

$$u \in V \quad a(u, u) = f(u) \quad \forall u \in V$$

$$u_h \in V_h \quad a(u_h, v_h) = f(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h \quad \text{Galerkin Method}$$

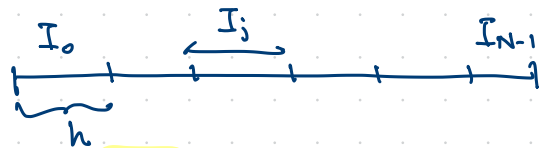
$$\|u - u_h\|_V \leq \frac{M}{\alpha} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_V \quad \text{Quasi-optimality.}$$

Starting now, we construct spaces  $V_h$  via polynomials.

## Chapter 2 the Finite element method

### 2.1. Finite element method in 1D

$$\Omega = (a, b)$$

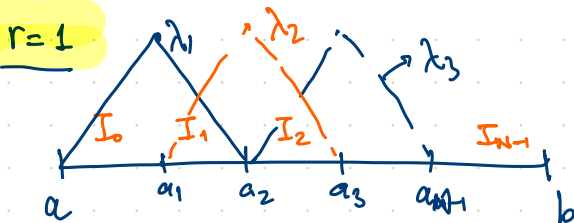


$$V_h = \{v_h \in V : v_h|_{I_j} \in \mathbb{P}_r(I_j) \quad \forall j = 0, \dots, N-1\}.$$

polynomials of degree  $r$  on the interval  $I_j$

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega), \quad H^1(\Omega)$$

(functions in  $V_h$  must be continuous then)



$$\lambda_j \in V_h \quad (r=1)$$

$$\lambda_j = \begin{cases} = 1 & x = a_j \\ = 0 & x = a_i \quad i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$V_h = \text{span} \{ \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N-1} \}$$

Remark :  $\text{span}\{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_{n-1}\} \subseteq V_n$  because  $\lambda_j \in V_n \forall j$   
 $V_n \subseteq \text{span}\{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_{n-1}\}$  ? is it ?

$w_n \in V_n$  I try to write it as a linear comb. of  $\{\lambda_j\}$

$$w_n(a_j) = c_j \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j \lambda_j(x) \text{ is equal to } w_n.$$

$$\left( w_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j \lambda_j \right) \in V_n$$

$$\left( w_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j \lambda_j \right) \Big|_{x=a_k} = w_n(a_k) - \sum c_j \lambda_j(a_k) = w_n(a_k) - c_k = 0 \quad \forall k$$

$\overline{I_j}$

$$w_n - \sum c_j \lambda_j = 0 \text{ in every } I_j$$

$$\rightarrow w_n \in \text{span}\{\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_{n-1}\}$$

definition: degrees of freedom

$$\delta_j(f) = f(a_j) \quad j = 0 \dots n \quad (1)$$

definition: the set of degrees of freedom  $\{\delta_j\}$

is called **UNISOLVENT** in  $V_n$  iff

$$\delta_j(v_n) = 0 \quad \forall j \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_n = 0.$$

theorem  $\{\delta_j\}$  as defined in (1) are unisolvent in  $V_n$ .

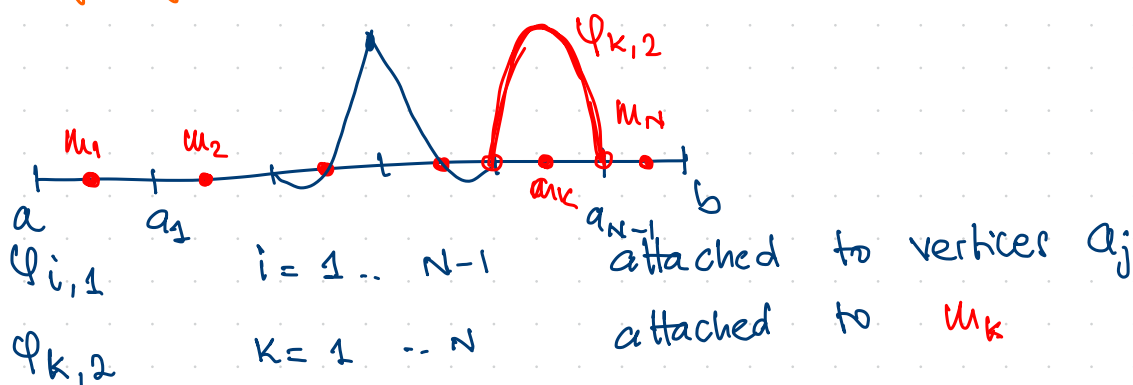
Goal : exercise for you.

