

TUTORIAL

“Numerical Methods for the Solution of Elliptic Partial Differential Equations”

to the lecture

“Numerics of Elliptic Problems”

Tutorial 07 - 10 - 13

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Time: 10¹⁵ – 11⁴⁵, Room: S2 / 120.

Programming project

In this project we will develop step by step a C++ code realizing a 2D Finite Element Method. In our first meeting on May 13 you should present P01 - P06. Then you have time until the end of the semester (June 24) to finish the project. You can download the file `tut07-10-13.zip` containing some auxiliary classes on the website of the lecture/tutorial. Please make sure that your code is well-structured and well-documented and deliver it to `gangl@numa.uni-linz.ac.at` by June 24, 2014. The project will be graded and will count as 1/3 of the total grade of the tutorial.

Reference element

We consider Courant’s finite element. The reference triangle is given by

$$\Delta = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \xi_1 \geq 0, \xi_2 \geq 0, \xi_1 + \xi_2 \leq 1\},$$

with vertices $\xi^{(0)} = (0, 0)$, $\xi^{(1)} = (1, 0)$, and $\xi^{(2)} = (0, 1)$, the space of shape functions is P_1 , and the nodal variables are the evaluations at the three vertices. Recall that the nodal shape functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned} p^{(0)}(\xi) &= 1 - \xi_1 - \xi_2, \\ p^{(1)}(\xi) &= \xi_1, \\ p^{(2)}(\xi) &= \xi_2. \end{aligned}$$

To model *small* vectors from \mathbb{R}^n and $n \times m$ matrices, where $m, n \in \{2, 3\}$, it is recommended to use `vec.hh` and `mat.hh` (see also the demo `matvecdemo.cc`). There, 0-based indices are used throughout, for example:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2 &\leftrightarrow \text{Vec}<2> \text{ xi} & \xi_1 &\leftrightarrow \text{xi}[0] \\ & & \xi_2 &\leftrightarrow \text{xi}[1] \end{aligned}$$

P01 Write two functions

```
double calcShape (int i, const Vec<2>& xi);  
Vec<2> calcDShape (int i, const Vec<2>& xi);
```

that compute the *value* $p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)$ and the *gradient* $\nabla_{\xi} p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)$ of a nodal shape function, respectively, where $\mathbf{x}_i = \xi$ and $i = \alpha$.

P02 Complete and implement the following class modelling the affine linear transformation x_{δ} from Δ to an *arbitrary* non-degenerate triangle δ :

$$x = x_{\delta}(\xi) = x_0 + J \xi,$$

where x_0 is the image of $(0, 0)$.

```
class ElTrans {  
public:  
    ElTrans(const Vec<2>& x0, const Vec<2>& x1, const Vec<2>& x2);  
    void transform (const Vec<2>& xi, Vec<2>& x);  
    void getJacobian (Mat<2, 2>& J);  
    ...  
};
```

Above, \mathbf{x}_0 , \mathbf{x}_1 , \mathbf{x}_2 are the three vertices of δ . The method `transform` should transform reference coordinates $\mathbf{x}_i = \xi$ to real coordinates $\mathbf{x} = x_{\delta}(\xi)$. The method `getJacobian` should return the Jacobi matrix J of the transformation.

P03 Add two more methods to `class ElTrans`:

```
double jacobiDet ();  
void getInvJacobian (Mat<2, 2>& invJ);
```

The first should return the Jacobi determinant $\det J$ (check if the determinant is positive, why?), the second one should return $\text{invJ} = J^{-1}$.

