



2.29 Numerical Fluid Mechanics

Spring 2015 – Lecture 23

REVIEW Lecture 22:

- Grid Generation
 - Basic concepts and structured grids, Cont'd
 - General coordinate transformation
 - Differential equation methods
 - Conformal mapping methods
 - Unstructured grid generation
 - Delaunay Triangulation
 - Advancing Front method
- Finite Element Methods $\tilde{u}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_i(x) \Rightarrow L(\tilde{u}(x)) - f(x) = R(x) \neq 0$
 - Introduction
 - Method of Weighted Residuals:
 - Galerkin, Subdomain and Collocation
 - General Approach to Finite Elements:
 - Steps in setting-up and solving the discrete FE system
 - Galerkin Examples in 1D and 2D

$$\int_t \int_V R(\mathbf{x}) w_i(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} dt = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



TODAY (Lecture 23): Intro. to Finite Elements, Cont'd

- Finite Element Methods
 - Introduction
 - Method of Weighted Residuals: Galerkin, Subdomain and Collocation
 - General Approach to Finite Elements:
 - Steps in setting-up and solving the discrete FE system
 - Galerkin Examples in 1D and 2D
 - Computational Galerkin Methods for PDE: general case
 - Variations of MWR: summary
 - Finite Elements and their basis functions on local coordinates (1D and 2D)
 - Isoparametric finite elements and basis functions on local coordinates (1D, 2D, triangular)
 - High-Order: Motivation
 - Continuous and Discontinuous Galerkin FE methods:
 - CG vs. DG
 - Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin (HDG): Main idea and example
 - DG: Worked simple example
- Finite Volume on Complex geometries



References and Reading Assignments

Finite Element Methods

- Chapters 31 on “Finite Elements” of “Chapra and Canale, Numerical Methods for Engineers, 2006.”
- Lapidus and Pinder, 1982: Numerical solutions of PDEs in Science and Engineering.
- Chapter 5 on “Weighted Residuals Methods” of Fletcher, Computational Techniques for Fluid Dynamics. Springer, 2003.
- Some Refs on Finite Elements only:
 - Hesthaven J.S. and T. Warburton. Nodal discontinuous Galerkin methods, vol. 54 of Texts in Applied Mathematics. Springer, New York, 2008. Algorithms, analysis, and applications
 - Mathematical aspects of discontinuous Galerkin methods (Di Pietro and Ern, 2012)
 - Theory and Practice of Finite Elements (Ern and Guermond, 2004)



General Approach to Finite Elements

1. Discretization: divide domain into “finite elements”

- Define nodes (vertex of elements) and nodal lines/planes

2. Set-up Element equations

i. Choose appropriate basis functions $\phi_i(x)$: $\tilde{u}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_i(x)$

- 1D Example with Lagrange's polynomials: Interpolating functions $N_i(x)$

$$\tilde{u} = a_0 + a_1 x = u_1 N_1(x) + u_2 N_2(x) \quad \text{where } N_1(x) = \frac{x_2 - x}{x_2 - x_1} \text{ and } N_2(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

- With this choice, we obtain for example the 2nd order CDS and

Trapezoidal rule: $\frac{d\tilde{u}}{dx} = a_1 = \frac{u_2 - u_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ and $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \tilde{u} dx = \frac{u_1 + u_2}{2} (x_2 - x_1)$

ii. Evaluate coefficients of these basis functions by approximating the equations to be solved in an optimal way

- This develops the equations governing the element's dynamics
- Two main approaches: Method of Weighted Residuals (MWR) or Variational Approach
 - ⇒ Result: relationships between the unknown coefficients a_i so as to satisfy the PDE in an optimal approximate way

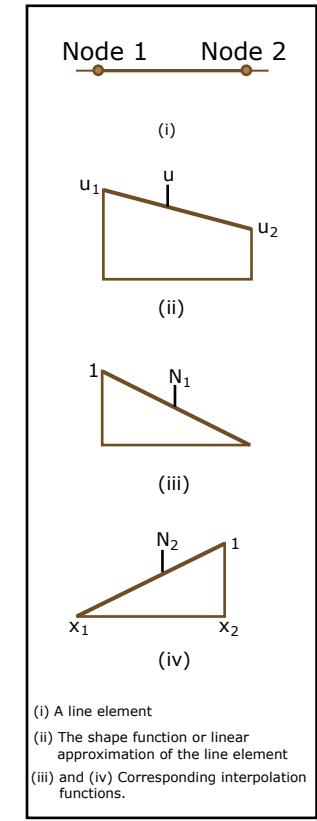


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General Approach to Finite Elements, Cont'd

2. Set-up Element equations, Cont'd

- Mathematically, combining i. and ii. gives the element equations: a set of (often linear) algebraic equations for a given element e :

$$\mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{u}_e = \mathbf{f}_e$$

where \mathbf{K}_e is the element property matrix (stiffness matrix in solids), \mathbf{u}_e the vector of unknowns at the nodes and \mathbf{f}_e the vector of external forcing

3. Assembly:

- After the individual element equations are derived, they must be assembled: i.e. impose continuity constraints for contiguous elements
- This leads to:

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

where \mathbf{K} is the assemblage property or coefficient matrix, \mathbf{u} the vector of unknowns at the nodes and \mathbf{f} the vector of external forcing

4. Boundary Conditions: Modify “ $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$ ” to account for BCs

5. Solution: use LU, banded, iterative, gradient or other methods

6. Post-processing: compute secondary variables, errors, plot, etc



Galerkin's Method: Simple Example

Differential Equation

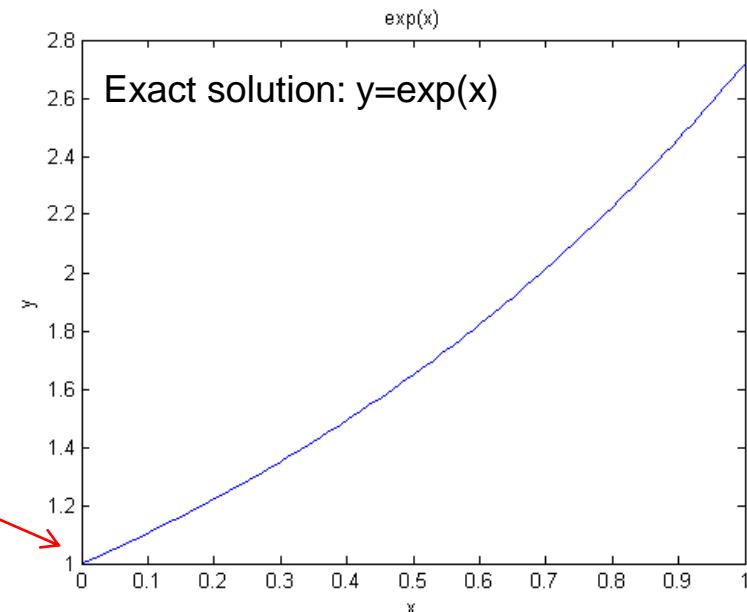
$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$$

Boundary Conditions

$$y = 1, \quad x = 0$$

1. Discretization:

Generic N (here 3) equidistant nodes along x ,
at $x = [0, 0.5, 1]$



2. Element equations:

i. Basis (Shape) Functions:

Power Series
(Modal basis)

Note: this is equivalent to imposing the BC on the full sum

$$\tilde{y} = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j x^j$$

Boundary Condition

$$\tilde{y} = \sum_{j=0}^N a_j x^j$$

$$a_0 = 1$$

In this simple example, a single element is chosen to cover the whole domain \Rightarrow the element/mass matrix is the full one ($\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{K}_e$)



Galerkin's Method: Simple Example, Cont'd

ii. Optimal coefficients with MWR: set weighted residuals (remainder) to zero

Remainder: $R = \frac{d\tilde{y}}{dx} - \tilde{y}$

$$R = -1 + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j (jx^{j-1} - x^j)$$

Galerkin \Rightarrow set remainder orthogonal to each shape function:

Denoting inner products as: $(f, g) = \int_0^1 f g dx$

leads to: $\underline{(R, x^{k-1}) = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, N}$

which then leads to the Algebraic Equations:

$$\mathbf{Ma} = \mathbf{d} \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

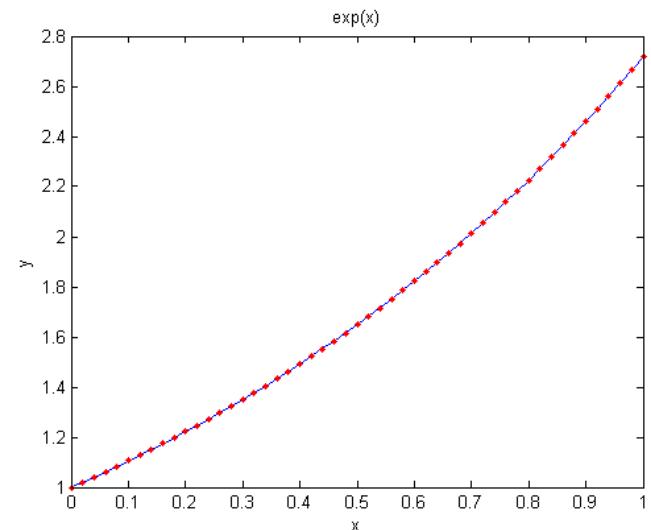
$$j = 1, \dots, N$$

$$d_k = (1, x^{k-1})$$

$$m_{kj} = (jx^{j-1} - x^j, x^{k-1}) = \frac{j}{j+k-1} - \frac{1}{j+k}$$

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N=3;
d=zeros(N,1);
m=zeros(N,N);
for k=1:N
    d(k)=1/k;
    for j=1:N
        m(k,j) = j/(j+k-1)-1/(j+k);
    end
end
a=inv(m)*d;
y=ones(1,n);
for k=1:N
    y=y+a(k)*x.^k
end
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Galerkin's Method Simple Example, Cont'd

