# Numerical Solutions to Partial Differential Equations

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# Mixed BVP of Poisson Equation on Polygonal Region in $\mathbb{R}^2$

• Consider the boundary value problem of the Poisson equation

$$\begin{cases} -\triangle u = f, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial \Omega_0, & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = g, \quad x \in \partial \Omega_1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Omega$  is a polygonal region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\partial \Omega_0$  is a relative closed subset in  $\partial \Omega$  with positive 1-dimensional measure,

$$\partial \Omega = \partial \Omega_0 \cup \partial \Omega_1, \ \partial \Omega_0 \cap \partial \Omega_1 = \emptyset,$$
  
 $f \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega), \ g \in \mathbb{L}^2(\partial \Omega_1).$ 



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# Mixed BVP of Poisson Equation on Polygonal Region in $\mathbb{R}^2$

• consider the standard weak form of the problem:

 $\begin{cases} \mathsf{Find} \ u \in \mathbb{V} \text{ such that} \\ \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \ dx = \int_{\Omega} f \ v \ dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} g \ v \ ds, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}, \end{cases}$ 

where  $\mathbb{V} = \left\{ v \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : v|_{\partial \Omega_0} = 0 
ight\};$ 

• consider the conforming finite element method based on a family of regular class  $C^0$  type (1) Lagrange triangular elements.



### A Theorem on the Relation of Residual and Error of a FE Solution

Define the residual operator 
$$R : \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{V}^*$$
 of the problem by  
 $R(v)(w) = \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} g w \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \cdot \nabla w \, dx, \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{V}.$ 

**2** The dual norm of the residual of a finite element solution  $u_h$ :

$$\|R(u_h)\|_{\mathbb{V}^*} = \sup_{\substack{w \in \mathbb{V} \\ \|w\|_{1,2,\Omega}=1}} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} fw \, dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} gw \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w \, dx \right\}$$

#### Theorem

Let  $u \in \mathbb{V}$ ,  $u_h \in \mathbb{V}_h$  be the weak solution and the finite element solution of the problem respectively. Then, there exists a constant  $C(\Omega)$ , which depends only on  $\Omega$ , such that

 $\|R(u_h)\|_{\mathbb{V}^*} \le \|u-u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega} \le C(\Omega) \|R(u_h)\|_{\mathbb{V}^*}.$ 

### Remarks on Residual Dual Norm Estimation

- We hope to develop a formula, which is easily computed and involves only available data such as f, g, u<sub>h</sub> and geometric parameters of the triangulation and thus is usually called an a posteriori error estimator, to evaluate the dual norm of the residual.
- Recall that in the a priori error estimates, the polynomial invariant interpolation operator plays an important role. For example, write w as (w Π<sub>h</sub>w) + Π<sub>h</sub>w can have some advantage.
- However, the Lagrange nodal type interpolation operators require the function to be at least in C<sup>0</sup>.
- ④ Here, we need to introduce a polynomial invariant interpolation operator for functions in ℍ<sup>1</sup>.

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Notations on a Family of Regular Triangular Triangulations  $\{\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)\}_{h>0}$ 

**(**)  $\mathcal{E}(K)$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(K)$ : the sets of all edges and vertices of  $K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ .

2 Denote 
$$\mathcal{E}_h := \bigcup_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \mathcal{E}(K)$$
,  $\mathcal{N}_h := \bigcup_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \mathcal{N}(K)$ .

**③**  $\mathcal{N}(E)$ : the sets of all vertices of an edge  $E \in \mathcal{E}_h$ .



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Notations on a Family of Regular Triangular Triangulations  $\{\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)\}_{h>0}$ 

$$\mathfrak{\tilde{\omega}}_{\mathcal{K}} := \bigcup_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K}) \cap \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K}') \neq \emptyset} \mathcal{K}', \qquad \tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{E}} := \bigcup_{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{E}) \cap \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{K}') \neq \emptyset} \mathcal{K}'.$$

**(3)** The corresponding finite element function space:

 $\mathbb{V}_{h} = \{ v \in \mathbb{C}(\bar{\Omega}) : v|_{K} \in \mathbb{P}_{1}(K), \forall K \in \mathfrak{T}_{h}(\Omega), v(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{N}_{h,0} \}.$ 