P04 Write a function

```
void calcLaplaceElMat (const Vec<2>& x0, const Vec<2>& x1,  
                      const Vec<2>& x2, Mat<3, 3>& elMat);
```

that computes the element stiffness matrix $\text{elMat} = K_r$ associated to an element δ_r (given by the three vertices \mathbf{x}_0 , \mathbf{x}_1 , and \mathbf{x}_2), i. e.,

$$(K_r)_{\alpha\beta} = \int_{\delta_r} \nabla_x p^{(r,\alpha)}(x) \cdot \nabla_x p^{(r,\beta)}(x) dx = \int_{\Delta} (J_r^{-T} \nabla_{\xi} p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)) \cdot (J_r^{-T} \nabla_{\xi} p^{(\beta)}(\xi)) \det(J_r) d\xi.$$

Hint: Consider only the above formula on the reference element. Use `calcDShape` to get $\nabla_{\xi} p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)$, and `ElTrans` to get $\det J$ and J_r^{-1} . Note finally that J_r^{-T} and $\nabla_{\xi} p^{(\alpha)}$ are constant on Δ .

P05 Write a function

```
void calcSourceElVec (const Vec<2>& x0, const Vec<2>& x1,
                    const Vec<2>& x2, ScalarField f, Vec<3>& elVec);
```

that approximates the element load vector f_r given by

$$(f_r)_\alpha = \int_{\delta_r} f(x) p^{(r,\alpha)}(x) dx = \int_{\Delta} f(x_{\delta_r}(\xi)) p^{(\alpha)}(\xi) \det(J_r) d\xi,$$

using the following quadrature rule on Δ :

$$\int_{\Delta} g(\xi) d\xi \approx \frac{1}{6} \left[g\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right) + g\left(\frac{4}{6}, \frac{1}{6}\right) + g\left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) \right].$$

Show that this quadrature rule is exact for $g \in P_2$!

Hint: Use `ElTrans` to get $x_{\delta_r}(\xi)$. Note that ξ must *loop* over the three integration points.

Hint: To model the *type* of a scalar function depending on a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 use

```
typedef double (*ScalarField)(const Vec<2>& x);
```

P06 Write a function

```
void calcMassElMat (const Vec<2>& x0, const Vec<2>& x1,
                  const Vec<2>& x2, Mat<3, 3>& elMat);
```

that computes the element mass matrix M_r given by

$$(M_r)_{\alpha\beta} = \int_{\delta_r} p^{(r,\alpha)}(x) p^{(r,\beta)}(x) dx$$

Hint: Transform to the reference element as done in the previous two exercises.

Test all your functions, i. e. apply them to concrete parameters and output the results! At minimum use $f(x, y) = 1$ and test $\delta_r = \Delta$ as well as the triangle with the vertices $(1, 1)$, $(1.5, 1)$, and $(1.25, 1.5)$.

Assembling

Download the files

- `vector.hh` – a vector class (for vectors of dynamic length)
- `sparsematrix.hh`, `sparsematrix.cc` – a sparse matrix class
- `mesh.hh`, and `mesh.cc` – a 2D triangular mesh

from the tutorial website.

There are also two demos:

- `smdemo.cc` – showing how to work with the sparse matrix and
- `meshdemo.cc` – showing how to work with the mesh.

Go through these demos and understand what is happening there.

P07 Write a function

```
void assembleStiffnessMatrix (const Mesh& mesh, SparseMatrix& K);
```

that assembles the stiffness matrix K according to the bilinear form

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) + u(x) v(x) dx$$

for `mesh` being the triangulation of Ω .

Hint: Reuse the functions from the previous section, in particular exercises `P04` and `P06`.

`P08` Write a function

```
void assembleLoadVector (const Mesh& mesh, ScalarField f, Vector& b);
```

that assembles the load vector \mathbf{b} according to the functional

$$\langle F, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v(x) dx$$

for `mesh` being the triangulation of Ω .

Hint: Reuse the function from exercise `P05`.

All routines should be tested for the two meshes created in `meshdemo.cc`

Solving

As a concrete example we consider the problem to find $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) + u(x) v(x) dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v(x) dx \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega), \quad (3.14)$$

with $f(x_1, x_2) = (5\pi^2 + \frac{1}{4}) \cos(2\pi x_1) \cos(4\pi x_2)$. Give the classical formulation of formulation (3.14)!