$r=2$

$$V_h = \{ v_h \in H_0'(\Omega) : v_h|_{I_j} \in \Pi_2(I_j) \quad \forall j \}.$$

- construction of a set of basis functions.

Lagrangian basis (based on point evaluation)



$$\begin{cases} \phi_{j,1}(a_i) = \delta_{ij} & \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases} \\ \phi_{j,1}(m_k) = 0 & \forall k. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{k,2}(m_\ell) = \delta_{\ell k} & \begin{cases} 0 & \ell \neq k \\ 1 & \ell = k \end{cases} \\ \phi_{k,2}(a_{j'}) = 0 & \forall j'. \end{cases} \quad (\text{bubble})$$

proposition

$$V_h = \text{span} \{ \phi_{j,1}, \phi_{k,2} \quad \begin{matrix} j=1 \dots N-1 \\ k=1 \dots N \end{matrix} \}.$$

the set of degrees of freedom for  $V_n$  ( $r=2$ )

is

$$(2) \quad \delta_e(f) = f(x_e) \quad x_e < \frac{a_j}{m_k} \quad \forall j \neq k.$$

remark

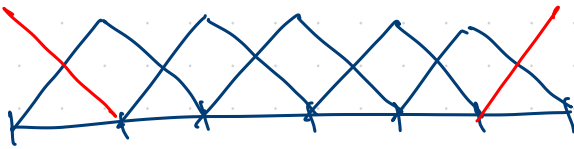
$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \varphi_{1,1}, \varphi_{2,1} \dots \varphi_{N-1,1}, \varphi_{2,2} \dots \varphi_{N,2} \} \\ &= \{ \psi_1, \psi_2 \dots \psi_L \} \quad L = 2N-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_e(\psi_{e'}) = \delta_{ee'} = \begin{cases} 1 & e = e' \\ 0 & e \neq e' \end{cases}$$


Proposition

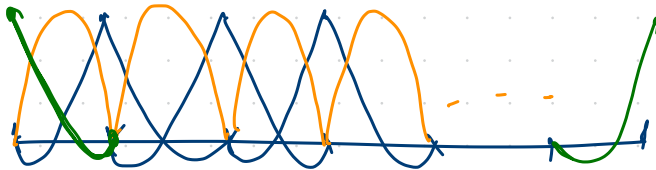
(2) is a unisolvent set of degrees of freedom for  $V_n$

For the space  $H^1(\Omega)$



$r=1$

 to be added!



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$$V_n = \text{span} \{ \psi_1 \dots \psi_{N_n} \}$$

$$N_n = \dim(V_n)$$

$$u_h \in V_h \quad a(u_h, v_h) = f(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

this problem becomes a linear system?

$$u_h = \sum c_j \psi_j$$

$$v_h = \psi_e$$

$$\sum c_j a(\psi_j, \psi_e) = f(\psi_e) \quad \forall e.$$

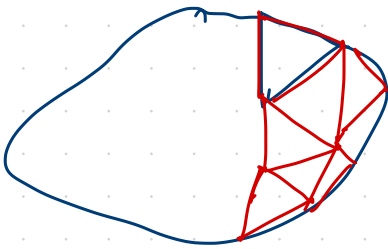
$$A_{je} = a(\psi_j, \psi_e)$$

$$(F)_e = f(\psi_e)$$

$$\underline{A} \underline{c} = \underline{F}$$

↑ stiffness matrix  
→ rhs = load

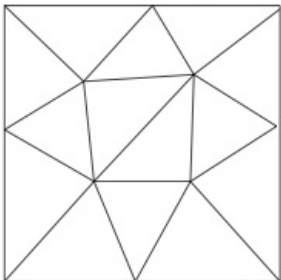
## 2.2 Finite element in 2D



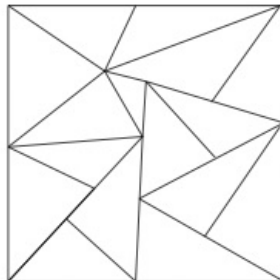
$T_h$  partition of  $\Omega$ .