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# The Clément Interpolation Operator $I_h : \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{V}_h$

#### Definition

For any  $v \in \mathbb{V}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{N}_h$ , denote  $\pi_x v$  as the  $\mathbb{L}^2(\omega_x)$  projection of v on  $\mathbb{P}_1(\omega_x)$ , meaning  $\pi_x v \in \mathbb{P}_1(\omega_x)$  satisfies

$$\int_{\omega_x} v \, p \, dx = \int_{\omega_x} (\pi_x v) \, p \, dx, \quad orall p \in \mathbb{P}_1(\omega_x).$$

The Clément interpolation operator  $I_h: \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{V}_h$  is defined by

 $I_h v(x) = (\pi_x v)(x), \ \forall x \in \mathcal{N}_{h,\Omega} \cup \mathcal{N}_{h,1}; \qquad I_h v(x) = 0, \ \forall x \in \mathcal{N}_{h,0}.$ 



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# The Clément Interpolation Operator $I_h : \mathbb{V} \to \mathbb{V}_h$

- **1** The Clément interpolation operator is well defined on  $\mathbb{L}^1(\Omega)$ .
- 2 If  $v \in \mathbb{P}_1(\omega_x)$ , then  $(\pi_x)v(x) = v(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \omega_x$ .

3 If 
$$v \in \mathbb{P}_1(\tilde{\omega}_K)$$
, then  $I_h v(x) = v(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in K$ .

 It is in the above sense that the Clément interpolation operator is polynomial (more precisely ℙ<sub>1</sub>) invariant.



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# Error Estimates of the Clément Interpolation Operator Ih

#### Lemma

There exist constants  $C_1(\theta_{\min})$  and  $C_2(\theta_{\min})$ , which depend only on the smallest angle  $\theta_{\min}$  of the triangular elements in the triangulation  $\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ , such that, for any given  $K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ ,  $E \in \mathcal{E}_h$ and  $v \in \mathbb{V}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - I_h v\|_{0,2,K} &\leq C_1(\theta_{\min}) h_K |v|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_K}, \\ \|v - I_h v\|_{0,E} &:= \|v - I_h v\|_{0,2,E} &\leq C_2(\theta_{\min}) h_K^{1/2} |v|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_E}. \end{aligned}$$



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### Error Estimates of the Clément Interpolation Operator I<sub>h</sub>

- More general properties and proofs on the Clément interpolation operator may be found in [8, 31].
- The basic ingredients of the proof are the scaling techniques (which include the polynomial quotient space and equivalent quotient norms, the relations of semi-norms on affine equivalent open sets), and the inverse inequality.



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# An Upper Bound for the Dual Norm of the Residual $R(u_h)$

#### Lemm<u>a</u>

There exists a constant  $C(\theta_{\min})$ , where  $\theta_{\min}$  is the smallest angle of the triangular elements in the triangulation  $\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ , such that

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} g w \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w \, dx \\ \leq C(\theta_{\min}) \|w\|_{1,2,\Omega} \Big\{ \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} h_K^2 \|f\|_{0,2,K}^2 + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} h_E \|g - \nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,E}^2 \\ &+ \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} h_E \|[\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h]_E\|_{0,E}^2 \Big\}^{1/2}, \quad \forall w \in \mathbb{V}, \end{split}$$



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# Proof of the Lemma — An Upper Bound for the Residual $R(u_h)$

where in the theorem,  $\nu_E$  is an arbitrarily given unit normal of E if  $E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}$ , and is the unit exterior normal of  $\Omega$  if  $E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}$ ,  $[\varphi]_E$  is the jump of  $\varphi$  across E in the direction of  $\nu_E$ , *i.e.* 

$$[\varphi]_E(x) = \lim_{t \to 0+} \varphi(x + t\nu_E) - \lim_{t \to 0+} \varphi(x - t\nu_E), \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Proof:

**()** Since  $u_h$  is the finite element solution, we have

 $R(u_h)(v_h) := \int_{\Omega} fv_h \, dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} gv_h \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx = 0, \quad \forall v_h \in \mathbb{V}_h.$ In particular,  $R(u_h)(w) = R(u_h)(w - I_h w)$ , for all  $w \in \mathbb{V}$ .