`P09` Implement a Jacobi preconditioner:

```
class JacobiPreconditioner
{
public:
    JacobiPreconditioner (const SparseMatrix& K);
    void solve (const Vector& r, Vector& z);
};
```

`P10` Assemble the finite element system $Ku = b$ for (3.14) for the initial mesh from `meshdemo.cc` and solve it using conjugate gradients `cg.hh` with your Jacobi preconditioner. Solve the same system for the uniformly refined meshes with $h_0/h = 2, 4, 8, 16$ where h_0 is the mesh size of the initial mesh.

You can visualize solutions calling `mesh.matlabOutput ("output.m", u)`; from your program, and then loading the file into `matlab` (provided you have the PDE Toolbox).

Incorporating boundary conditions

Consider the Neumann boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u(x) + u &= f(x) & \text{for } x \in \Omega := (0, 1)^2, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x) &= g(x) & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_N := \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

The associated variational formulation is to find $u \in V_0 := H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) + u(x) v(x) dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v(x) dx + \int_{\Gamma_N} g(x) v(x) ds \quad \forall v \in V_0. \quad (3.15)$$

P11 Let $e \subset \Gamma_N$ be an element edge on the Neumann boundary with the two endpoints $x^{(e,1)}$ and $x^{(e,2)}$ and set $h_e := |x^{(e,2)} - x^{(e,1)}|$. Let us denote the two functions on the reference edge by $p^{(1)}(\xi) = 1 - \xi$ and $p^{(2)}(\xi) = \xi$.

Write a function

```
void calcNeumannElVec (const Point2D& p0, const Point2D& p1,
                      ScalarField g, Vec<2>& elVec);
```

to approximate

$$g_e^{(\alpha)} := \int_e g(x) p^{(e,\alpha)}(x) ds \approx \frac{h_e}{2} \left(g(x^{(e,1)}) p^{(\alpha)}(0) + g(x^{(e,2)}) p^{(\alpha)}(1) \right)$$

as above by the trapezoidal rule; $\text{elVec} \approx (g_e^{(1)}, g_e^{(2)})$, $\text{p0} = x^{(e,1)}$, $\text{p1} = x^{(e,2)}$, and $\text{g} = g$.

P12 Write a function

```
void addNeumannLoadVector (const Mesh& mesh, ScalarField g, Vector& b);
```

which *adds* the contribution corresponding to $\int_{\Gamma_N} g(x) v(x) ds$ to an (already existing) load vector \mathbf{b} .

Hint: Loop over all segments of the mesh and for those marked as Neumann (use `bcSegments[i] == BC_NEUMANN`) call `calcNeumannElVec`.

P13 Solve the finite element system corresponding to (3.15) with $f(x_1, x_2) = -2.5 + x_1$ and $g(x_1, x_2) = 0.5$ for a suitably refined mesh (see exercise **P10**) and visualize the solution.

Consider the Dirichlet boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u(x) &= f(x) & \text{for } x \in \Omega := (0, 1)^2, \\ u(x) &= g & \text{for } x \in \Gamma_D := \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

The associated variational formulation is to find $u \in V_g := \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : u|_{\Gamma} = g\}$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v(x) dx \quad \forall v \in V_g. \quad (3.16)$$

P14 Write a function

```
void incorporateHomogeneousDirichletBC (const Mesh& mesh,
                                         SparseMatrix& K, Vector& b);
```

that incorporates the homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions ($g = 0$) into the system matrix K and the load vector \mathbf{b} .

Hint: Loop over all segments of the mesh and search for those marked as Dirichlet (use `bcSegments[i] == BC_DIRICHLET`). For each such vertex with index i it sets all entries in row i and column i of K to zero and $K_{i,i} = 1$, $b_i = 0$.

P15 Solve the finite element system corresponding to (3.16) with $f(x_1, x_2) = 20\pi^2 \sin(2\pi x_1) \sin(4\pi x_2)$ for a suitably refined mesh (see exercise **P10**) and visualize the solution.

