

# 4.4.4 Local interpolation error

$(K, P, \mathcal{N})$

$K$  star-shaped, chunkiness  $\gamma$

$$P_{m-1} \subset P \subset W_{\alpha}^m(K)$$

order  $\nearrow \mathcal{N} \subset (C^{\ell}(K))'$

$$\begin{cases} m - \frac{m}{p} > \ell \\ p > 1 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} m - \frac{m}{p} \geq \ell \\ p = 1 \end{cases} \text{ (so that } W_p^m(K) \subset C^{\ell}(K) \text{)}$$

Then, for  $i = 0, \dots, m$

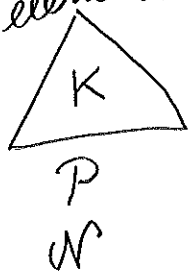
$$|v - I v|_{W_p^i(K)} \leq C_{m, n, \gamma, \sigma(\hat{K})} \text{diam}(K)^{m-i} |v|_{W_p^m(K)}$$

$\uparrow$  shape only       $\uparrow$  size

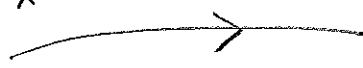
$$\hat{K} = \left\{ \hat{x} = \frac{x}{\text{diam}(K)} : x \in K \right\}, \quad \text{diam}(\hat{K}) = 1$$

$$\sigma(K) = \|I\|_{C^{\ell}(K) \rightarrow W_p^m(K)}$$

$$I v = \sum_{i=1}^k N_i(v) \phi_i$$

reference  
element

$$\tilde{x} = F(x) = ax + b$$



affine eq.



$$\tilde{P} = (F^{-1})^*(P)$$

$$\tilde{N} = F_*(N)$$

$$a \in GL(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

#### 4.4.11 Proposition

$$\sigma(\tilde{K}) \leq C_{\text{ref}} \chi(a)$$

$$C_{\text{ref}} = C(K, P, \sigma)$$

$$\chi(a) = \left(1 + \max |a_{ij}|\right)^l \left(1 + \max |(a^{-1})_{ij}|\right)^m |\det(a)|^{1/p}$$

Make assumptions on the mesh  
so that

$$\sigma(\hat{\tilde{K}}) \leq C$$

i.e.

$$\chi(\hat{a}) \leq C$$

#### 4.4.13 (with better notation)

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$$d = \text{diam}(\Omega)$$

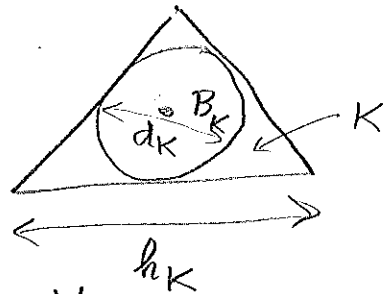
$\mathcal{T} = \{T\}$  family of subdivisions of  $\Omega$   
(not necessarily triangulations)

$$h_K = \text{diam}(K), \quad h_{\mathcal{T}} = \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}} h_K / d \in (0, 1]$$

$$d_K = \text{diam}(B_K), \quad d_{\mathcal{T}} = \min_{K \in \mathcal{T}} d_K$$

$B_K$  largest ball, star-shaped

$$\gamma_K = 2 \frac{h_K}{d_K} \geq 2 \quad \text{chunkiness}$$



$\mathcal{T}$  is a non-degenerate family  
(or regular or shape-regular)

if  $\exists \vartheta > 0$ :

$$0 < \vartheta \leq \frac{d_K}{h_K} \leq 1 \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$$

or 
$$\inf_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{d_K}{h_K} \geq \vartheta > 0 \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$$

or 
$$\inf_{K \in \mathcal{T}} \frac{1}{\gamma_K} \geq \frac{\vartheta}{2} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$$

or 
$$\sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \sup_{K \in T} \gamma_K \leq \frac{2}{\vartheta}$$

$\mathcal{T}$  is a quasi-uniform family

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if  $\exists \delta > 0$  :

$$\delta \leq \frac{\min_{K \in \mathcal{T}} d_K}{\max_{K \in \mathcal{T}} h_K} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$$

or

$$(*) \quad \delta d \leq \frac{d\sigma}{h_\sigma} \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}$$

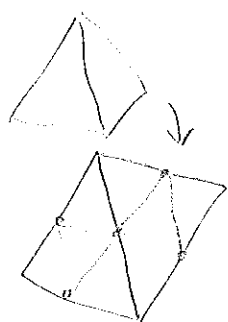
(all  $K$  in  $\mathcal{T}$  are almost equal in shape and size and all  $K$  in all  $\mathcal{T}$  are almost equal in shape)

