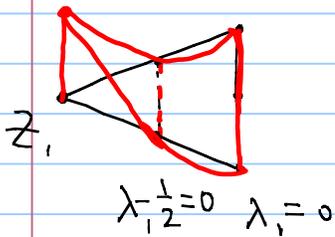
$$\implies v|_{L_1} \equiv 0 \implies v = L_1(x, y) Q_1(x, y) \text{ with } Q_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1$$

$$v|_{L_2} = L_1(x, y) Q_1(x, y)|_{L_2} \equiv 0 \implies Q_1(x, y)|_{L_2} = 0 \text{ except possible at } z_3$$

$$\implies Q_1|_{L_2} \equiv 0 \implies Q_1(x, y) = c L_2(x, y)$$

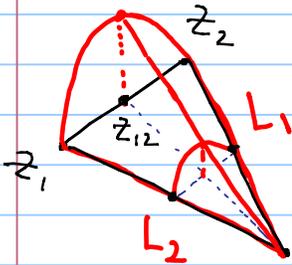
$$\implies v = c L_1(x, y) L_2(x, y) \xrightarrow{v(z_{12})=0} c=0 \implies v \equiv 0. \quad \#$$

## Nodal Basis Functions



$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_1(x, y) &= c \lambda_1(x, y) (2\lambda_1 - 1) \\ 1 = \phi_1(z_1) &= c \end{aligned} \right\} \phi_1 = \lambda_1 (2\lambda_1 - 1)$$

$$\phi_i(x, y) = \lambda_i(x, y) (2\lambda_i(x, y) - 1)$$

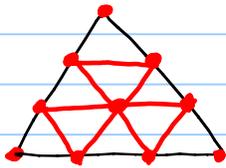


$$\phi_{12} = c \lambda_1 \lambda_2$$

$$1 = \phi_{12}(z_{12}) = c \lambda_1(z_{12}) \lambda_2(z_{12}) = \frac{c}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{12} = 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2, \quad \phi_{13} = 4\lambda_1 \lambda_3, \quad \phi_{23} = 4\lambda_2 \lambda_3$$

## k=3 (Cubic Lagrange Element)



$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_3, \quad \dim \mathcal{P}_3 = 10$$

3 vertex nodes

3(k-1) = 3(3-1) = 6 distinct edge nodes

+  $\frac{1}{2}(k-2)(k-1) = \frac{1}{2}(3-2)(3-1) = 1$  interior nodes

$$\dim \mathcal{P}_k = \frac{1}{2}(k+2)(k+1)$$

$\mathcal{N}_3$  — nodal values

$\mathcal{N}_k$  — nodal values

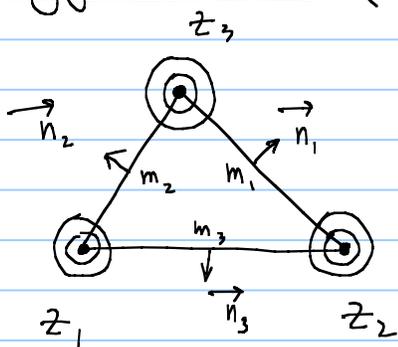
$$\mathcal{N}_3 \text{ determines } \mathcal{P}_3 \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{P}_3 \text{ and } \mathcal{N}_3(v) = 0 \Rightarrow v = c L_1 L_2 L_3 \xrightarrow{v(\text{int. node})=0} c = 0 \Rightarrow v \equiv 0$$

$\mathcal{N}_k$  determines  $\mathcal{P}_k$

$$v = L_1 L_2 L_3 Q \text{ with } Q \in \mathcal{P}_{k-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 0 \text{ at all interior nodes} \Rightarrow Q \equiv 0 \Rightarrow v \equiv 0$$