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2 Applying the Green's formula on every element K, denoting  $\nu_K$  as the unit exterior normal of  $\partial K$ , and noticing  $u_h|_K \in \mathbb{P}_1(K)$  and thus  $\Delta u_h = 0$  on each element, we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \int_{K} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v \, dx$$
$$= \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \left\{ -\int_{K} \Delta u_h \, v \, dx + \int_{\partial K} \nu_K \cdot \nabla u_h \, v \, dx \right\}$$
$$= \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} \int_{E} \nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h \, v \, ds + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} \int_{E} [\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h]_E \, v \, ds, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}.$$



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3 Thus, recall 
$$R(u_h)(w) = R(u_h)(w - I_h w)$$
, we are lead to

$$\int_{\Omega} f w \, dx + \int_{\partial \Omega_1} g w \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w \, dx = \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \int_K f (w - I_h w) \, dx$$
$$+ \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} \int_E (g - \nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h) (w - I_h w) \, ds - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} \int_E [\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h]_E (w - I_h w) \, ds,$$



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# Proof of the Lemma — An Upper Bound for the Residual $R(u_h)$

• By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and Lemma 8.1, we have  

$$\int_{\mathcal{K}} f(w-I_h w) dx \leq \|f\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \|w-I_h w\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \leq C_1 h_{\mathcal{K}} \|f\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \|w\|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_{\mathcal{K}}},$$

$$\int_{E} (g-\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h)(w-I_h w) ds \leq \|g-\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,E} \|w-I_h w\|_{0,E}$$

$$\leq C_2 h_E^{1/2} \|g-\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,E} \|w\|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_E},$$

$$\int_{E} [\nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h}]_{E} (w - I_{h}w) ds \leq \| [\nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h}]_{E} \|_{0,E} \| w - I_{h}w \|_{0,E}$$
$$\leq C_{2} h_{E}^{1/2} \| [\nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h}]_{E} \|_{0,E} \| w \|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_{E}}.$$



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- **(b)** The number of element in  $\omega_x$ ,  $\sharp \omega_x \leq C_3 = 2\pi/\theta_{\min}$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathcal{N}_h$ .
- Each element K has three vertices, each edge E has two vertices.

$$\Big[\sum_{K\in\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)}\|w\|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_K}^2+\sum_{E\in\mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}\cup\mathcal{E}_{h,1}}\|w\|_{1,2,\tilde{\omega}_E}^2\Big]^{1/2}\leq\sqrt{5\,C_3}\,\|w\|_{1,2,\Omega}.$$

O The conclusion of the lemma follows as a consequence of ③,
 ④ and ⑧ with C(θ<sub>min</sub>) = √5C<sub>3</sub> max{C<sub>1</sub>(θ<sub>min</sub>), C<sub>2</sub>(θ<sub>min</sub>)}. ■

# A Theorem on the a Posteriori Error Estimate

#### Theorem

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As a corollary of Theorem 8.1 and Lemma 8.2, we have the following a posteriori error estimate of the finite element solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} h_K^2 \|f\|_{0,2,K}^2 + \\ \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} h_E \|g - \nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,E}^2 + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} h_E \|[\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h]_E\|_{0,E}^2 \right\}^{1/2}, \\ \text{where } C &= C(\theta_{\min}) C(\Omega) \text{ is a constant depending only on } \Omega \text{ and} \\ \text{he smallest angle } \theta_{\min} \text{ of the triangulation } \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

 The righthand side term above essentially gives an upper bound estimate for the V\*-norm of the residual R(u<sub>h</sub>), which can be directly used as a posteriori error estimator for the upper bound of the error of the finite element solution.

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### A Practical a Posteriori Error Estimator

• For convenience of analysis and practical computations, f and g are usually replaced by some approximation functions, say by  $f_K = \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K f \, dx$  and  $g_E = h_E^{-1} \int_E g \, ds$ .