3 - 4. Assembly and boundary conditions:

Already done (element fills whole domain)

5. Solution: For $N = 3$

BCs already set

$$\mathbf{a}^T = [1.0141, 0.4225, 0.2817];$$

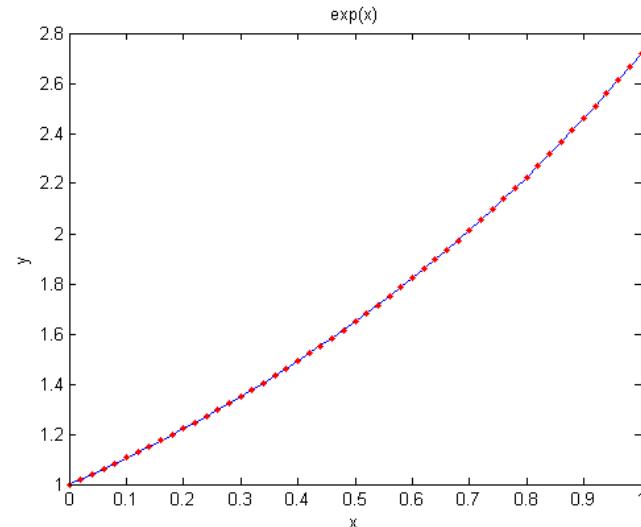
$$\tilde{y} = 1 + 1.0141x + 0.4225x^2 + 0.2817x^3$$

L_2 Error:

$$L_2 = \|y - \tilde{y}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{\ell=1}^L (y(x_\ell) - \tilde{y}(x_\ell))^2}$$

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Comparisons with other Weighted Residual Methods

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$$

$$\tilde{y} = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j x^j$$

Least Squares

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/4 & 1/5 \\ 1/4 & 8/15 & 2/3 \\ 1/5 & 2/3 & 33/35 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 \\ 2/3 \\ 3/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Galerkin

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 2/3 & 3/4 \\ 1/6 & 5/12 & 11/20 \\ 1/12 & 3/10 & 13/30 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Subdomain Method

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5/18 & 8/81 & 11/324 \\ 3/18 & 20/81 & 69/324 \\ 1/18 & 26/81 & 163/324 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Collocation

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.75 & 0.625 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Comparisons with other Weighted Residual Methods

Comparison of coefficients for approximate solution of $dy/dx - y = 0$

Scheme \ Coefficient	a_1	a_2	a_3
Least squares	1.0131	0.4255	0.2797
Galerkin	1.0141	0.4225	0.2817
Subdomain	1.0156	0.4219	0.2813
Collocation	1.0000	0.4286	0.2857
Taylor series	1.0000	0.5000	0.1667
Optimal $L_{2,d}$	1.0138	0.4264	0.2781

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Comparison of approximate solutions of $dy/dx - y = 0$

x	Least squares	Galerkin	Subdomain	Collocation	Taylor series	Optimal $L_{2,d}$	Exact
0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
0.2	1.2219	1.2220	1.2223	1.2194	1.2213	1.2220	1.2214
0.4	1.4912	1.4913	1.4917	1.4869	1.4907	1.4915	1.4918
0.6	1.8214	1.8214	1.8220	1.8160	1.8160	1.8219	1.8221
0.8	2.2260	2.2259	2.2265	2.2206	2.2053	2.2263	2.2255
1.0	2.7183	2.7183	2.7187	2.7143	2.6667	2.7183	2.7183
$\ y_a - y\ _{2,d}$	0.00105	0.00103	0.00127	0.0094	0.0512	0.00101	

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Galerkin's Method in 2 Dimensions

Differential Equation

$$L(u) = 0$$

Boundary Conditions

$$S(u) = 0$$

Shape/Test Function Solution (u_o satisfies BC)

$$\tilde{u} = u_0(x, y) + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \phi_j(x, y)$$

Remainder (if L is linear Diff. Eqn.)

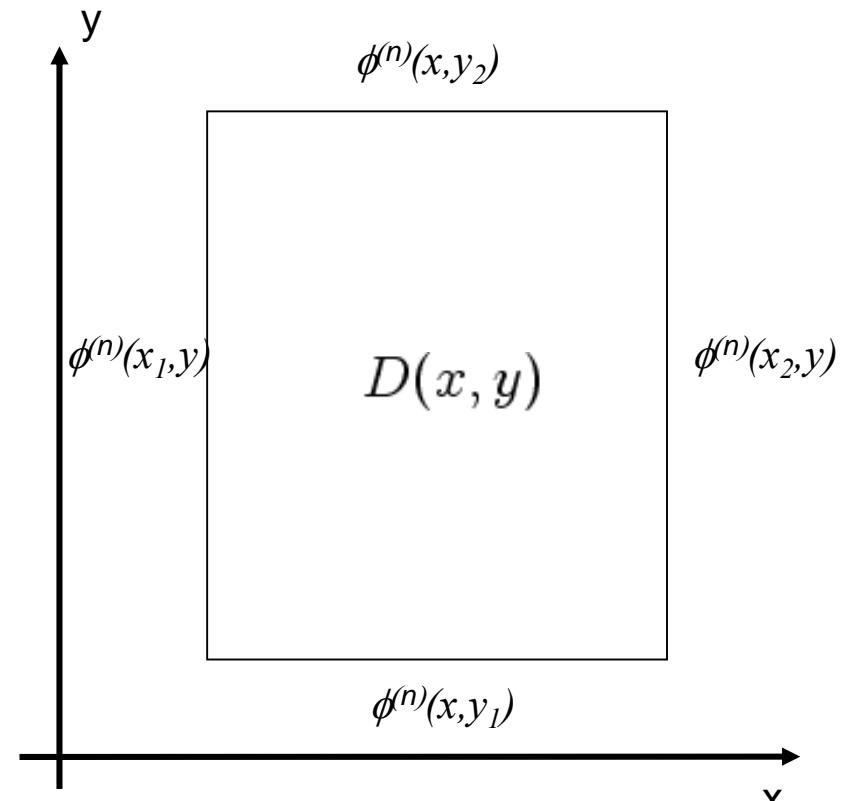
$$R(u_0, a_1, \dots, a_N, x, y) = L(\tilde{u}) = L(u_0) + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j L(\phi_j(x, y))$$

Inner Product: $(f, g) = \int \int_D f g dx dy$

Galerkin's Method

$$(R, \phi_k) = 0$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N a_j (L(\phi_j), \phi_k) = -(L(u_0), \phi_k)$$





Galerkin's method: 2D Example

Fully-developed Laminar Viscous Flow in Duct

Steady, Very Viscous, fully-developed
Fluid Flow in Duct

$$u \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \nu \left\{ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \text{const}$$

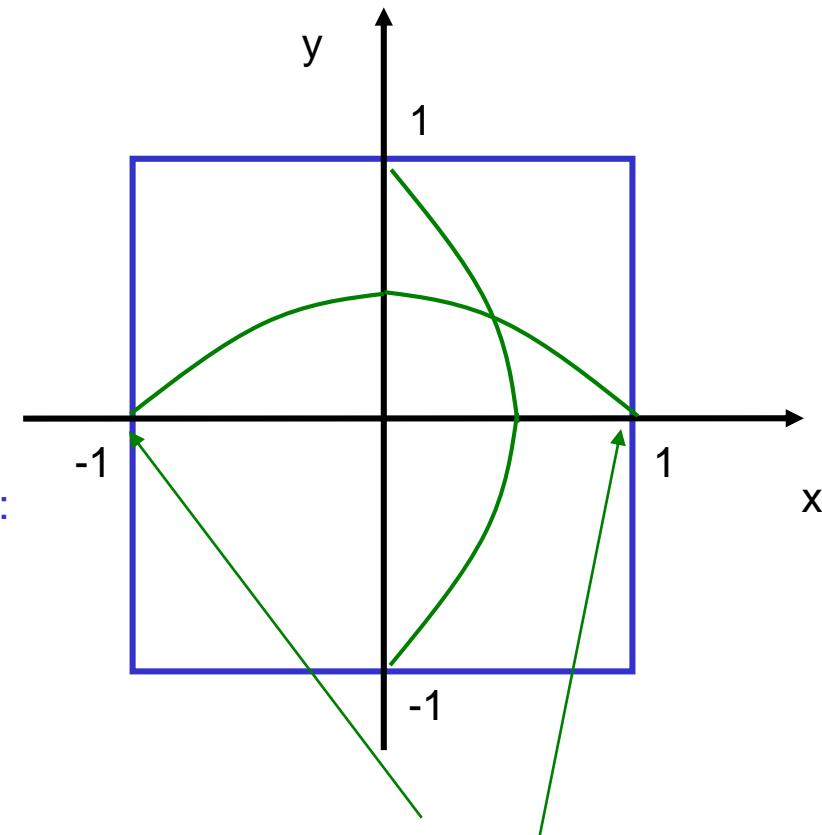
Non-dimensionalization, yields a Poisson Equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = -1$$