# The Argyris Element ( $C^1$ -element)

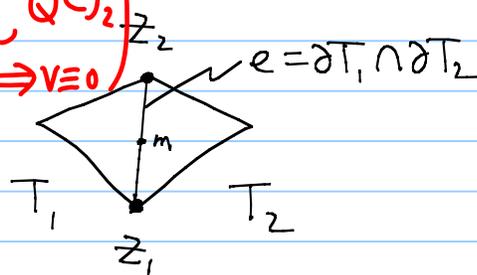


$$\mathcal{N} = \{N_i\}_{i=1}^{21}$$

• values	$3 \times 1$
• gradient	$3 \times 2$
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> der.	$3 \times 3$
• normal der.	$3 \times 1$
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	$3 \times 7 = 21$

$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_5$ ,  $\dim \mathcal{P}_5 = 21$

- $\mathcal{N}$  determines  $\mathcal{P}_5$  ( $v|_{L_i} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow v = L_1 L_2 L_3 Q, Q \in \mathcal{P}_2$   
 $Q(z_i) = 0, Q(m_j) = 0 \Rightarrow Q = 0 \Rightarrow v \equiv 0$ )
- The Argyris Element is in  $C^1(\Omega)$



Proof  $\mathcal{I}_i f \in \mathcal{P}_5(T_i)$  — interpolant:

$$N_j^i(\mathcal{I}_i f) = N_j^i(f), \quad i=1,2; \quad j=1, \dots, 21$$

Set  $W = \mathcal{I}_1 f - \mathcal{I}_2 f$   $\nearrow$   $w|_e = \mathcal{P}_5(s)$   $\begin{cases} 2 \text{ values} \\ 2 \text{ 1st der. along } s \\ 2 \text{ 2nd der.} \end{cases}$

On  $e$   $w|_e = 0$  for 6 DoF  $\Rightarrow w|_e \equiv 0 \Rightarrow C^0$ -element

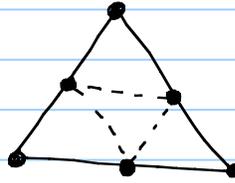
$$w|_e \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{t}}|_e = 0}$$

Let  $r = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{n}}|_e \in \mathcal{P}_4(e)$  and  $r(z_1) = r(z_2) = r(m) = 0$   
 $r'(z_1) = r'(z_2) = 0$

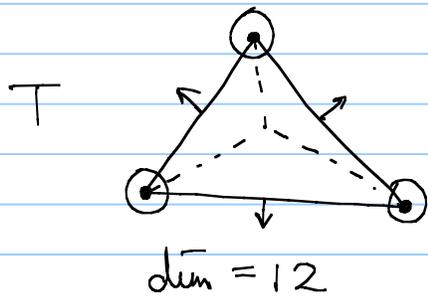
$$\Rightarrow r \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \vec{n}}|_e = 0} \Rightarrow C^1\text{-element.}$$

# Composite Elements

- $C^0$  macro-piecewise linear triangle



- Hsieh-Clough-Tocher Element



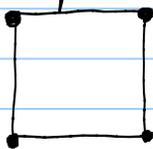
$$u \in C^1(\Omega)$$

$$T = \bigcup_{i=1}^3 K_i$$

$$u|_{K_i} \in \mathcal{P}_3$$

# Rectangular Elements

- bilinear quadratic element



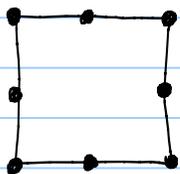
$$u|_K \in \text{span}\{1, x, y, xy\} = Q_1$$

$$u \in C^0(\Omega)$$

- Serendipity Element

$$Q_2 = \text{span}\{1, x, y, xy, x^2, y^2, x^2y, xy^2, \underline{\underline{x^2y^2}}\}$$

$$u \in C^0(\Omega)$$



$$u|_K \in \text{span}\{1, x, y, x^2, y^2, xy, x^2y, xy^2\}$$

## • Approximation Properties

$$S_h = \left\{ v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) \mid v|_K \in \mathcal{P}_k(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\}$$

local interpolation operator

$$I_K v = \sum_{\bar{i}} v(a_{\bar{i}}) \varphi_{\bar{i}}(x)$$

global interpolation operator

$$I_h v|_K = I_K v \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \quad \forall v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}).$$

affine mapping  $F_K: \hat{K} \rightarrow K$  by  $\hat{K}$  — a reference triangle with  $\hat{h} = \text{diam}(\hat{K}) = O(1)$

$$x = F_K(\hat{x}) = B_K \hat{x} + \vec{b}_K \quad \leftarrow dx_1\text{-vector}$$