**2** A practical a posteriori error estimator of residual type:

$$\eta_{R,K} = \left\{ h_{K}^{2} \| f_{K} \|_{0,2,K}^{2} + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}(K) \cap \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} h_{E} \| g_{E} - \nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h} \|_{0,E}^{2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}(K) \cap \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} h_{E} \| [\nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h}]_{E} \|_{0,E}^{2} \right\}^{1/2}.$$

**③** In applications,  $f_K$  and  $g_E$  can be further replaced by the numerical quadratures of the corresponding integrals.



# Error Estimate Based on the Practical a Posteriori Error Estimator

#### Theorem

For the constant  $C = C(\theta_{\min}) C(\Omega)$  in Theorem 8.2, the following a posteriori error estimate holds:

$$\begin{split} \|u - u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} \eta_{R,K}^2 + \right. \\ & \left. \sum_{K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)} h_K^2 \, \|f - f_K\|_{0,2,K}^2 + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} h_E \, \|g - g_E\|_{0,E}^2 \right\}^{1/2} . \end{split}$$

**Remark**: Generally speaking, for *h* sufficiently small, the first term on the righthand side represents the leading part of the error. Therefore, in practical computations,  $\eta_{R,K}$  alone is often used to estimate the local error, particularly in a mesh adaptive process.

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### Reliability of an a Posteriori Error Estimator

- The a posteriori error estimators given in Theorem 8.2 and 8.3 provide upper bounds for the error of the finite element solution u<sub>h</sub> in the V-norm.
- Such a property is called the reliability of the a posteriori error estimator.
- In general, the reliability of an a posteriori error estimator can be understood in the sense of a constant times



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# Reliability of an a Posteriori Error Estimator

#### Definition

Let u and  $u_h$  be the solution and the finite element solution of the variational problem. Let  $\eta_h$  be an a posteriori error estimator. If there exists a constant  $\hat{C}$  independent of h such that

$$\|u-u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega}\leq \widehat{C}\,\eta_h.$$

Then, the a posteriori error estimator  $\eta_h$  is said to be reliable, or has reliability.

- Reliability guarantees the accuracy.
- ② To avoid mesh being unnecessarily refined and have the computational cost under control, efficiency is required.



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# Efficiency of an a Posteriori Error Estimator

#### Definition

Let u and  $u_h$  be the solution and the finite element solution of the variational problem. Let  $\eta_h$  be an a posteriori error estimator. If, for any given  $h_0 > 0$ , there exists a constant  $\tilde{C}(h_0)$  such that

$$\widetilde{C}(h_0)^{-1} \|u-u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega} \leq \eta_h \leq \widetilde{C}(h_0) \|u-u_h\|_{1,2,\Omega}, \quad \forall h \in (0, h_0),$$

Then, the a posteriori error estimator  $\eta_h$  is said to be efficient, or has efficiency. In addition, if the constant  $\widetilde{C}(h_0)$  is such that

$$\lim_{h_0\to 0+}\widetilde{C}(h_0)=1,$$

Then, the a posteriori error estimator  $\eta_h$  is said to be asymptotically exact.



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### a Posteriori Local Error Estimator and the Local Error

- In applications, to efficiently control the error, we hope to refine the mesh only on the regions where the local error is relatively large.
- Pherefore, in addition to a good estimate of the global error of a finite element solution, what we expect more on an a posteriori error estimator is that it can efficiently evaluate the local error.



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### a Posteriori Local Error Estimator and the Local Error

• Recall  $\int_{\Omega} \nabla(u - u_h) \cdot \nabla w \, dx = R(u_h)(w)$ , and the a posteriori local error estimator of residual type is given as

$$\eta_{R,K} = \left\{ h_{K}^{2} \| f_{K} \|_{0,2,K}^{2} + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}(K) \cap \mathcal{E}_{h,1}} h_{E} \| g_{E} - \nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h} \|_{0,E}^{2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}(K) \cap \mathcal{E}_{h,\Omega}} h_{E} \| [\nu_{E} \cdot \nabla u_{h}]_{E} \|_{0,E}^{2} \right\}^{1/2}.$$

We hope, by choosing proper test functions w, to establish relationship between the local error of u – u<sub>h</sub> and the three terms in η<sub>R,K</sub>.