Shape/Test Functions

$$\tilde{w} = \sum_{i=1,3,5,\dots}^N \sum_{j=1,3,5,\dots}^N a_{ij} \cos i \frac{\pi}{2} x \cos j \frac{\pi}{2} y$$

4 BCs: No-slip (zero flow) at the walls



Shape/Test functions satisfy boundary conditions

Again: in this example, single element fills the whole domain



Galerkin's Method: Viscous Flow in Duct, Cont'd

Remainder:

$$R = - \left[\sum_{i=1,3,5\dots}^N \sum_{j=1,3,5\dots}^N a_{ij} \cos i \frac{\pi}{2} x \cos j \frac{\pi}{2} y \left\{ \left(i \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 + \left(j \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 \right\} - 1 \right]$$

Inner product (set to zero):

$$\left(R, \cos k \frac{\pi}{2} x \cos \ell \frac{\pi}{2} y \right), k, \ell = 1, 3, 5, \dots$$

Analytical Integration:

$$a_{ij} = \left(\frac{8}{\pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{(-1)^{(i+j)/2-1}}{ij(i^2 + j^2)}$$

Galerkin Solution:

$$\tilde{w} = \left(\frac{8}{\pi^2} \right)^2 \sum_{i=1,3,5\dots}^N \sum_{j=1,3,5\dots}^N \frac{(-1)^{(i+j)/2-1}}{ij(i^2 + j^2)} \cos i \frac{\pi}{2} x \cos j \frac{\pi}{2} y$$

Flow Rate:

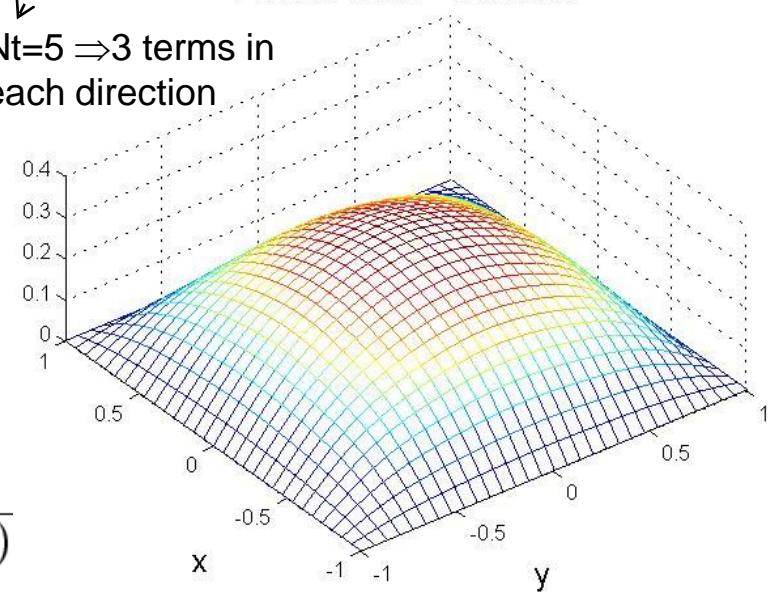
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \tilde{w}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{8}{\pi^2} \right)^3 \sum_{i=1,3,5\dots}^N \sum_{j=1,3,5\dots}^N \frac{1}{i^2 j^2 (i^2 + j^2)} \end{aligned}$$

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x=[-1:h:1]'; y=[-1:h:1];
n=length(x); m=length(y); w=zeros(n,m);
Nt=5;
for j=1:n
    xx(:,j)=x; yy(j,:)=y;
end
for i=1:2:Nt
    for j=1:2:Nt
        if j==1
            w=w+(8/pi^2)^2*(-1)^((i+j)/2-1)/(i*j*(i^2+j^2))*cos(i*pi/2*xx).*cos(j*pi/2*yy);
        else
            w=w+(8/pi^2)^2*(-1)^((i+j)/2-1)/(i*j*(i^2+j^2))*cos(i*pi/2*xx).*cos(j*pi/2*yy);
        end
    end
end
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Flow in Duct - Galerkin

Nt=5 \Rightarrow 3 terms in each direction





Computational Galerkin Methods: Some General Notes

Differential Equation: $L(u) = 0$

Residuals

- PDE: $L(\tilde{u}) = R$
- ICs: $I(\tilde{u}) = R_I$
- BCs: $S(\tilde{u}) = R_B$

Boundary problem

- PDE satisfied exactly
- Boundary Element Method
 - Panel Method
 - Spectral Methods

$$R = 0$$

$$R_B = 0$$

$$R, R_B \neq 0$$

Inner problem

- Boundary conditions satisfied exactly
- Finite Element Method
- Spectral Methods

Global Shape/Test Function:

$$\tilde{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = u_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \sum_{j=1}^N a_j \phi_j(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Mixed Problem

- Finite Element Method

Weighted Residuals

$$(R, w_k(\mathbf{x})) = 0, k = 1, \dots, N$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{u} - u\|_2 = 0$$



Different forms of the Methods of Weighted Residuals: Summary

Inner Product $(L(u), w) = 0$

Discrete Form $(f, g) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i g_i$
 $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Subdomain Method:

$$w_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{in } D_k \\ 0 & \text{outside } D_k \end{cases}$$



$$\int \int_t D_k R(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} dt = 0$$

Collocation Method:

$$w_k(\mathbf{x}) = \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_k)$$



$$R(\mathbf{x}_k) = 0$$

Least Squares Method:

$$(R, R) = \text{minimum} \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \left(\int \int_t V_k R(\mathbf{x}) R(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} dt \right) = 0 \right\} \Rightarrow w_k = \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_k}$$

In the least-square method, the coefficients are adjusted so as to minimize the integral of the residuals. It amounts to a continuous form of regression.

Method of Moments: $w_k(\mathbf{x}) = x^k, k = 0, 1, \dots, N$

Galerkin:

$$w_k(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_k(\mathbf{x})$$

In Galerkin, weight functions are basis functions: they sum to one at any position in the element. In many cases, Galerkin's method yields the same result as variational methods



How to obtain solution for Nodal Unknowns? Modal ϕ_k vs. Nodal (Interpolating) N_j Basis Fcts.

- $\tilde{u}(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{u}_j N_j(x, y)$

- $\tilde{u}(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \phi_k(x, y)$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{u}_j = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \phi_k(x_j, y_j)$$

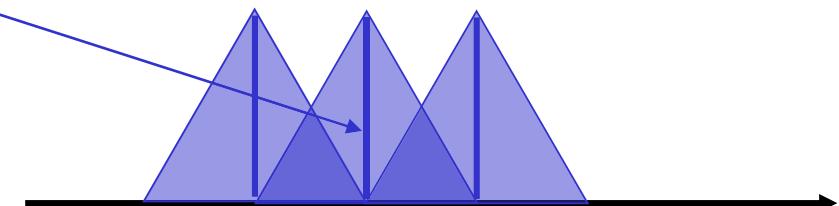
$$\Rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{u}} = \Phi \mathbf{a} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = \Phi^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{u}}$$

- $\tilde{u}(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\sum_{j=1}^N (\Phi^{-1})_{kj} \bar{u}_j \right) \phi_k(x, y)$

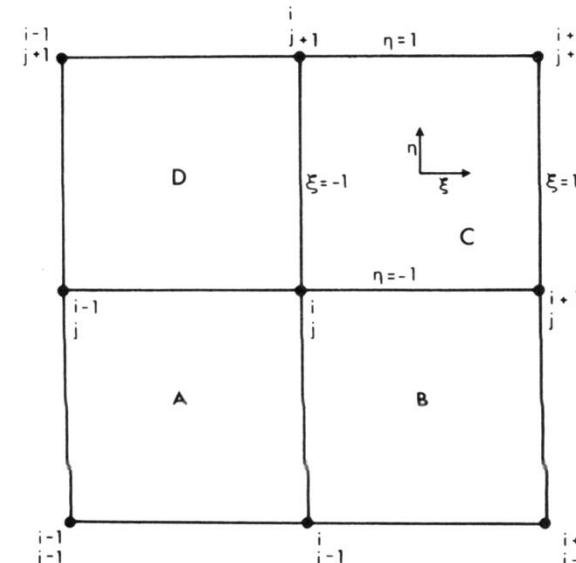
$$= \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{u}_j \left(\sum_{k=1}^N (\Phi^{-1})_{kj} \phi_k(x, y) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow N_j(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^N (\Phi^{-1})_{kj} \phi_k(x, y)$$

1 Dimension



2 Dimensions





Finite Elements

1-dimensional Elements

Trial Function Solution

$$\tilde{u} = \sum_{j=1}^N N_j(x) \bar{u}_j$$

Interpolation (Nodal) Functions

$$N_2 = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$N_2 = \frac{x - x_3}{x_2 - x_3}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{x - x_2}{x_3 - x_2}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{x - x_4}{x_3 - x_4}$$