P16 Write a function

```
void incorporateInhomogeneousDirichletBC (const Mesh& mesh,
                                           const Vector& ug, SparseMatrix& K, Vector& b);
```

that incorporates the inhomogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions \mathbf{ug} into the system matrix K and the load vector \mathbf{b} . Here \mathbf{ug} is a vector of the same size as \mathbf{b} carrying the prescribed Dirichlet values (other values are ignored).

Hint: Ensure that the entries in \mathbf{ug} , that do not correspond to Dirichlet values are set to zero. The modification of the load vector \mathbf{b} can be done by

$$\mathbf{b}[i] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{ug}[i], & i \text{ corresponds to Dirichlet node} \\ \mathbf{b}[i] - (\mathbf{K} * \mathbf{ug})[i], & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

After that, in order to modify K , proceed as in Exercise **P14**.

P17 Solve the finite element system corresponding to (3.16) with $f(x_1, x_2) = 20\pi^2 \sin(2\pi x_1) \sin(4\pi x_2)$ and $g(x_1, x_2)$ given by

$$g(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0, & x_2 = 1 \vee x_1 = 1 \\ (1 - x_1), & x_2 = 0 \\ (1 - x_2), & x_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

for a suitably refined mesh (see exercise **P10**) and visualize the solution.

Let's consider Robin boundary conditions of the type

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial N} := \lambda \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \kappa(u_0 - u) = g_3 - \kappa u.$$

for given λ , κ and u_0 and the normal derivative n .

P18 Let $e \subset \Gamma_R$ be element edges on the Robin boundary with the two endpoints $x^{(e,1)}$ and $x^{(e,2)}$. Let the reference edge be $\Delta = (0, 1)$ with the corresponding nodal basis functions $p^{(0)}(\xi) = 1 - \xi$ and $p^{(1)}(\xi) = \xi$. Write a function

```
void calcRobinElMat (const Vec<2>& x0, const Vec<2>& x1,
                    ScalarField kappa, Mat<2, 2>& elMat);
```

that computes the element Robin matrix K

$$K_{\alpha\beta}^e = \int_e \kappa(x) p^{(e,\alpha)}(x) p^{(e,\beta)}(x) dx = \int_{\Delta} \kappa(x_e(\xi)) p^{(\alpha)}(\xi) p^{(\beta)}(\xi) \det(J_e) d\xi$$

using the quadrature rule on $\Delta = (0, 1)$ given by

$$\int_{\Delta} g(\xi) d\xi \approx \frac{1}{6} [g(0) + 4g(0.5) + g(1)].$$

Show that this quadrature rule is exact for $g \in P_3$.

Hint: In order to get $x_e(\xi)$, implement a class modelling the affine linear transformation for edges, i.e. in 1D (compare [P02](#), [P03](#) and NumPDE-Tutorial).

P19 Write a function

```
void incorporateRobinBC (const Mesh& mesh, ScalarField kappa,
                        ScalarField u0, SparseMatrix& K, Vector& b);
```

that incorporates the Robin boundary conditions into the system matrix K and the load vector \mathbf{b} .

Hint: Loop over all segments of the mesh and search for those marked as Robin (use `bcSegments[i] == BC_ROBIN`) and reuse the function from the previous Exercise [P18](#) to add the local contributions to the stiffness matrix.

Hint: For the contribution corresponding to $\int_{\Gamma_R} g_3(x) v(x) ds$, proceed as for the Neumann Boundary (see [P11](#)).

L_2 -error and H^1 -error

P20 Write a function

```
double calcElErrorL2 (const Point2D& p0, const Point2D& p1,
                    const Point2D& p2, ScalarField exact,
                    double v0, double v1, double v2);
```

that approximates the element L^2 -error $\|v - v_h\|_{L^2(\delta_r)}$, where `exact=v` and $v_h(x_{\delta_r}(\xi)) = \sum_{\alpha \in A} v^{(r,\alpha)} p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)$ with `v0=v(r,1)` etc.