• Indeed we partition in triangles, and  $T_h$  is called mesh.

(• quadrangles are also possible)



conforming mesh



non-conforming mesh

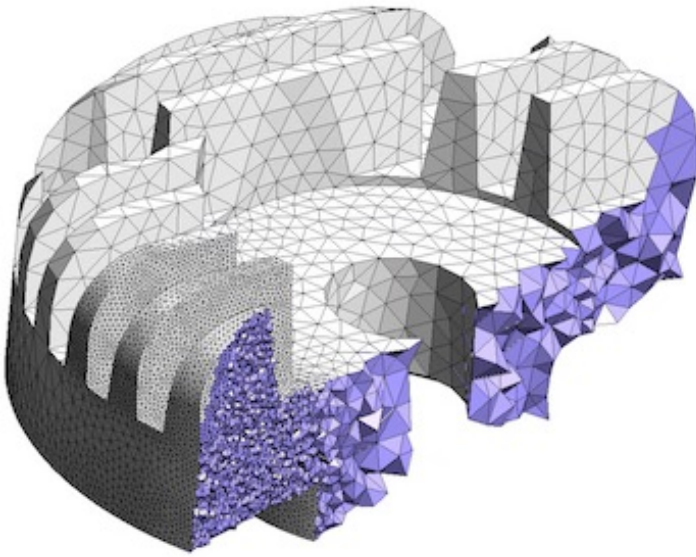
def  $T_h$  is a confirming mesh.

$K_i, K_j$  two elements of  $T_h$

$$K_i \cap K_j = \begin{cases} \emptyset \\ \text{vertices of } T_h \\ \text{a full edge.} \end{cases}$$

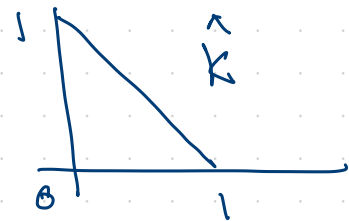
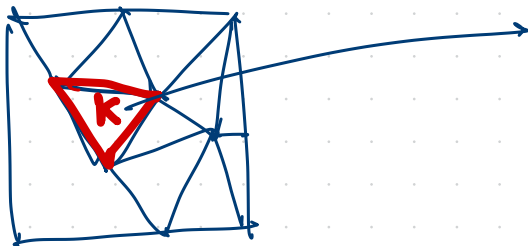
remark:

In 3D  $T_h$  is made of tetrahedra  
but also quads are possible.

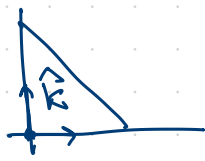
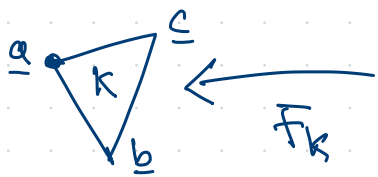


meshing  
process.

Map to the reference element



reference element



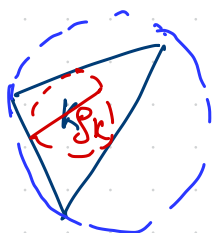
$$\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

$$\underline{F}_K = \underline{B}_K \underline{\hat{x}} + \underline{b}_K$$

$$\underline{b}_K = \underline{a}$$

$$\underline{B}_K = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 - a_1 & b_1 - a_1 \\ c_2 - a_2 & b_2 - a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