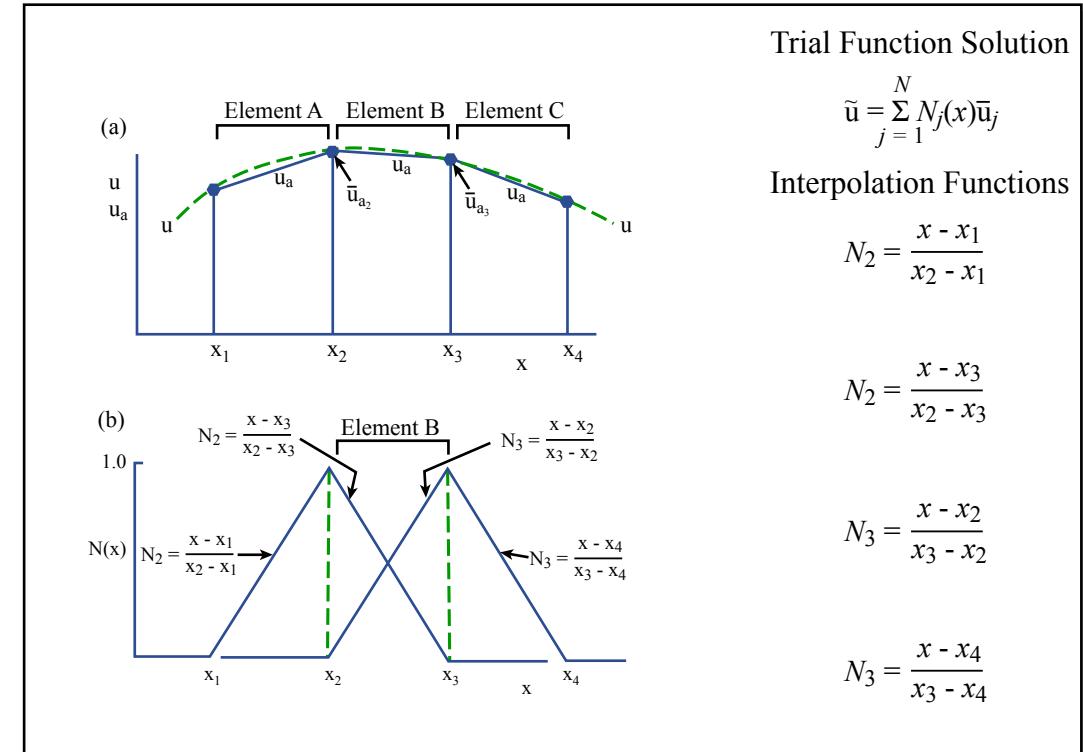


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Two functions per element



Finite Elements

1-dimensional Elements

Quadratic Interpolation (Nodal) Functions

$$N_3 = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)}{(x_3 - x_1)(x_3 - x_2)}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{(x - x_4)(x - x_5)}{(x_3 - x_4)(x_3 - x_5)}$$

$$N_4 = \frac{(x - x_3)(x - x_5)}{(x_4 - x_3)(x_4 - x_5)}$$

$$N_2 = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_3)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_3)}$$

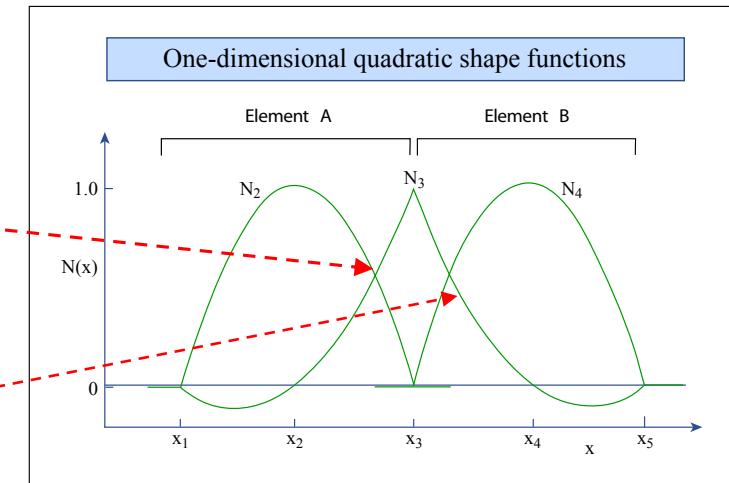


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Three functions per element



Complex Boundaries

Isoparametric Elements

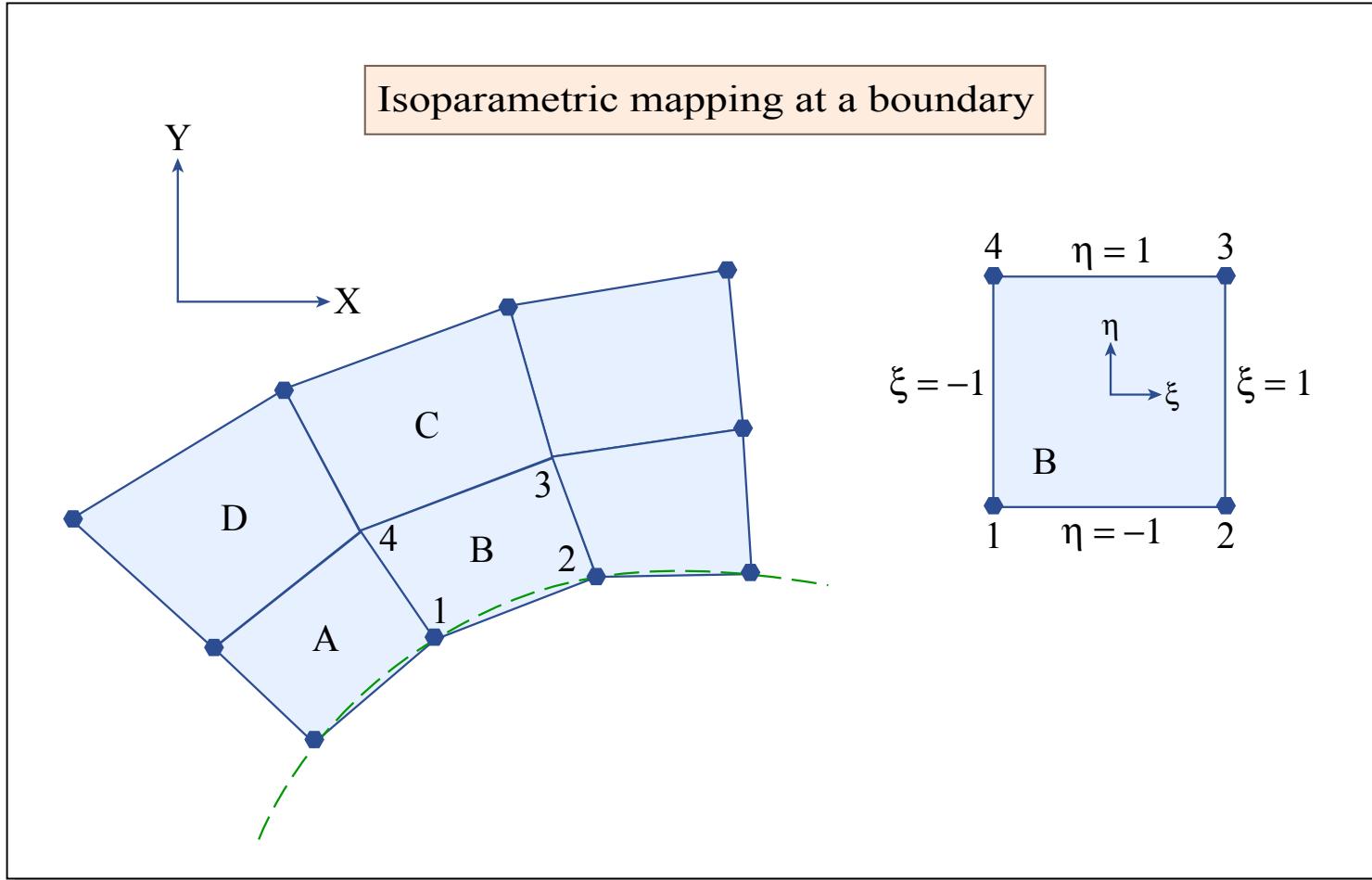


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Finite Elements in 1D: Nodal Basis Functions in the Local Coordinate System

$$(2.2.29) \quad \phi(\xi) = a + b\xi + c\xi^2.$$

By introducing the requirement that $\phi_{-1}|_{-1}=1$ and $\phi_{-1}|_0=\phi_{-1}|_1=0$, we obtain the matrix equation

$$(2.2.30) \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix},$$

TABLE 2.4. Linear, Quadratic, and Cubic Basis Functions Defined in the Dimensionless ξ Coordinate System

Degree	Function	Form ($-1 \leq \xi \leq 1$)
Linear	$\phi_{-1}(\xi)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-\xi)$
	$\phi_1(\xi)$	$\frac{1}{2}(1+\xi)$
Quadratic	$\phi_{-1}(\xi)$	$-\frac{1}{2}\xi(1-\xi)$
	$\phi_0(\xi)$	$1-\xi^2$
	$\phi_1(\xi)$	$\frac{1}{2}\xi(1+\xi)$
Cubic	$\phi_{-1}(\xi)$	$\frac{1}{16}(-9\xi^3 + 9\xi^2 + \xi - 1)$ or $\frac{1}{16}(1-\xi)(9\xi^2 - 1)$
	$\phi_{-1/3}(\xi)$	$\frac{9}{16}(3\xi^3 - \xi^2 - 3\xi + 1)$ or $\frac{9}{16}(3\xi - 1)(\xi^2 - 1)$
	$\phi_{1/3}(\xi)$	$\frac{9}{16}(-3\xi^3 - \xi^2 + 3\xi + 1)$ or $-\frac{9}{16}(3\xi + 1)(\xi^2 - 1)$
	$\phi_1(\xi)$	$\frac{1}{16}(9\xi^3 + 9\xi^2 - \xi - 1)$ or $\frac{1}{16}(1+\xi)(9\xi^2 - 1)$