↙  
dxd — nonsingular matrix

Proposition  $\forall v \in H^m(K)$  with  $m \geq 0$ , define

$$\hat{v} = v \circ F_K \quad \left( \hat{v}(\hat{x}) = v(F_K(\hat{x})) \right)$$

$\implies \hat{v} \in H^m(\hat{K})$  and  $\exists$  const  $C(m, d)$  s.t.

$$(i) \quad |\hat{v}|_{m, \hat{K}} \leq C \|B_K\|^m |\det B_K|^{-\frac{1}{2}} |v|_{m, K} \quad \forall v \in H^m(K)$$

$$(ii) \quad |v|_{m, K} \leq C \|B_K^{-1}\|^m |\det B_K|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\hat{v}|_{m, \hat{K}} \quad \forall \hat{v} \in H^m(\hat{K})$$

where  $\|B_K\| = \sup_{0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\|B_K x\|_{\ell^2}}{\|x\|_{\ell^2}}$

Proof  $C^\infty(K)$  is dense in  $H^m(K)$ , it suffices to prove (i) for  $v \in C^\infty(K)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m=1 \\ \|\hat{v}\|_{1, \hat{K}}^2 &= \int_{\hat{K}} \|\hat{\nabla} \hat{v}\|_{\ell_2}^2 d\hat{x} \\ &= \int_K \|B_K \nabla v\|_{\ell_2}^2 |\det B_K^{-1}| dx \\ &\leq \|B_K\| |\det B_K^{-1}| \int_K \|\nabla v\|_{\ell_2}^2 dx \\ &= \|B_K\| |\det B_K^{-1}| \|v\|_{1, K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}(\hat{x}) &= v(F_K(\hat{x})) \\ \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}_i} &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \hat{x}_i} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \hat{x}_i} = \left( \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \hat{x}_i}, \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \hat{x}_i} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} \\ \hat{\nabla} \hat{v} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \hat{x}_i} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \hat{x}_i} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial \hat{x}_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial \hat{x}_2} \end{pmatrix} \nabla v = B_K \nabla v \\ x &= B_K \hat{x} + \vec{b}_K \Rightarrow B_K = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \hat{x}} \\ d\hat{x} &= \left| \det \left( \frac{\partial \hat{x}}{\partial x} \right) \right| dx = |\det B_K^{-1}| dx \end{aligned}$$

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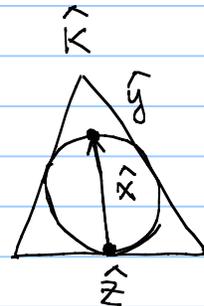
$$\begin{aligned} h_K &= \text{diam}(K), \quad \hat{h} = \text{diam}(\hat{K}), \quad \rho_K = \sup \{ \text{diam}(S) \mid S \text{ is a ball contained in } K \} \\ \hat{\rho} &= \sup \{ \text{diam}(S) \mid S \text{ is a ball contained in } \hat{K} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition Assume that  $K$  and  $\hat{K}$  are affine-equivalent

$$\left( \exists F_K : \hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow x = F_K(\hat{x}) = B_K \hat{x} + \vec{b}_K \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } K = F_K(\hat{K}) \right)$$

where  $B_K$  is nonsingular

$$\Rightarrow \|B_K\| \leq \frac{h_K}{\hat{\rho}} \text{ and } \|B_K^{-1}\| \leq \frac{\hat{h}}{\rho}$$