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### Relate Terms in $\eta_{R,K}$ to the Local Errors of $u - u_h$

**1** Notice that  $f_K$  is piecewise constant,  $\forall w \in \mathbb{V}$ , we have

$$\int_{K} f_{K}(f_{K}w) dx = |f_{K}|^{2} \int_{K} w dx = |K|^{-1} \left( \int_{K} w dx \right) \|f_{K}\|_{0,2,K}^{2},$$

② If we take a positive w ∈ H<sup>1</sup><sub>0</sub>(K), called a bubble function on K, then, the above equation will establish a relation between  $||f_K||^2_{0,2,K}$  and the local error of  $(u - u_h)|_K$  through  $\int_K \nabla (u - u_h) \cdot \nabla (f_K w) \, dx = R(u_h)(f_K w) = \int_K f(f_K w) \, dx$   $= \int_K f_K(f_K w) \, dx + \int_K (f - f_K)(f_K w) \, dx.$ 



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### Relate Terms in $\eta_{R,K}$ to the Local Errors of $u - u_h$

Similarly, by taking proper bubble functions, we can also establish the relationship between the local error of  $u - u_h$  and the terms

$$\|g_E - \nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h\|_{0,E}^2, \qquad \|[\nu_E \cdot \nabla u_h]_E\|_{0,E}^2,$$

which are also piecewise constant functions.



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### Triangular Element Bubble Functions and Edge Bubble Functions

Let λ<sub>K,i</sub>, i = 1, 2, 3 be the area coordinates of K ∈ ℑ<sub>h</sub>(Ω), define the triangular bubble function b<sub>K</sub> as

$$\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}}(x) = egin{cases} 27\,\lambda_{\mathcal{K},1}(x)\,\lambda_{\mathcal{K},2}(x)\,\lambda_{\mathcal{K},3}(x), & orall x\in\mathcal{K}; \ 0, & orall x\in\Omega\setminus\mathcal{K}. \end{cases}$$



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# Triangular Element Bubble Functions and Edge Bubble Functions

 Por a given edge E ∈ E<sub>h,Ω</sub>, let ω<sub>E</sub> = K<sub>1</sub> ∪ K<sub>2</sub>, let λ<sub>K<sub>i</sub>,j, j = 1, 2, 3 be the area coordinates of K<sub>i</sub>, denote the vertex of K<sub>i</sub> which is not on E as the third vertex of K<sub>i</sub>, define the edge bubble function b<sub>E</sub> as
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$$\mathfrak{b}_{E}(x) = \begin{cases} 4 \lambda_{K_{i},1}(x) \lambda_{K_{i},2}(x), & \forall x \in K_{i}, i = 1, 2 \\ 0, & \forall x \in \Omega \setminus \omega_{E}. \end{cases}$$



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# Triangular Element Bubble Functions and Edge Bubble Functions

For a given edge E ∈ E<sub>h,∂Ω</sub>, let ω<sub>E</sub> = K', denote the vertex of K' which is not on E as the third vertex of K', define the edge bubble function b<sub>E</sub> as

$$\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{E}}(x) = \begin{cases} 4 \,\lambda_{\mathcal{K}',1}(x) \,\lambda_{\mathcal{K}',2}(x), & \forall x \in \mathcal{K}'; \\ 0, & \forall x \in \Omega \setminus \mathcal{K}'. \end{cases}$$



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# Properties of the Bubble Functions

#### Lemma

For any given  $K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$  and  $E \in \mathcal{E}_h$ , the bubble functions  $\mathfrak{b}_K$  and  $\mathfrak{b}_E$  have the following properties:

