

## FROM APPROXIMATION TO OPERATORS

Before: given  $u$ , approximate:  $\|u - u^h\| \rightarrow \min$

Now: given  $L(u) = 0$  approximate:  $\|L(u) - L(u^h)\| \rightarrow \min$

$$\Rightarrow \|L(u^h)\| \rightarrow \min$$

Minimize error:

$$\epsilon_L^h = L(u^h) = L(N^i \hat{u}_i)$$

using WRM

$$\int_{\Omega} W^i \epsilon_L^h d\Omega = 0 \quad , \quad i = 1, M$$

Choice of  $N^i, W^i$  defines the method:

- $N^i$  polynomial,  $W^i = \delta(x_i)$  : FDM
- $N^i$  polynomial,  $W^i = 1$  if  $x \in \Omega_{el}$ , 0 otherwise : FVM
- $N^i$  polynomial,  $W^i = N^i$  : GFEM
- $N^i$  polynomial,  $W^i \neq N^i$  : Petrov-GFEM
- $N^i$  spectral,  $W^i = \delta(x_i)$  : SEM

## LAPLACE OPERATOR

Given

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

WRM

$$\int_{\Omega} W^i \nabla^2 N^j \, d\Omega \, \hat{u}_j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

- $N^j$  should have defined 2nd order derivatives  
 $\Rightarrow C^1$ -continuous across elements
- $W^i$  can be the  $\delta$ -function

Integration by parts:

$$- \int_{\Omega} \nabla W^i \cdot \nabla N^j \, d\Omega \, \hat{u}_j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

- Order of max(derivative) reduced  $\Rightarrow$  can use wider space of trial/weight functions
- $N^j$  should have defined 1st order derivatives  
 $\Rightarrow C^0$ -continuous across elements
- $W^i$  can not be the  $\delta$ -function

## MINIMIZATION PROBLEM

$$I_{rz} = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla \epsilon^h]^2 d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla(u^h - u)]^2 d\Omega \rightarrow \min$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\delta I_{rz} = \delta \hat{u}_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla N^i \cdot (\nabla N^j \hat{u}_j - \nabla u) d\Omega = 0$$

but

$$- \int_{\Omega} \nabla N^i \cdot \nabla u d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} N^i \nabla^2 u d\Omega = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\delta I_{rz} = \delta \hat{u}_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla N^i \cdot \nabla N^j d\Omega \hat{u}_j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  equivalent to Galerkin WRM

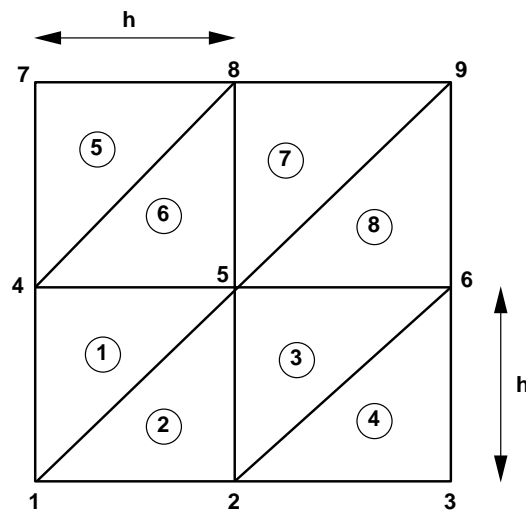
$\Rightarrow$  choice of  $W^i$  from same set as  $N^i$  optimal

**EXAMPLE**

Regular triangular mesh - assemble element contributions to produce the equation for a typical interior point for the Poisson-operator

$$-\nabla^2 u = f$$

Mesh:

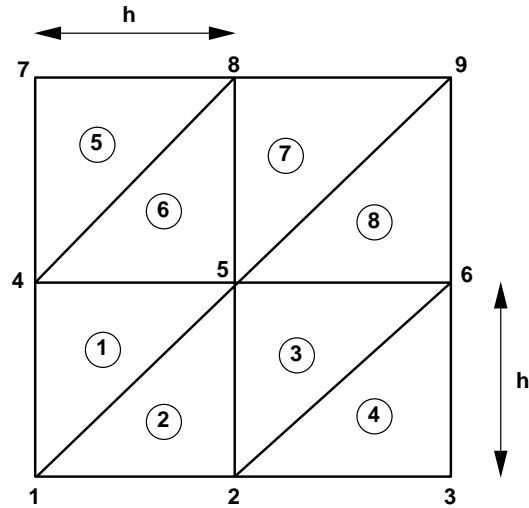


Example for Poisson Operator  
Nodes (A,B,C)

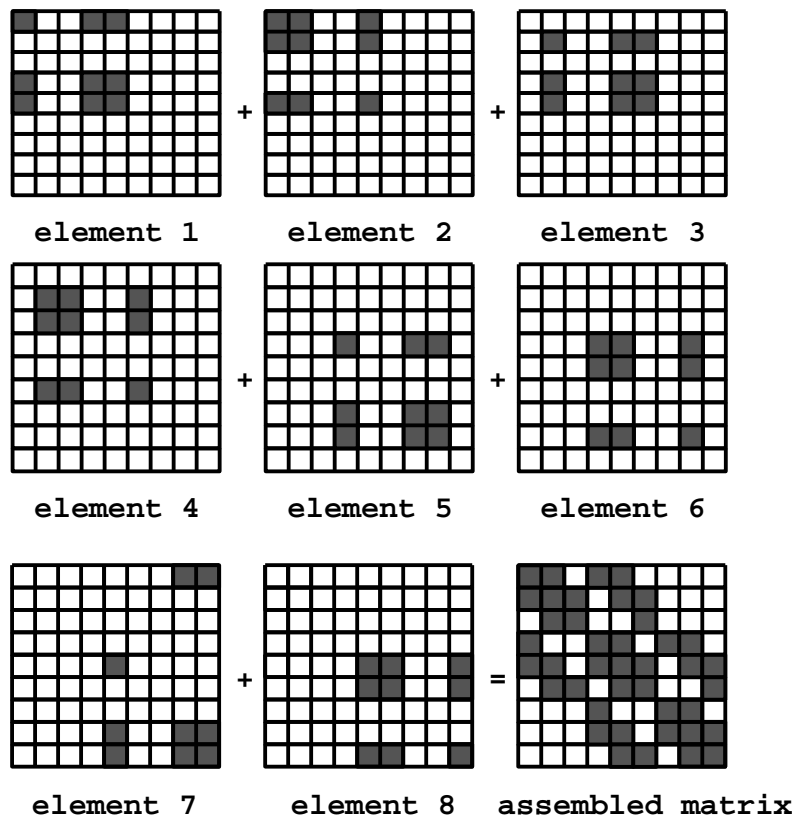
Element

1	1	5	4
2	2	5	1
3	2	6	5
4	2	3	6
5	4	8	7
6	4	5	8
7	5	9	8
8	5	6	9

Mesh:



Matrix Entries:



Element 1

Shape-Function Derivatives:

$$\begin{bmatrix} N^A \\ N^B \\ N^C \end{bmatrix}_{,x} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ h \\ -h \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} N^A \\ N^B \\ N^C \end{bmatrix}_{,y} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -h \\ 0 \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

LHS contribution:

$$\mathbf{K}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = \frac{1}{2h^2} \begin{bmatrix} h^2 & 0 & -h^2 \\ 0 & h^2 & -h^2 \\ -h^2 & -h^2 & 2h^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_5 \\ \hat{u}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_5 \\ \hat{u}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

RHS contribution

$$\mathbf{M}^1 \cdot \mathbf{f}_1 = \frac{h^2}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}_1 \\ \hat{f}_5 \\ \hat{f}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{h^2}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 2\hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_5 + \hat{f}_4 \\ \hat{f}_1 + 2\hat{f}_5 + \hat{f}_4 \\ \hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_5 + 2\hat{f}_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Element 2