Proof  $\|B_K\| = \sup_{\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\|B_K \hat{x}\|}{\|\hat{x}\|} = \sup_{\|\hat{x}\| = \hat{\rho}} \frac{\|B_K \hat{x}\|}{\hat{\rho}}$

For  $\hat{x}$  with  $\|\hat{x}\| = \hat{\rho}$ ,  $\exists \hat{y}, \hat{z} \in \hat{K}$  s.t.  $\hat{x} = \hat{y} - \hat{z}$

$$\Rightarrow B_K \hat{x} = B_K \hat{y} - B_K \hat{z} = F_K(\hat{y}) - F_K(\hat{z})$$

$$\Rightarrow \|B_K \hat{x}\| = \|F_K(\hat{y}) - F_K(\hat{z})\| \leq h_K \quad (F_K(\hat{y}), F_K(\hat{z}) \in K)$$

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Thrm For  $0 \leq m \leq k+1$  with  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\exists$  const  $C = C(\hat{K}, I_{\hat{K}}^k, k, m, d)$  s.t.

$$\left| v - I_K^k(v) \right|_{m,K} \leq C \frac{h_K^{k+1}}{\rho_K^m} |v|_{k+1,K} \quad \forall v \in H^{k+1}(K).$$

Proof  $I_K^k$  is well defined on  $H^{k+1}(K)$  since  $H^{k+1}(K) \hookrightarrow C^0(\bar{K})$ .

$$\left| v - I_K^k(v) \right|_{m,K} \leq C \|B_K^{-1}\|^m \left| \det B_K \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| v - I_{\hat{K}}^k(v) \right|_{m,\hat{K}}$$

$$\widehat{v - I_K^k(v)} = (v - I_K^k(v)) \circ F_K = \hat{v} - I_{\hat{K}}^k(v) \circ F_K$$

$$= \hat{v} - \sum_{i=1}^k v(a_i; K) \mathcal{G}_i \circ F_K$$

$$= \hat{v} - \sum_{i=1}^k v(F_K(\hat{a}_i)) \hat{\mathcal{G}}_i$$

$$= \hat{v} - \sum_{i=1}^k \hat{v}(\hat{a}_i) \hat{\mathcal{G}}_i$$

$$= \hat{v} - I_{\hat{K}}^k(\hat{v})$$

$$I_{\hat{K}}^k(v) = \sum_{i=1}^k v(a_i; K) \mathcal{G}_i(x)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_i = \mathcal{G}_i \circ F_K$$

$$\hat{v}(\hat{a}_i) = v(F_K(a_i))$$

$$\|B_K^{-1}\|^m \leq C \frac{h_K^m}{\rho_K^m} = C \rho_K^{-m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| v - I_K^k(v) \right|_{m,K} \leq C \rho_K^{-m} \left| \det B_K \right|^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \hat{v} - I_{\hat{K}}^k(\hat{v}) \right|_{m,\hat{K}} \quad (*)$$

$$\left| \hat{v} - I_{\hat{K}}^k(\hat{v}) \right|_{m,\hat{K}} = \left| (I - I_{\hat{K}}^k)(\hat{v}) \right|_{m,\hat{K}} = \left| (I - I_{\hat{K}}^k)(\hat{v} + \hat{p}) \right|_{m,\hat{K}} \quad \forall \hat{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k \quad \left( (I - I_{\hat{K}}^k)\hat{p} = 0 \right)$$

**Bramble-Hilbert Lemma**

$$\leq \|I - I_{\hat{K}}^k\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^{k+1}(\hat{K}), H^m(\hat{K}))} \inf_{\hat{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k} \|\hat{v} + \hat{p}\|_{k+1,\hat{K}}$$