Hint: Use the quadrature rule from Exercise [P05](#) to approximate

$$\|v - v_h\|_{L^2(\delta_r)}^2 = \int_{\delta_r} |v(x) - v_h(x)|^2 dx = \int_{\Delta} |v(x_{\delta_r}(\xi)) - v_h(x_{\delta_r}(\xi))|^2 |\det J_{\delta_r}| d\xi$$

P21 Write a function

```
double calcElErrorH1 (const Point2D& p0, const Point2D& p1,
                    const Point2D& p2,
                    ScalarField Dx1exact, ScalarField Dx2exact,
                    double v0, double v1, double v2);
```

that approximates the element H^1 -error $|Dv - \nabla v_h|_{L^2(\delta_r)}$, where $Dv = \nabla v = (\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2})^T$, with $\text{Dx1exact} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1}$, $\text{Dx2exact} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2}$ and $v_h(x_{\delta_r}(\xi)) = \sum_{\alpha \in A} v^{(r,\alpha)} p^{(\alpha)}(\xi)$ with $\mathbf{v0} = v^{(r,1)}$ etc.

Hint: Use the quadrature rule from Exercise [P05](#) to approximate

$$|v - v_h|_{H^1(\delta_r)}^2 = \int_{\delta_r} |Dv(x) - \nabla_x v_h(x)|^2 dx = \int_{\Delta} |Dv(x_{\delta_r}(\xi)) - J_r^{-T} \nabla_{\xi} v_h(x_{\delta_r}(\xi))|^2 |\det J_{\delta_r}| d\xi$$

[P22](#) Write a function

```
double calcErrorL2 (const Mesh& mesh, ScalarField exact,
                   const Vector& solution);
```

that approximates the global L^2 -error $\|v - v_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$, where $\text{exact} = v$ and $\text{solution} = v_h$.

Hint: use `calcElErrorL2` in a loop over all elements.

Show that $u(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{4} \cos(2\pi x_1) \cos(4\pi x_2)$ is the unique solution of (3.14) (see Tutorial 08, Exercise [P10](#)). Compute $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ for each finite element solution u_h from Exercise [P10](#) for the different meshes.

[P23](#) Write a function

```
double calcErrorH1 (const Mesh& mesh, ScalarField exact,
                   ScalarField Dx1exact, ScalarField Dx2exact,
                   const Vector& solution);
```

that approximates the global H^1 -error $\|v - v_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$, where $\text{exact} = v$, $\text{Dx1exact} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1}$, $\text{Dx2exact} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2}$ and $\text{solution} = v_h$.

Hint: use `calcElErrorL2` and `calcElErrorH1` in a loop over all elements.

Compute $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ for each finite element solution u_h from Exercise [P10](#) for the different meshes.

The CHIP-Problem

Recall the CHIP-Problem from the lecture (T08a, T08b, T09)!

[P24](#) Prepare the initial mesh for the CHIP problem as proposed on T09 in your mesh-format, taking care of the appropriate boundary conditions.

Hint: If possible use symmetric reduction.

[P25](#) Modify your functions from [P04](#), [P06](#) and [P07](#), such that you can assemble the stiffness matrix K according to the bilinear form

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \lambda(x) \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) + a(x) u(x) v(x) dx,$$

where $\lambda(x)$ and $a(x)$ are given coefficient functions.

P26 Solve the finite element system corresponding to the CHIP problem on T08a with the parameter setting of T08b for the initial mesh of **P24**. Solve the same system for uniformly refined meshes with $h_0/h = 2, 4, 8, 16$ and visualize the solution.

Hint: For incorporating the BC, use the following order: First natural BC, then essential BC.

A posteriori error estimates

P27* Implement the residual error estimator for the CHIP-problem as derived in Section 3.6.2 of the lecture (see exercise in Tutorial 12).

P28* Compute the residual error for the CHIP-problem for uniformly refined meshes with $h_0/h = 2, 4, 8, 16$ and visualize the error on each element!