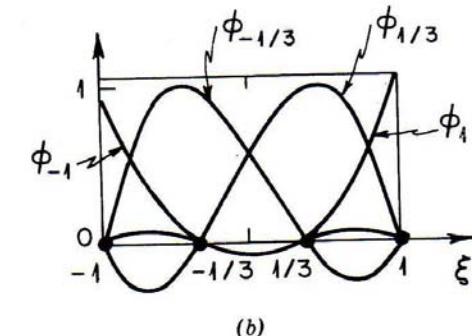
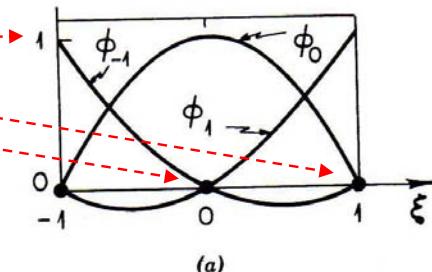


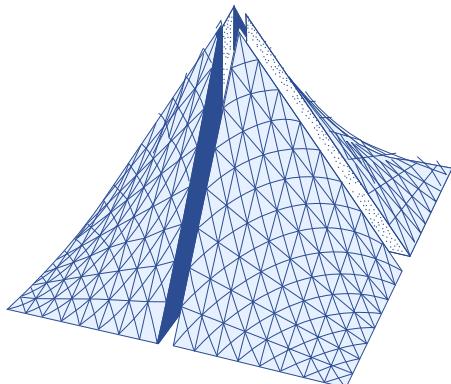
Figure 2.7. Quadratic (a) and cubic (b) basis functions defined in local ξ coordinate system.

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Finite Elements

2-dimensional Elements



Bilinear shape function on a rectangular grid

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Linear Interpolation (Nodal) Functions

$$N_1 = 0.25(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)$$

$$N_2 = 0.25(1 + \xi)(1 - \eta)$$

$$N_3 = 0.25(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta)$$

$$N_4 = 0.25(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta)$$

$$N_\ell = 0.25(1 + \xi_\ell \xi)(1 + \eta_\ell \eta)$$

$$\tilde{u} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N N_{ij}(x) \bar{u}_{ij}$$

$$\tilde{u} = \sum_{\ell=1}^4 N_\ell(\xi, \eta) \bar{u}_\ell$$

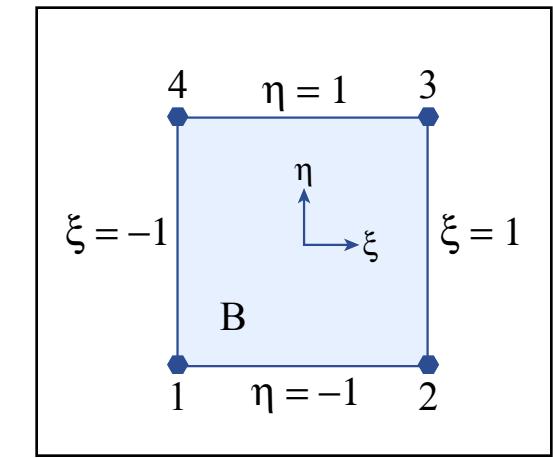


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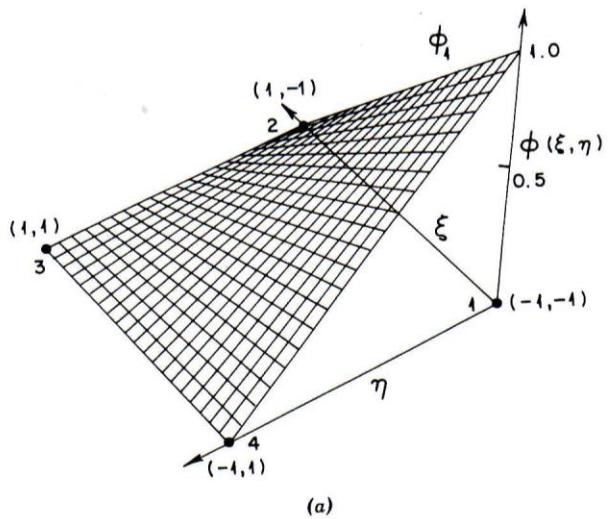
Quadratic Interpolation (Nodal) Functions

$$\prod_{r \neq i} \frac{(\xi - \xi_r)(\eta - \eta_r)}{(\xi_i - \xi_r)(\eta_i - \eta_r)}$$

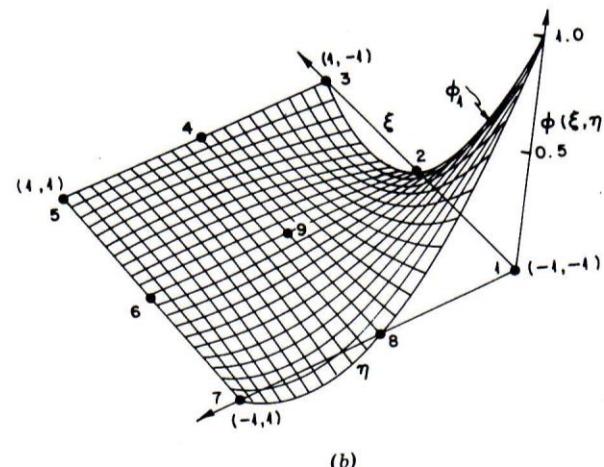
corner nodes	$N_i = 0.25\xi_i\xi(1 + \xi_i\xi)\eta_i\eta(1 + \eta_i\eta)$
side nodes	$N_i = 0.5(1 - \xi^2)\eta_i\eta(1 + \eta_i\eta) , \xi_i = 0$
interior node	$N_i = 0.5(1 - \eta^2)\xi_i\xi(1 + \xi_i\xi) , \eta_i = 0$
	$N_i = (1 - \xi^2)(1 - \eta^2)$



Finite Elements in 2D: Nodal Basis Functions in the Local Coordinate System

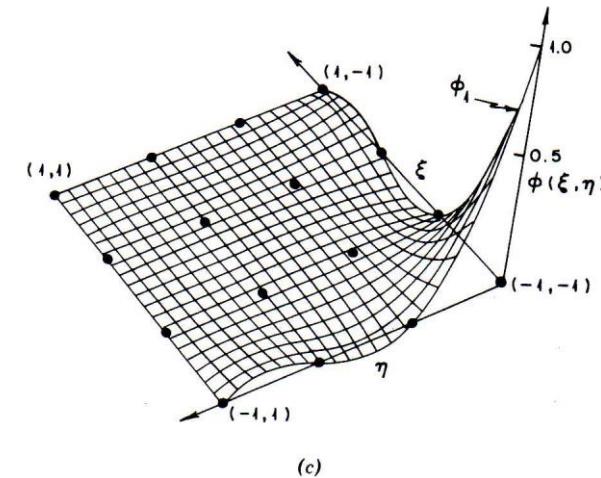


(a)



(b)

Figure 2.11. (a) Two-dimensional basis function that is linear along each side. (b) Two-dimensional Lagrangian basis function that is quadratic along each side. Note the occurrence of a central node where the basis function must be zero.



(c)

Figure 2.11. (Continued)

Figure 2.11. (c) Two-dimensional Lagrangian basis function that is cubic along each side. Note the occurrence of four interior nodes where the basis function is defined to be zero.

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Two-Dimensional Finite Elements

Example: Flow in Duct, Bilinear Basis functions

Finite Element Solution

$$\tilde{w} = \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{w}_j N_j(x, y)$$

$$N_j = 0.25(1 + \xi_j \xi)(1 + \eta_j \eta)$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{w}}{\partial x^2}, N_k \right) + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{w}}{\partial y^2}, N_k \right) = (-1, N_k)$$

Integration by Parts

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}, N_k \right) \equiv \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} N_k dx = \left[\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} N_k \right]_{-1}^1 - \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dN_k}{dx} dx$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{w}}{\partial x^2}, N_k \right) = - \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{w}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial N_k}{\partial x} \right) \quad (\text{for center nodes})$$

Algebraic Equations for center nodes

$$-\sum_{j=1}^N \left(\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_k}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_k}{\partial y} dxdy \right) \bar{w}_j = - \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 1 N_k dxdy, k = 1, \dots, N$$



Finite Elements

2-dimensional Triangular Elements

Triangular Coordinates

Linear Polynomial Modal Basis Functions:

$$u(x, y) = a_0 + a_{1,1} x + a_{1,2} y$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_1(x, y) = a_0 + a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} y_1 \\ u_2(x, y) = a_0 + a_{1,1} x_2 + a_{1,2} y_2 \\ u_3(x, y) = a_0 + a_{1,1} x_3 + a_{1,2} y_3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_{1,1} \\ a_{1,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