**Deny-Lions Lemma**

$$\leq C(I_{\hat{K}}^k, \hat{K}) |\hat{v}|_{k+1,\hat{K}}$$

$$|\hat{v}|_{k+1, \hat{K}} \leq C \|B_K\|^{k+1} |\det B_K|^{-\frac{1}{2}} |v|_{k+1, K}$$

$$\leq C h_K^{k+1} |\det B_K|^{-\frac{1}{2}} |v|_{k+1, K}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\hat{v} - I_R^k(\hat{v})|_{m, \hat{K}} \leq C h_K^{k+1} |\det B_K|^{-\frac{1}{2}} |v|_{k+1, K} \quad (**)$$

$$(*) \text{ and } (**) \Rightarrow |v - I_K^k(v)|_{m, K} \leq C h_K^{k+1} \rho_K^m |v|_{k+1, K} \quad \#$$

### Remark

(1)  $\forall v \in H^{\underline{l+1}}(K)$  with  $1 \leq l < k$

$$|I - I_K^k(v)|_{m, K} \leq C h_K^{l+1} \rho_K^{-m} |v|_{l+1, K} \quad \text{for } m=0, \dots, l+1.$$

(2) similar results hold for interpolation in  $W^{k+1, p}(K)$

(3)

$$|v - I_K^k v|_{m, \infty, K} \leq C \begin{cases} |K|^{-\frac{1}{2}} h_K^{l+1} \rho_K^{-m} |v|_{l+1, K} & 1 \leq l \leq k \\ & 0 \leq m < l+1 - \frac{d}{2} \\ h_K^{l+1} \rho_K^{-m} |v|_{l+1, \infty, K} & 1 \leq l \leq k \\ & 0 \leq m \leq l+1 \end{cases}$$

Regular Triangulation A family of triangulations  $\{\mathcal{T}_h\}_{h>0}$  is regular.

$$\Leftrightarrow \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \frac{h_K}{\rho_K} \leq \sigma \quad \forall h > 0.$$

Thm Let  $\mathcal{I}_h$  be regular and  $m=0,1,k \geq 1$ .  $\forall v \in H^{\ell+1}(\Omega)$  with  $1 \leq \ell \leq k$

$$\Rightarrow \|v - \mathcal{I}_h^k(v)\|_{m,\Omega} \leq C h^{\ell+1-m} \|v\|_{\ell+1,\Omega}$$

Deny-Lions Lemma

$\forall v \in H^{k+1}(K)$ ,  $\exists$  const  $C(k,K)$  s.t.

$$\inf_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k} \|v + p\|_{k+1,K} \leq C \|v\|_{k+1,K}$$

Proof

First, prove that  $\exists$  const  $C=C(K) > 0$  s.t.

$$\|v\|_{k+1,K} \leq C \left[ \|v\|_{k+1,K}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \left( \int_K D^\alpha v \, dx \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \forall v \in H^{k+1}(K) \quad (*)$$

Now, for  $v \in H^{k+1}(K)$ ,  $\exists 1 \, \tilde{p} \in \mathcal{P}_k$  s.t.  $\int_K D^\alpha \tilde{p} \, dx = - \int_K D^\alpha v \, dx \quad \forall |\alpha| \leq k$

$$\dim \mathcal{P}_k = \# \{ \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \mid \alpha_i \text{ integer, } |\alpha| \leq k \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \inf_{p \in \mathcal{P}_k} \|v + p\|_{k+1,K} \leq \|v + \tilde{p}\|_{k+1,K} \leq C \left[ \|v + \tilde{p}\|_{k+1,K}^2 + 0 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = C \|v\|_{k+1,K} \quad \#$$

Proof of (\*) (compactness argument) Assume that (\*) is wrong.

$$\Rightarrow \exists \{v_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \subset H^{k+1}(K) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\|v_j\|_{k+1,K} = 1 \quad \text{but} \quad \|v_j\|_{k+1,K}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \left( \int_K D^\alpha v_j \, dx \right)^2 < \frac{1}{j}$$

$X \hookrightarrow Y$  : (1)  $X \subset Y$ ; (2)  $\|\cdot\|_Y \leq C \|\cdot\|_X$   
 $\bar{\cdot}$  is compact

(3) any bounded set in  $X$  is precompact in  $Y$ .