Shape-Function Derivatives:

$$\begin{bmatrix} N^A \\ N^B \\ N^C \end{bmatrix}_{,x} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} -h \\ h \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} N^A \\ N^B \\ N^C \end{bmatrix}_{,y} = \frac{1}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -h \\ h \end{bmatrix}$$

LHS contribution:

$$\mathbf{K}_2 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = \frac{1}{2h^2} \begin{bmatrix} h^2 & -h^2 & 0 \\ -h^2 & 2h^2 & -h^2 \\ 0 & -h^2 & h^2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_2 \\ \hat{u}_5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_1 \\ \hat{u}_2 \\ \hat{u}_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

RHS contribution

$$\mathbf{M}^1 \cdot \mathbf{f}_1 = \frac{h^2}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{f}_1 \\ \hat{f}_2 \\ \hat{f}_5 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{h^2}{24} \begin{bmatrix} 2\hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_2 + \hat{f}_5 \\ \hat{f}_1 + 2\hat{f}_2 + \hat{f}_5 \\ \hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_2 + 2\hat{f}_5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fully assembled form of equation 5

$$4\hat{u}_5 - \hat{u}_2 - \hat{u}_4 - \hat{u}_6 - \hat{u}_8 = \frac{h^2}{12}(6\hat{f}_5 + \hat{f}_1 + \hat{f}_2 + \hat{f}_6 + \hat{f}_4 + \hat{f}_8 + \hat{f}_9)$$

Compare this with finite difference expansion for

$$[-\nabla^2 u - f]_{node\ 5} = 0$$

$$4\hat{u}_5 - \hat{u}_2 - \hat{u}_4 - \hat{u}_6 - \hat{u}_8 = h^2 \hat{f}_5$$



## SIMPLE SMOOTHER

Desired: Fast approximation to:  $\nabla h^2 \nabla u$

For linear triangles:

$$\frac{12}{A} \cdot (\mathbf{M}_l - \mathbf{M}_c)_{el} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Same can be shown for linear tetrahedra

## RECOVERY OF FIRST ORDER DERIVATIVES

Given:

$$u \approx N^i \hat{u}_i$$

Approximate:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \approx \tilde{N}^i \hat{u}'_i$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \approx \frac{\partial N^i}{\partial s} \hat{u}_i$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\tilde{N}^i \hat{u}'_i \approx \frac{\partial N^k}{\partial s} \hat{u}_k$$

WRM:

$$\int_{\Omega} W^i \tilde{N}^j d\Omega \hat{u}'_j = \int_{\Omega} W^i \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Omega \hat{u}_j$$

Galerkin:

$$\mathbf{M}_c \mathbf{u}' = \int_{\Omega} N^i N^j d\Omega \hat{u}'_j = \int_{\Omega} N^i \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Omega \hat{u}_j$$

## RECOVERY OF SECOND ORDER DERIVATIVES (1)

Possibilities:

- a) Repeated Evaluation of First Derivatives
- b) Direct Evaluation of Second Derivatives (Faster)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial s^2} \approx \tilde{N}^i \hat{u}_i''$$

WRM:

$$\int_{\Omega} W^i \tilde{N}^j d\Omega \hat{u}_j'' = \int_{\Omega} W^i \frac{\partial^2 N^j}{\partial s^2} d\Omega \hat{u}_j$$

Integration by Parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} W^i \tilde{N}^j d\Omega \hat{u}_j'' &= - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial W^i}{\partial s} \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Omega \hat{u}_j \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma} W^i n_s \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Gamma \hat{u}_j \end{aligned}$$

## RECOVERY OF SECOND ORDER DERIVATIVES (2)

Galerkin:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_c \mathbf{u}'' &= \int_{\Omega} N^i N^j d\Omega \hat{u}_j'' = - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial N^i}{\partial s} \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Omega \hat{u}_j \\ &\quad + \int_{\Gamma} N^i n_s \frac{\partial N^j}{\partial s} d\Gamma \hat{u}_j \end{aligned}$$

Higher Order Derivatives: Recursively