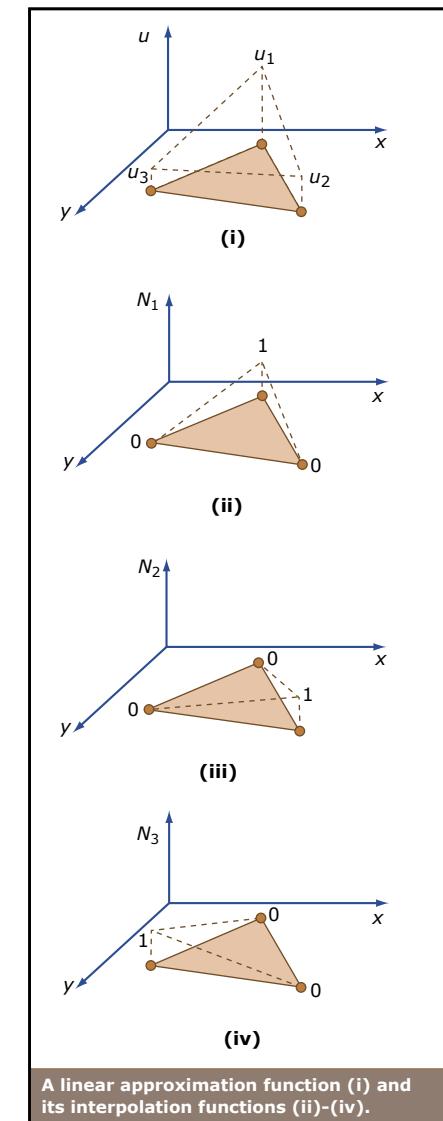
Nodal Basis (Interpolating) Functions:

$$u(x, y) = u_1 N_1(x, y) + u_2 N_2(x, y) + u_3 N_3(x, y)$$

$$N_1(x, y) = \frac{1}{2A_T} [(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2) + (y_2 - y_3)x + (x_3 - x_2)y]$$

$$N_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{2A_T} [(x_3y_1 - x_1y_3) + (y_3 - y_1)x + (x_1 - x_3)y]$$

$$N_3(x, y) = \frac{1}{2A_T} [(x_1y_2 - x_2y_1) + (y_1 - y_2)x + (x_2 - x_1)y]$$



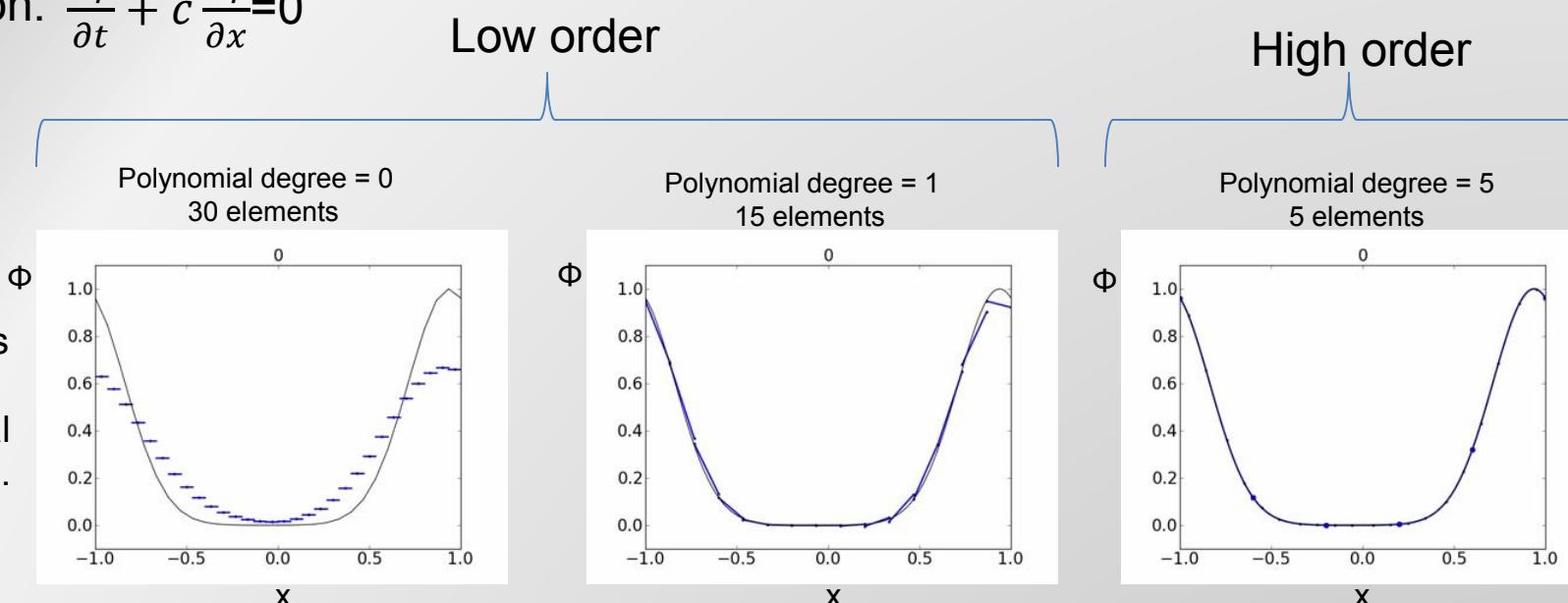
A linear approximation function (i) and its interpolation functions (ii)-(iv).

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HIGHER-ORDER: INCREASED ACCURACY FOR SAME EFFICIENCY

$$\text{Equation: } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$$

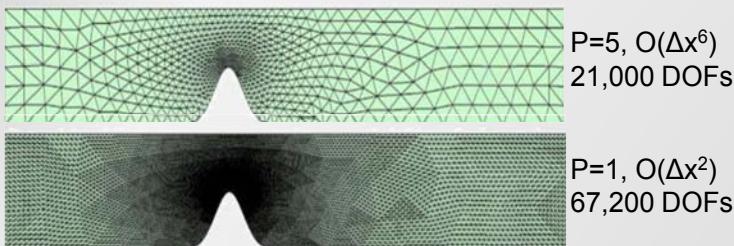
Equal degrees
of freedom
(Approx. equal
computational
efficiency)



- Higher-order and low-order should be compared:
 - At the same accuracy (most comp. efficient scheme wins)
 - At the same comp. efficiency (most accurate scheme wins)
 - Higher-order can be more accurate for the same comp. efficiency

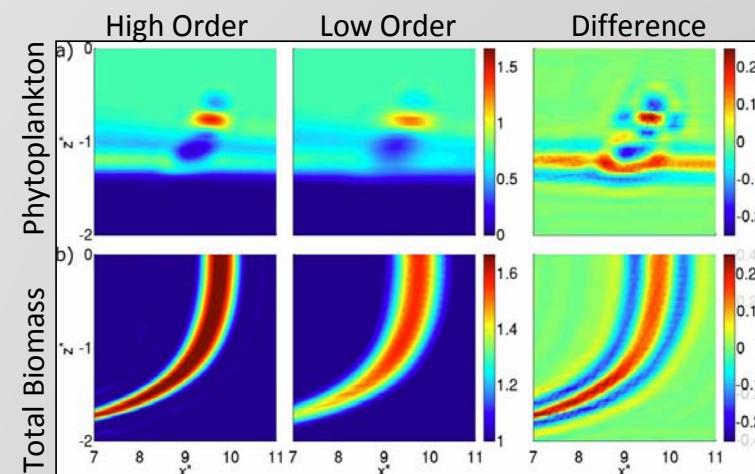
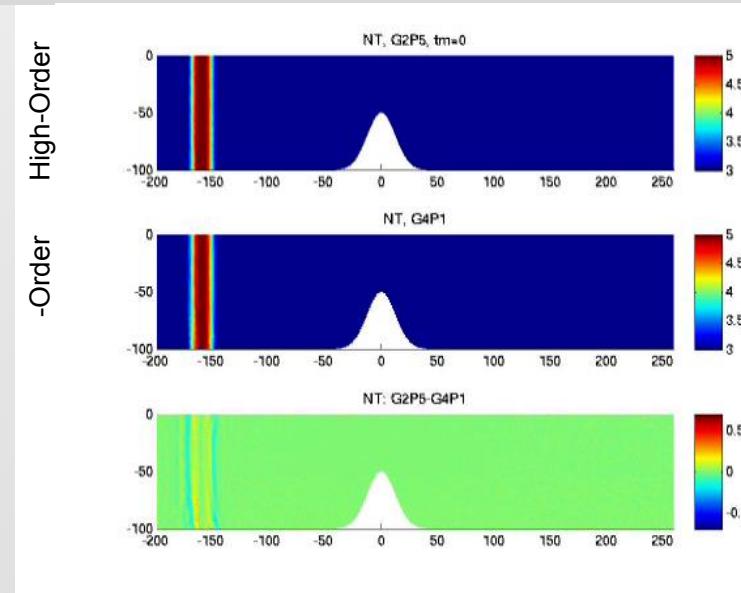
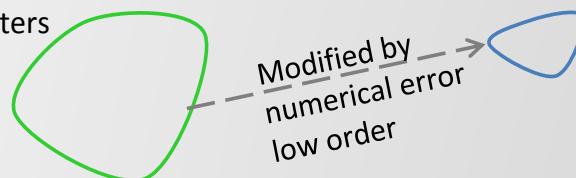
ACCURATE NUMERICAL MODELING OF PHYTOPLANKTON

