

Problems Week 7

Vector Analysis

1. Compute ∇u , $n \cdot \nabla u$, and Δu for

(a) $u(x, y) = xy$; $n = (1, 0)$,

(b) $u(x, y) = \sin(x) \cos(y)$; $n = (1, 1)$,

(c) $u(x, y) = \log(r)$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ($r \neq 0$); $n = (x, y)$.

Stiffness Matrix

2. Consider the triangulation of $\Omega = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ into 3 triangles drawn in Figure 1. (It is the same triangulation as in Problem 5, Week 6.)

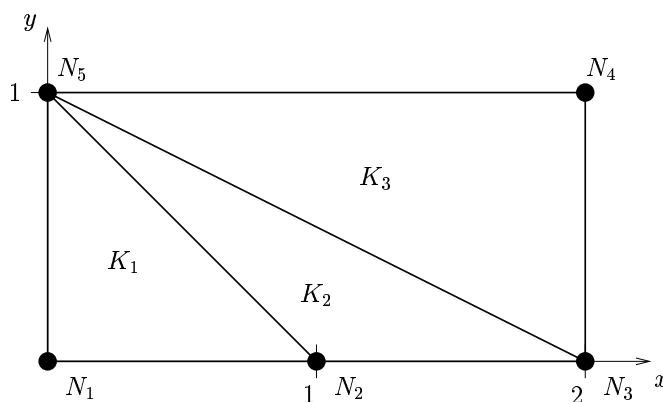


Figure 1: The triangulation in Problem 1 and Problem 4.

Compute by hand the stiffness matrix A with elements $a_{ij} = \iint_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_j \cdot \nabla \varphi_i \, dx \, dy$, $i, j = 1, \dots, 5$.

Hint: Since $\varphi_i(x, y)$ is linear on each triangle, the gradient $\nabla \varphi_i$ will be a *constant* vector on each triangle. As an example, consider triangle K_1 . On this triangle, it is easy to show that $\varphi_1(x, y) = 1 - (x + y)$, $\varphi_2(x, y) = x$, and $\varphi_5(x, y) = y$ (cf. how you did in Problem 2(a), Week 5). Therefore, on K_1 : $\nabla \varphi_1 = (-1, -1)$, $\nabla \varphi_2 = (1, 0)$, and $\nabla \varphi_5 = (0, 1)$. Thus, $a_{11} = \iint_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_1 \cdot \nabla \varphi_1 \, dx \, dy = \iint_{K_1} \nabla \varphi_1 \cdot \nabla \varphi_1 \, dx \, dy = \iint_{K_1} 2 \, dx \, dy = 1$. Observe that some matrix elements will get contributions from more than one triangle.

3. Let $\mathcal{P}(K) = \{v(x) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + c_2x_2, c_i \in \mathbf{R}, i = 1, 2, 3; x = (x_1, x_2) \in K\}$ be the space of linear polynomials defined on a triangle K with corners a^1 , a^2 , and a^3 . Derive explicit expressions (in terms of the corner coordinates $a^1 = (a_1^1, a_2^1)$, $a^2 = (a_1^2, a_2^2)$, and $a^3 = (a_1^3, a_2^3)$) for the gradients $\nabla \lambda_1$, $\nabla \lambda_2$, $\nabla \lambda_3$ of the basis functions $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathcal{P}(K)$

defined by

$$\lambda_i(a^j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j, \\ 0 & i \neq j, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with $i, j = 1, 2, 3$. Compare with the corresponding expressions in `MyFirst2DPoissonAssembler`.

Hint: Use the result from Problem 3, Week 6.

Robin Boundary Conditions

4. Consider once more the triangulation of $\Omega = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ into 3 triangles drawn in Figure 1. Let $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$ denote the boundary of Ω . Assuming that $\gamma(x, y) = 1$, $g_D(x, y) = 1 + x + y$, and $g_N(x, y) = 0$, compute by hand:

(a) The “boundary matrix” R with elements $r_{ij} = \int_{\Gamma} \gamma \varphi_j \varphi_i ds$, $i, j = 1, \dots, 5$.

(b) The “boundary vector” rv with elements $rv_i = \int_{\Gamma} (\gamma g_D - g_N) \varphi_i ds$, $i = 1, \dots, 5$.

Hint: You can either compute the curve integrals analytically or use *Simpson’s* formula which is exact in this case.

The Finite Element Method: Stationary Problems (2D).

5. Show that the equation:

$$\iint_{\Omega} \nabla U \cdot \nabla v dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} f v dx dy \quad \text{for all } v \in V_{h0}, \quad (2)$$

is equivalent to

$$\iint_{\Omega} \nabla U \cdot \nabla \varphi_i dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} f \varphi_i dx dy \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (3)$$

where N is the number of internal nodes (“*nintnodes*”) and $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^N$ is the basis of “tent-functions” in V_{h0} .

6*. Show that the problem: find $U \in V_{h0}$ such that

$$\iint_{\Omega} \nabla U \cdot \nabla w dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} f w dx dy \quad \text{for all } w \in V_{h0}, \quad (4)$$

is equivalent to the minimization problem: find $U \in V_{h0}$ such that

$$\frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} \nabla U \cdot \nabla U dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} f U dx dy = \min_{v \in V_{h0}} \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla v dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v dx dy. \quad (5)$$

7*. (a) Consider the quadratic equation

$$at^2 + bt + c = 0, \quad (6)$$

Investigate under what condition on the coefficients a, b, c equation (6) does *not* have two distinct real roots.

(b) Prove the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$|\iint_{\Omega} vw \, dx \, dy| \leq \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (7)$$

Hint: start from the fact that $\|v+tw\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \geq 0$. Expanding $\|v+tw\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$ gives a quadratic polynomial which can not have two distinct real roots (why?). Use (a) to prove the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

8. Calculate $\|\nabla f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ where $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ and

(a) $f = x_1 x_2^2$.

(b) $f = \sin(nx_1) \sin(mx_2)$ with n and m arbitrary integers. What happens when n, m tends to infinity?

9. Let $u = x_1 x_2^2$ and $a = 1 + x_2^2$. Calculate

(a) ∇u .

(b) Δu .

(c) $\nabla \cdot a \nabla u$.

10. Consider the problem: find u such that

$$-\Delta u + cu = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad (8)$$

$$u = g_D \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D, \quad (9)$$

$$-n \cdot \nabla u = g_N \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N, \quad (10)$$

with the usual notation.

(a) Derive a finite element method for this problem using approximation of the Dirichlet boundary conditions.

(b) Prove that the finite element solution is unique when 1. $c > 0$ and 2. Γ_D is nonempty.

11. Let K be a triangle with corners $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, and $(1, 0)$, and let $f = x_1^2 + x_2$. Calculate

$$\iint_K f \, dx \, dy, \quad (11)$$

using

(a) one point (“center of gravity”) quadrature,

(b) corner (“node”) quadrature,

(c) mid-point (of the triangle sides) quadrature.

Also compute (11) analytically and compare with your results above.

12. Let K be a triangle with corners $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, and $(1, 0)$.

(a) Calculate the three basis functions λ_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, for the space $\mathcal{P}(K)$ of linear functions

defined on K .

(b) Calculate the 3×3 element mass matrix with elements $m_{ij} = \iint_K \lambda_j \lambda_i \, dx \, dy$ approximately using corner quadrature.

(c) Calculate the 3×3 element stiffness matrix with elements $a_{ij} = \iint_K \nabla \lambda_j \cdot \nabla \lambda_i \, dx \, dy$.