 $\mathrm{supp}\;\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}}\subset\mathcal{K},\quad 0\leq\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}}\leq1,\quad \max_{x\in\mathcal{K}}\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}}(x)=1;$ 

$$\operatorname{supp} \mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{E}} \subset \omega_{\mathcal{E}}, \ \ 0 \leq \mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{E}} \leq 1, \ \ \max_{x \in \mathcal{E}} \mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{E}}(x) = 1;$$

$$\int_E \mathfrak{b}_E \, ds = \frac{2}{3} h_E$$



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there exists a constant  $\hat{c}_i$ , i = 1, ..., 6, which depends only on the smallest angle of the triangular triangulation  $\mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_{1} \ h_{K}^{2} &\leq \int_{K} \mathfrak{b}_{K} \ dx = \frac{9}{20} \ |K| \leq \hat{c}_{2} \ h_{K}^{2}; \\ \hat{c}_{3} \ h_{E}^{2} &\leq \int_{K'} \mathfrak{b}_{E} \ dx = \frac{1}{3} \ |K'| \leq \hat{c}_{4} \ h_{E}^{2}, \ \forall K' \subset \omega_{E}; \\ \|\nabla \mathfrak{b}_{K}\|_{0,2,K} \leq \hat{c}_{5} \ h_{K}^{-1} \|\mathfrak{b}_{K}\|_{0,2,K}; \\ \|\nabla \mathfrak{b}_{E}\|_{0,2,K'} \leq \hat{c}_{6} \ h_{E}^{-1} \|\mathfrak{b}_{E}\|_{0,2,K'}, \ \forall K' \subset \omega_{E}. \end{aligned}$$



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# Proof of the Efficiency of $\eta_{R,K}$ — Estimate of $||f_K||_{0,2,K}$

• For any given  $K \in \mathfrak{T}_h(\Omega)$ , set  $w_K := f_K \mathfrak{b}_K$ . Then, by the properties of  $\mathfrak{b}_K$  (see Lemma 8.3), we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{K}} f_{\mathcal{K}} w_{\mathcal{K}} dx = \frac{9}{20} |\mathcal{K}| |f_{\mathcal{K}}|^2 = \frac{9}{20} ||f_{\mathcal{K}}||^2_{0,2,\mathcal{K}}.$$

**2** Since supp  $w_K \subset K$ , it follows

$$\int_{\partial\Omega_1} g w_K \, ds - \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla w_K \, dx = -\nabla u_h|_K \, \int_K \nabla w_K \, dx = 0.$$



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**3** Thus, by  $\int_{\Omega} \nabla(u - u_h) \cdot \nabla w_K \, dx = R(u_h)(w_K)$ , we obtain

$$\int_{K} f_{K} w_{K} dx = \int_{K} f w_{K} dx + \int_{K} (f - f_{K}) w_{K} dx = \int_{K} \nabla (u - u_{h}) \cdot \nabla w_{K} dx + \int_{K} (f - f_{K}) w_{K} dx \leq \|u - u_{h}\|_{1,2,K} \|\nabla w_{K}\|_{0,2,K} + \|f - f_{K}\|_{0,2,K} \|w_{K}\|_{0,2,K}.$$



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On the other hand, since f<sub>K</sub> is a constant, by the properties of b<sub>K</sub> (see Lemma 8.3), we have

$$\|w_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} = |f_{\mathcal{K}}| \|\mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \le |f_{\mathcal{K}}| \left(\int_{\mathcal{K}} \mathfrak{b}_{\mathcal{K}} dx\right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{20}} \|f_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}};$$

 $\|
abla w_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \leq \hat{c}_5 h_{\mathcal{K}}^{-1} \|w_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}}.$ 



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• Combining the three inequalities obtained in (3) and (4) with  $\int_{\mathcal{K}} f_{\mathcal{K}} w_{\mathcal{K}} dx = \frac{9}{20} ||f_{\mathcal{K}}||^2_{0,2,\mathcal{K}}$  (see (8.2.3)) leads to

$$\|f_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{20}{9}} \ \hat{c}_5 \ h_{\mathcal{K}}^{-1} \|u - u_h\|_{1,2,\mathcal{K}} + \sqrt{\frac{20}{9}} \ \|f - f_{\mathcal{K}}\|_{0,2,\mathcal{K}}.$$

Similar techniques can be applied to estimate the other terms in  $\eta_{R,K}$ .



# 习题 8: 4. Thank You!