- Biological patch (NPZ model)
 - ~19 tidal cycles (8.5 days)
 - Mean flow + daily tidal cycle
- Two discretizations of similar cost
 - 6th order scheme on coarse mesh
 - 2nd order scheme on fine mesh



- Numerical diffusion of lower-order scheme modifies the concentration of biomass in patch

True Limit cycle
from parameters



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DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN (DG) FINITE ELEMENTS

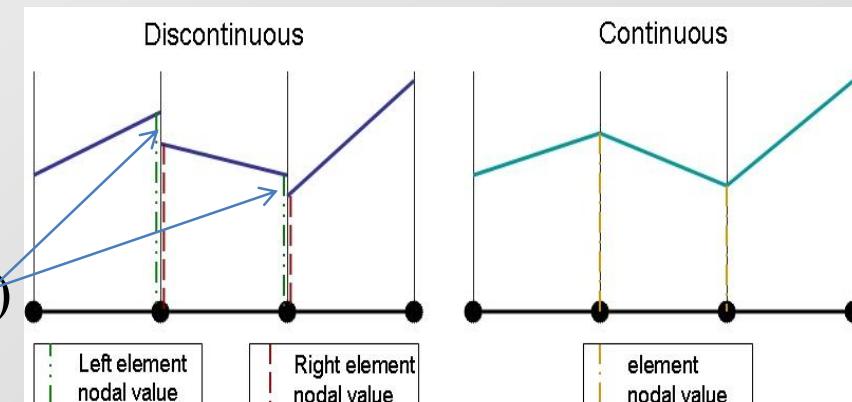
- The **basis** can be continuous or discontinuous across elements

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \phi_h(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_b} \phi_i(t) \theta_i(\mathbf{x})$$

basis

- CG: Continuous Galerkin
- DG: Discontinuous Galerkin

Main challenge with DG:
Defining numerical flux $\hat{\phi} = f(\phi^+, \phi^-)$



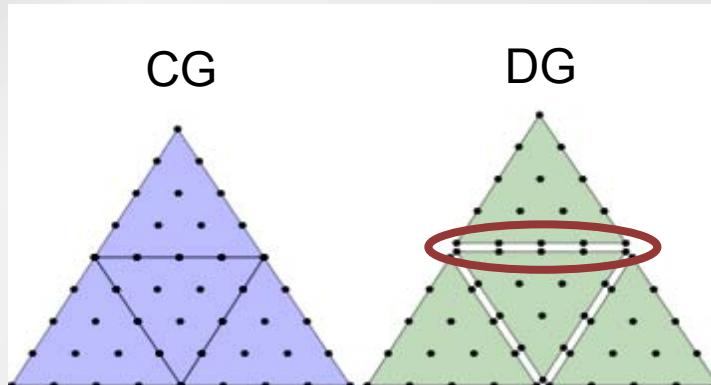
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- Advantages of DG:
 - Efficient data-structures for parallelization and computer architectures
 - Flexibility to add stabilization for advective terms (upwinding, Riemann solvers)
 - Local conservation of mass/momentum
- Disadvantages:
 - Difficult to implement
 - Relatively new (Reed and Hill 1978, Cockburn and Shu 1989-1998)
 - Standard practices still being developed
 - Expensive compared to Continuous Galerkin for elliptic problems**
 - Numerical stability issues due to Gibbs oscillations**

HYBRID DISCONTINUOUS GALERKIN (HDG) COMPUTATIONALLY COMPETITIVE WITH CG

Biggest concern with DG: Efficiency for elliptic problems

- For DG, unknowns are **duplicated** at edges of element



HDG

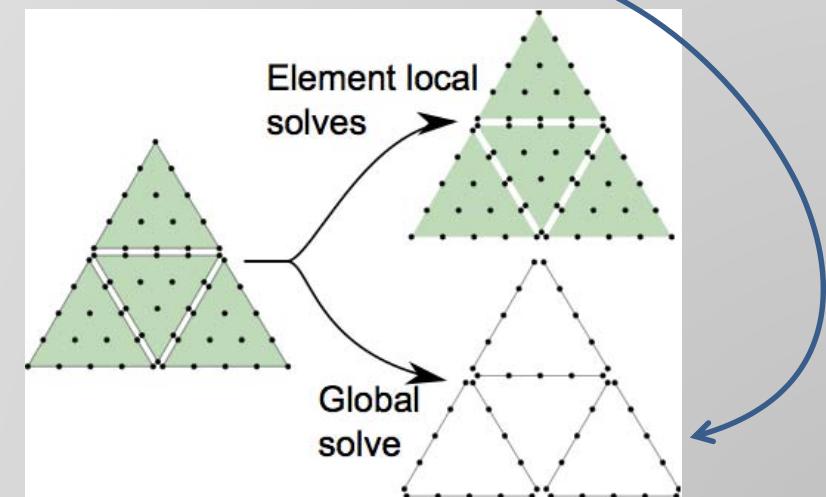
- HDG is competitive to CG while retaining properties of DG
- HDG parameterizes element-local solutions using new edge-space Λ

Nguyen et al. (JCP2009)
Cockburn et al. (SJNA2009)

Key idea: Given initial and **boundary conditions** for a domain, the interior solution can be calculated (with HDG, also in each local element)

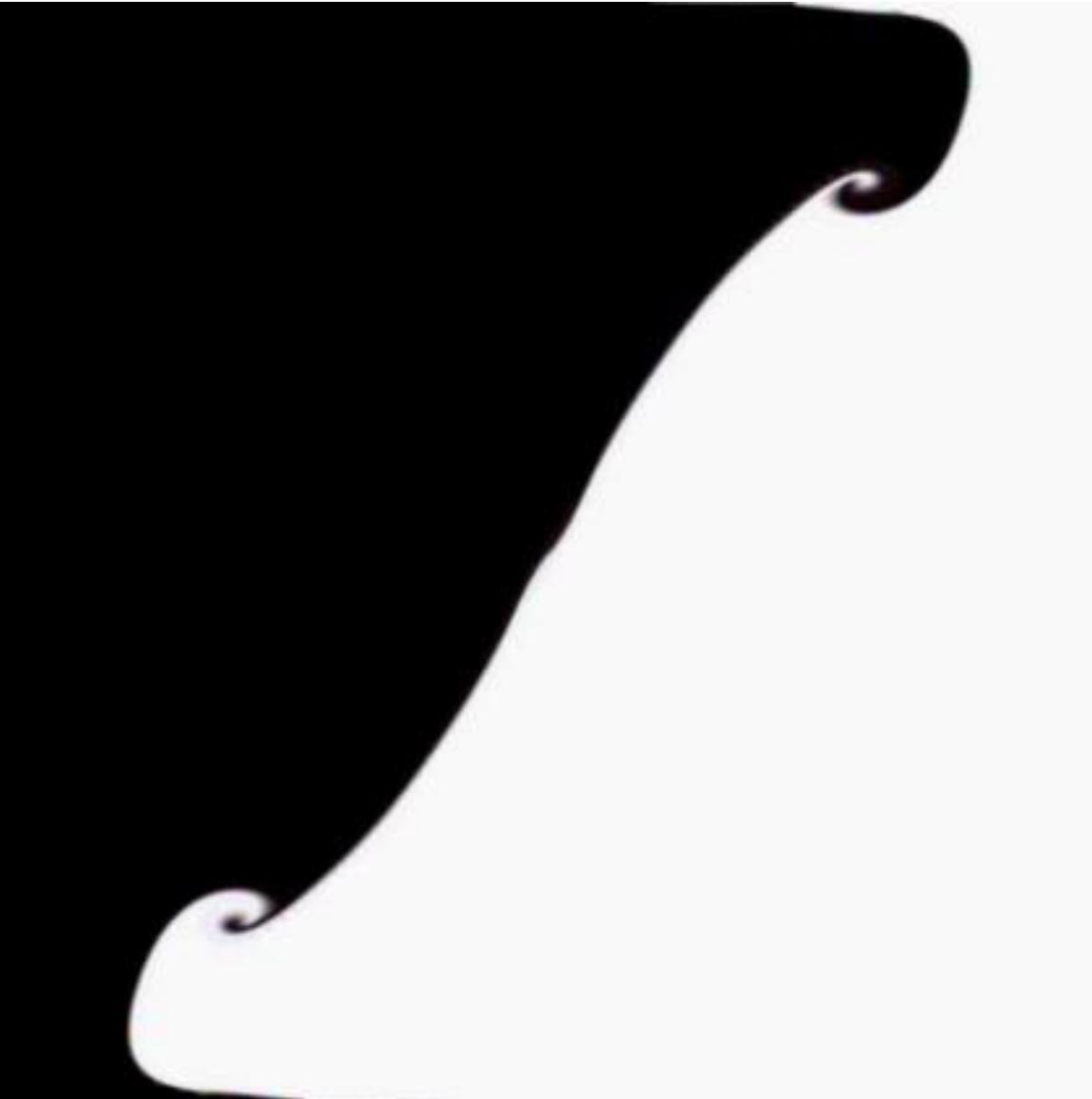
Continuity on the edge space of:

- Fields
- Normal component of total fluxes, e.g. numerical trace of total stress



Next-generation CFD for Regional Ocean Modeling: Hybrid Discontinuous Galerkin (HDG) FEMs