(every bounded seq. in  $X$  has a subseq. that is Cauchy in  $Y$ )

$H^{k+1}(K) \hookrightarrow H^k(K)$  is compact }  $\Rightarrow \exists \{v_j\}$  that converges in  $H^k(K)$   
 $\|v_j\|_{k+1, K} = 1$

$\Rightarrow \{v_j\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H^{k+1}(K)$

$$\|v_j - v_{j'}\|_{k+1, K}^2 = \|v_j - v_{j'}\|_{k+1, K}^2 + \|v_j - v_{j'}\|_{k, K}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow \exists w \in H^{k+1}(K)$  s.t.  $v_j \rightarrow w$  in  $H^{k+1}(K)$

$$\Rightarrow \|w\|_{k+1, K} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \|v_j\|_{k+1, K} = 1$$

But

$$0 = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \|v_j\|_{k+1, K}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \left( \int_K D^\alpha v_j dx \right)^2 \right] = \|w\|_{k+1, K}^2 + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \left( \int_K D^\alpha w dx \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^\alpha w = 0 \quad |\alpha| = k+1 \\ \int_K D^\alpha w dx = 0 \quad |\alpha| \leq k \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow w \equiv 0$$

contradictory with  $\|w\|_{k+1, K} = 1$

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## Inverse Estimates

Thm Let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  be regular. Then  $\exists c > 0$  s.t.

$$\|v\|_t \leq c h^{m-t} \|v\|_m \quad \forall v \in S_h, \quad \forall 0 \leq m \leq t.$$

## Clément-Type Interpolation

standard interpolation  $I_h v|_K = I_K v$  and  $I_K v = \sum \underline{v(a_i)} \varphi_i(x)$

$$\text{Let } S_h' = \left\{ v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) \mid v|_K \in P_1(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h \right\} \\ = \text{span} \{ \varphi_i(x) \}$$

$\forall v \in L^2(\Omega)$ , define

$$I_h v = \sum_i v_i \varphi_i(x) \quad \text{with} \quad v_i = \frac{1}{|w_i|} \int_{w_i} v \, dx, \quad w_i = \text{supp} \{ \varphi_i \}$$

## §7. Errors Bounds for Elliptic Problems of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order

### Remarks on Regularity

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A \nabla u) + a_0 u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\Gamma_D} = g_D \text{ and } \vec{n} \cdot A \nabla u|_{\Gamma_N} = g_N \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in H^1_{g,D}(\Omega) \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \forall v \in H^1_{g,D}(\Omega) \end{cases}$$

It is  $H^s$ -regular ( $s \geq 1$ ) if

$$\|u\|_s \leq C \left( \|f\|_{s-2} + \|g_D\|_{s-\frac{1}{2}, \Gamma_D} + \|g_N\|_{s-\frac{3}{2}, \Gamma_N} \right)$$

Let  $g_D = 0$  and  $g_N = 0$ .

### Error Bounds in the Energy Norm

Let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  be a regular triangulation,  $S_h^k = \{v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) \mid v|_K \in P_k(K) \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$

$u_h \in S_h^k$  be the FEA, then

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq ch \|u\|_2 \leq ch \|f\|_0$$

Remark 7.4.  $O(h^2)$  is not possible due to non-smooth  $\partial\Omega$

- quadratic & cubic are better than linear even if  $u \notin H^3(\Omega)$ .

$L^2$ -Estimates If  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ , then

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq ch^2 \|f\|_0$$

$L^\infty$ -Estimates

$$\|u - u_h\|_\infty \leq ch^2 |\log h|^{\frac{3}{2}} \|D^2 u\|_\infty$$

## §8 Computational Considerations

- construction of a grid by partitioning  $\Omega$   
setting up the stiffness matrix
- solution of the system of algebraic equations

## Adaptive Mesh Refinement

Solve  $\rightarrow$  Estimate  $\rightarrow$  Mark  $\rightarrow$  Refine