Clearly -  $d_K \geq d_\sigma$ ,  $h_K \leq \max h_K = d h_\sigma$

so  $(*)$  implies

$$\frac{d_K}{h_K} \geq \frac{d\sigma}{d h_\sigma} \geq \delta$$

Therefore: quasi-uniform family  $\Rightarrow$  regular family



$\rightarrow$  quasi-uniform family of triangulations

Moreover, (\*) implies

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$$\frac{\min_{K \in \mathcal{T}} h_K}{\max_{K \in \mathcal{T}} h_K} \geq \frac{\min_{\mathcal{T}} d_K}{\max_{\mathcal{T}} h_K} = \frac{d_{\mathcal{T}}}{d h_{\mathcal{T}}} \geq \delta$$

i.e. same size in  $\mathcal{T}$

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For a finite family  $\mathcal{T}$  such a  $\delta$  always exists but may be very small if the  $\mathcal{T}$  is "bad". Then  $\delta$  is a quantitative measure of how regular the family is.

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Brenner Scott has  $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{T}^h\}_{h \in (0,1]}$  where  $\mathcal{T}^h$  is any subdivision such that

$$h_{\mathcal{T}^h} \leq h$$

or 
$$\max_{K \in \mathcal{T}^h} h_K \leq h d.$$

## 4.4.20 Global interpolation error

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$\Omega$  polyhedral

$\{\mathcal{T}^h\}$  non-deg. family of subdivisions

$(K, P, N)$  reference element,  $l, m, p$

For all  $T \in \mathcal{T}^h$  let

$(T, P_T, N_T) \stackrel{\text{be}}{\sim} \text{affine eq to } (K, P, N).$

Then, for  $s = 0, \dots, m$ ,

$$\left( \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \|v - I^h v\|_{W_p^s(T)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C h^{m-s} |v|_{W_p^m(\Omega)}$$

and, for  $s = 0, \dots, l$ ,

$$\max_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \|v - I^h v\|_{W_\infty^s(T)} \leq C h^{m-s-m/p} |v|_{W_p^m(\Omega)}.$$

$$C = C(m, n, (K, P, N), p)$$

The local interpol. error constant is

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Proof  $C_{m,n,\gamma_T,\sigma(\hat{T})}$ . We have  $\gamma_T \leq \frac{2}{\rho}$ .

Must show

$$\sup_{\gamma^h} \sup_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \sigma(\hat{T}) \leq C(m, n, p, (K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N}), \rho)$$

$$(\hat{T}, \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{\hat{T}}, \hat{\mathcal{N}}_{\hat{T}}) \cong (T, \mathcal{P}_T, \mathcal{N}_T) \cong (K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$$

$$\curvearrowleft F(x) = ax + b$$

Show  $\chi(a) \leq C$ .

Show  $a \in$  compact subset of  $GL(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Non-degenerate family:  $\exists B \subset \hat{T}$

$$d_B = \frac{d_B}{h_{\hat{T}}} \geq \rho > 0$$

$$c\rho^m \leq |B| \leq |\hat{T}| = \int_{\hat{T}} dx = |\det(a)| \int_T dx = C |\det(a)|$$

$$|\det(a)| \geq c > 0$$

upper bound for  $a$ ?

May assume  $K$  contains a simplex

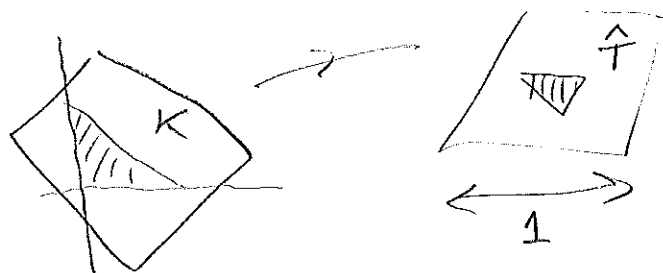
$$S = \{x : \sum x_i \leq t_0, x_i \geq 0\}$$

$$F(te^i) = a(te^i) + b = tae^i + b \in \hat{T}, 0 \leq t \leq t_0$$

$$t_0 \|ae^i\| \leq \text{diam } \hat{T} = 1$$

$$\sum |a_{ij}| \leq 1/t_0$$

$$\sum_{kl} a_{kl} \underbrace{e_l^i}_{\delta_{il}} = a_{ki}$$



Thus  $a \in \{ \det(a) \geq c > 0, \max |a_{ij}| \leq c \}$  (8)

The proof is completed  
by using local interpol. error  
estimate.

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For  $C^0$  element we have  
in the global norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - I^h v\|_{W_p^s(\Omega)} &= \left( \sum_T \|v - I^h v\|_{W_p^s(T)}^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \\ &\leq C h^{m-s} \|v\|_{W_p^m(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

for  $s = 0, 1$ .

(Note  $I^h v$  is in  $W_\infty^1(\Omega)$  but not  
more, (3.3.17).)