The Lock
Exchange
Problem:
 $Gr=1.25e7$

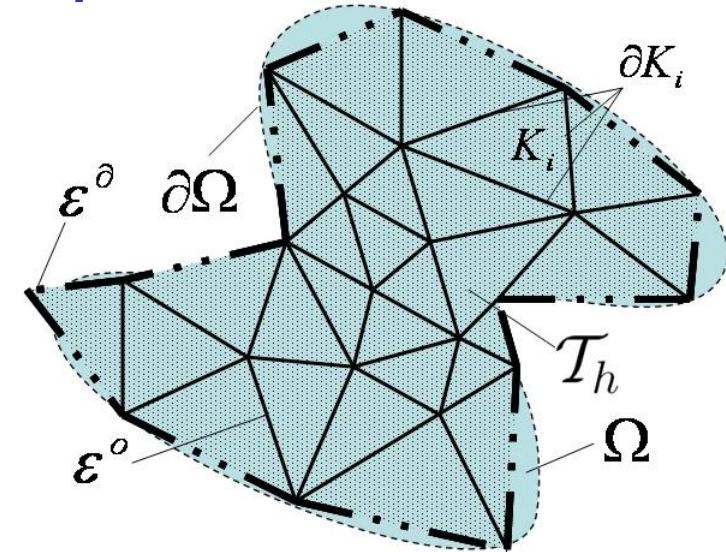




DG – Worked Example

- Choose function space

$$W_h^p = \{w \in L^2(\Omega) : w|_K \in \mathcal{P}^p(K), \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$



Original eq. :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\vec{c}u) = 0$$

MWR :

$$\int_K w \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dK + \int_K w \nabla \cdot (\vec{c}u) dK = 0$$

Integrate by parts :

$$\int_K w \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dK - \int_K \nabla w \cdot (\vec{c}u) dK + \int_K \nabla \cdot (\vec{c}uw) dK = 0$$

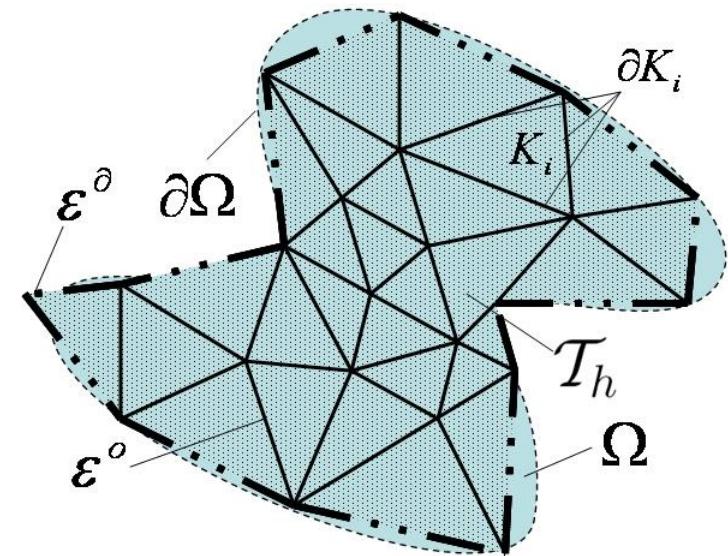
Divergence theorem,
leads to “weak form” :

$$\int_K w \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dK - \int_K \nabla w \cdot (\vec{c}u) dK + \int_{\partial K} w \hat{n} \cdot \vec{c} \hat{u} d\partial K = 0$$



DG – Worked Example, Cont'd

Substitute basis and test functions, which are the same for Galerkin FE methods



Weak form :

$$\int_K w \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dK - \int_K \nabla w \cdot (\vec{c}u) dK + \int_{\partial K} w \hat{n} \cdot \vec{c} \hat{u} d\partial K = 0$$

Shape fcts. :

$$\int_K w \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} \theta_j dK - \int_K \nabla w \cdot (\vec{c}u_j \theta_j) dK + \int_{\partial K} w \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{c} \hat{u}_j \theta_j) d\partial K = 0$$

Basis fcts. :

$$\int_K \theta_i \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} \theta_j dK - \int_K \nabla \theta_i \cdot (\vec{c}u_j \theta_j) dK + \int_{\partial K} \theta_i \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{c} \hat{u}_j \theta_j) d\partial K = 0$$

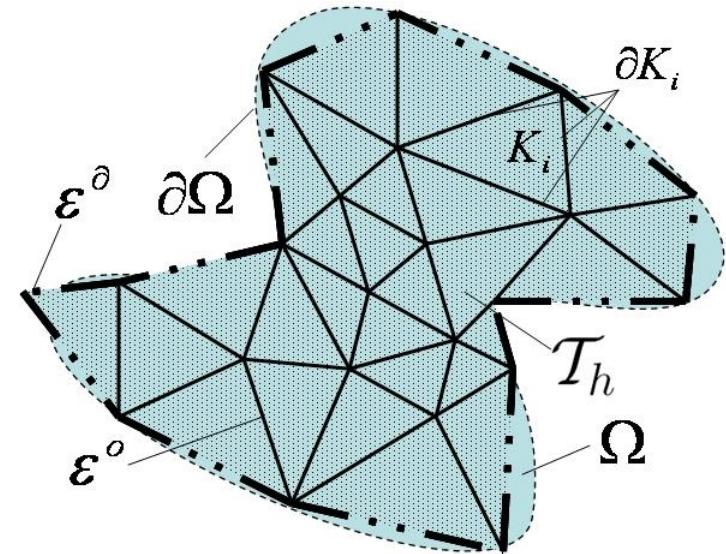
Final FE eq. :

$$\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} \int_K \theta_i \theta_j dK - \vec{c}u_j \int_K \nabla \theta_i \cdot (\theta_j) dK + \vec{c} \hat{u}_j \cdot \int_{\partial K} \hat{n}(\theta_j \theta_i) d\partial K = 0$$



DG – Worked Example, Cont'd

- Substitute for matrices
 - M- Mass matrix
 - K- Stiffness or Convection matrix
- Solve specific case of 1D eq.



$$\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} \int_K \theta_i \theta_j dK - \vec{c} u_j \int_K \nabla \theta_i \cdot (\theta_j) dK + \vec{c} \hat{u}_j \cdot \int_{\partial K} \hat{n}(\theta_j \theta_i) d\partial K = 0$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{ij} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} - \mathbf{K}_{ij} \vec{c} u_j + \vec{c} \hat{u}_j \cdot \int_{\partial K} \hat{n}(\theta_j \theta_i) d\partial K = 0$$

Euler time-integration : 1D : $\mathbf{M}_{ij} \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial t} - \mathbf{K}_{ij} \vec{c} u_j + \vec{c} \hat{u}_j \cdot \hat{n}(\theta_j \theta_i) = 0$

$$1D : u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n + \Delta t \mathbf{M}^{-1} (\mathbf{K}_{ij} \vec{c} u_j - \vec{c} \hat{u}_j \cdot \hat{n} \delta_{ij})$$

Fluxes: central with upwind : $\hat{u}_j = \frac{u_j^+ + u_h^-}{2} - \frac{c}{|c|} \frac{u_j^+ - u_h^-}{2}$



DG – Worked Example - Code

```
clear all, clc, clf, close all

syms x
%create nodal basis
%Set order of basis function
%N >=2
N = 3;

%Create basis
if N==3
    theta = [1/2*x^2-1/2*x;
              1- x^2;
              1/2*x^2+1/2*x];
else
    xi = linspace(-1,1,N);
    for i=1:N
        theta(i)=sym('1');
        for j=1:N
            if j~=i
                theta(i) = ...
                    theta(i)*(x-xi(j))/(xi(i)-xi(j));
            end
        end
    end
end
```

```
%Create mass matrix
for i = 1:N
    for j = 1:N
        %Create integrand
        intgr = int(theta(i)*theta(j));
        %Integrate
        M(i,j) = ...
            subs(intgr,1)-subs(intgr,-1);
    end
end
%create convection matrix
for i = 1:N
    for j = 1:N
        %Create integrand
        intgr = ...
            int(diff(theta(i))*theta(j));
        %Integrate
        K(i,j) = ...
            subs(intgr,1)-subs(intgr,-1);
    end
end
```



DG – Worked Example – Code Cont'd

```
%% Initialize u
Nx = 20;
dx = 1./Nx;
%Multiply Jacobian through mass matrix.
%Note computationl domain has length=2,
actual domain length = dx
M=M*dx/2;

%Create "mesh"
x = zeros(N,Nx);
for i = 1:N
    x(i,:) = ...
    dx/(N-1)*(i-1):dx:1-dx/(N-1)*(N-i);
end
%Initialize u vector
u = exp(-(x-.5).^2/.1^2);

%Set timestep and velocity
dt=0.002; c=1;
%Periodic domain
ids = [Nx,1:Nx-1];
```

```
%Integrate over time
for i = 1:10/dt
    u0=u;
    %Integrate with 4th order RK
    for irk=4:-1:1
        %Always use upwind flux
        r = c*K*u;
        %upwinding
        r(end,:)=r(end,:)-c*u(end,:);
        %upwinding
        r(1,:)=r(1,:)+c*u(end,ids);
        %RK scheme
        u = u0 + dt/irk*(M\r);
    end
    %Plot solution
    if ~mod(i,10)
        plot(x,u,'b')
        drawnow
    end
end
end
```

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