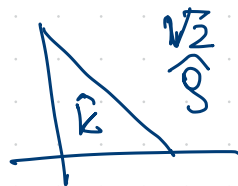


$h_K$  = diameter of  $K$   
diameter of the outer circle

$g_K$  = diameter of the inner circle  
inner diameter of  $K$

$$\|B_K\| \leq \frac{h_K}{g_K}$$

$$\|B_K^{-1}\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{g_K}$$



$$\det B_K = \frac{1}{2} |K|$$

↑ area of  $K$ .

exercise (in the exercise session)

definition

we say  $T_h$  is regular if

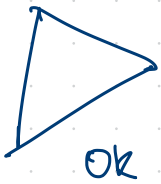
$\exists C_R$

$R > 0$

"independent of  $h$ "

$\forall K \in T_h$

$h_K \leq C_R g_K$



$T_h$

$$h = \max_{K \in T_h} h_K$$

## Construction of finite element spaces

$$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

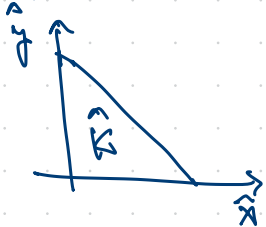
$T_h$  a family of meshes parametrized in  $h$ .

$$V_h = \left\{ u_h \in \begin{matrix} H_0^1(\Omega) \\ H^1(\Omega) \end{matrix} : u_h|_K \in P_r(K) \quad \forall K \in T_h \right\}$$

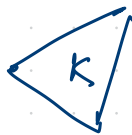
polynomials of degree  $r$  on  $K$ .

$r=1$  for the time being.

Remark



$P_1(K)$



$$P_1(\hat{K}) = \text{span} \{ \hat{x}, \hat{y}, 1 - \hat{x} - \hat{y} \}$$

baricentric coordinates of  $\hat{K}$

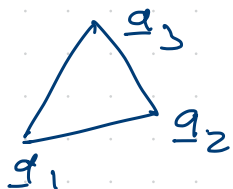
$$\hat{\varphi}_1 = \hat{x}, \quad \hat{\varphi}_2 = \hat{y}, \quad \hat{\varphi}_3 = 1 - \hat{x} - \hat{y}$$

Basis functions for  $P_1(K)$  are constructed as:

$$\varphi_j(F_K \hat{x}) = \hat{\varphi}_j(\hat{x})$$



$\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$  are the barycentric coordinates of

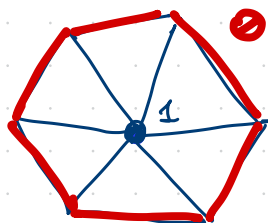
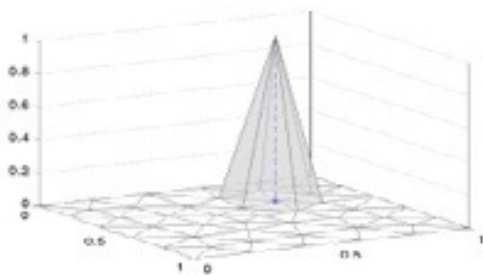


$$\varphi_i(a_j) = \delta_{ij}.$$

Theorem

$V_n = \text{span} \{ \varphi_v, v \text{ internal vertex of } T_n \}$

where  $\varphi_v \in V_n$ ,  $\varphi_v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } v \\ 0 & \text{on all other vertices of } T_n \end{cases}$



$\varphi_v|_K =$  barycentric coordinate of  $v$  in  $K$  for the vertex  $x$ ,  $\forall K$  that has  $v$  as a vertex.

proof of the theorem

- $\text{span} \{ \varphi_v, v \text{ internal vertex} \} \subseteq V_n$  easy.
- $V_n \subseteq \text{span} \{ \varphi_v \}$  should be proved (next time)

$$\dim(V_n) = N_n = \# \text{ internal vertices of } T_n.$$

Degrees of freedom

$$\delta_j(f) = f(x_j)$$

$x_j$  = the  $j$  vertex of  $T_h$ .

D.of. are used to define "interpolation" operator.

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

$$\pi_1 f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} \underbrace{f(x_j)}_{\delta_j(f)} \cdot \varphi_{v_j}(x)$$

degree  $r=1$ .

$\pi_1 f$  is called interpolation of  $f$  on  $V_h$ .