



Numerical solution of continuum physics problems with FEniCS or how to use FEM and not vary (too much) about programming ...

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- lecture 1** introduction to FEniCS/python, FEM and how to solve laplace equation
- lecture 2** convection-diffusion equation, SUPG and IP stabilization
- lecture 3** Stokes, incompressible Navier-Stokes equations, time discretization
- lecture 4** linear and non-linear elasticity
- lecture 5** ALE-method, level-set method

How to log in....

- ▶ interpreted, dynamic-typed language, object oriented, extensible
- ▶ everything is an object, variables are just object "names"

```
>>> a=42
>>> id(a); dir(a); print(a)
>>> help(a)
>>> b=a ; id(a) ; id(b)
>>> b+=1 ; id(b)
```

```
>>> import math
>>> math.sqrt(4.0)
>>> from math import cos
>>> cos(0.0)
>>> from math import *
>>> sin(pi)
```

```
>>> # Lists - collection of objects
>>> a = ['apple', 'orange', 3, 11]
>>> print(a[0:2])
['apple', 'orange']
>>> print(a[3])
11
```

```
>>> # Dictionary - indexed by any object
>>> a = {'id1': 0.2, 'id2': 0.5, 'id3': 0.05}
>>> print(a['id3'])
0.05
```

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- ▶ everything is an object, variables are just object "names"
- ▶ scripts in files, run by: `python script.py`

```
for i in range(3):  
    print(i)  
print('done')  
  
for i in ['apple', 'orange', 3, 11]:  
    if i > 6:  
        print(i)  
print('done')
```

```
def heaviside(x):  
    if x > 0.0:  
        y = 1.0  
    elif x < 0.0:  
        y = -1.0  
    else: y = 0.0  
    return y  
  
print(heaviside(1.0))
```

- ▶ usefull libraries:
 - + NumPy - www.numpy.org
 - + SciPy - www.scipy.org
 - + SymPy - www.sympy.org
 - + matplotlib - matplotlib.org




FENICS
PROJECT



- ▶ started in 2003, collaboration between University of Chicago and Chalmers University of Technology
- ▶ 2011 - version 1.0, tutorial book published (Jan 2012) with main contribution by 5 institutions (Simula Research Laboratory, University of Cambridge, University of Chicago, Texas Tech University, KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
- ▶ current 2014 - version 1.4
- ▶ open source license (GNU LGPL v3), open source development on <https://bitbucket.org/fenics-project>

info:

- ▶  A. Logg, K.-A. Mardal and G.N. Wells, editors. *FENICS: Automated Solution of Differential Equations by the Finite Element Method*, volume 84 of Lecture Notes in Computational Science and Engineering. Springer, 2012.
- ▶ free electronic version of the book available
- ▶ official documentation <http://fenicsproject.org/documentation>

- core components:

- Instant** Python module that allows for instant inlining of C++ code in Python (Just in Time compilation)

- Dolfin** C++/Python interface of FEniCS, providing a consistent Problem Solving Environment

- FFC** FEniCS Form Compiler - compiler for multilinear forms by generating code (C++)

- FIAT** FInite element Automatic Tabulator (currently Lagrange, mixed FE)

- UFC** Unified Form-assembly Code is a unified framework for finite element assembly

- UFL** Unified Form Language is specific language for declaration of finite element discretizations of variational forms

- additional libraries: FERari, UFLACS, Viper, ...

- external libraries: PETSc, UMFPACK, Trilinos, CGAL, VTK,

- classical form: find $u \in \mathcal{C}^2(\bar{\Omega})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\nabla u) &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- weak form: find $u \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx \quad \text{for all } v \in W_0^{1,2}(\Omega)$$

- general weak form: $u \in V(\Omega)$ such that

$$a(u, v) = L(v) \text{ for all } v \in V'(\Omega)$$

where $a : V \times V' \rightarrow R$ is a bilinear form and $L : V' \rightarrow R$ is a linear form

- discretization - way to transform a PDE into a discrete finite dimensional system $\Rightarrow \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

Finite Difference Method - based on the classical strong form, approximates the equation

Finite Volume Method - based on integral form of conservation laws, uses piece-wise constant approximations

Finite Element Method - based on the weak form, solves the equation as is, discretize the space of solutions, uses piece-wise polynomial approximations, very flexible, well analyzed, in generalizations like Discontinuous Galerkin can include FVM

Poisson's equation - FEM discretization

- weak form: $u \in V(\Omega)$ such that

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$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \qquad L(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx$$

- Let $V_h \subset V(\Omega)$ and $V'_h \subset V'(\Omega)$ then we look for $u_h \in V_h$ such that

$$a(u_h, v) = L(v) \text{ for all } v \in V'_h$$

- assume that $\dim(V_h) = \dim(V'_h) = N$ and we have a basis
 $V_h = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^N, V'_h = \text{span}\{\phi'_i\}_{i=1}^N$, then $u_h = \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \phi_i$

$$a\left(\sum_{i=1}^N U_i \phi_i, \phi'_j\right) = L(\phi'_j) \text{ for } j = 1..N \qquad \Rightarrow \mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

such that $\mathbf{A}_{i,j} = a(\phi_i, \phi'_j)$, $\mathbf{x}_i = U_i$ and $\mathbf{b}_i = L(\phi'_i)$



P. Ciarlet, The Finite Element Method for Elliptic Problems, 1978

- ▶ Definition of the finite element: The tripple (T, P, Ψ) where:

T is bounded domain in R^d with piece-wise smooth boundary (simplex)
 $P(T)$ is finite-dimensional function space on T of dimension n (polynomials)
 Ψ is set of functionals, basis of V' , $\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ (point evaluation)

- ▶ Special basis of $P(T) = \text{span}\{\psi_i\}_{i=1}^n$ such that $\psi_i(\phi_j) = \delta_{i,j}$
- ▶ Computational domain Ω covered by elements domains T_k - usually defined as parametric mapping of a "reference" element.
- ▶ Continuity enforced by selection of the set Ψ .
- ▶ Result is the space

$$V_h(\Omega) = \{v \in C^k(\Omega), v|_T \in P(T)\}$$

such that $V_h \rightarrow V$ as $h \rightarrow 0$.

- ▶ Variants of elements
 - ▶ isoparametric vs. parametric vs. nonparametric
 - ▶ conforming i.e. $V_h \subset V$ v.s. non-conforming $V_h \not\subset V$
 - ▶ Lagrange (C^0), Hermite (C^1)

Periodic Table of the Finite Elements: <http://femtable.org/>

$$-\operatorname{div}(\nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2, \quad u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

- ▶ $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$
- ▶ Lagrange FEM:
 $V_h = \{v \in C^0(\Omega), v|_T \in P_1(T)\}$
- ▶ Dirichlet boundary condition
 $v \in V_h \rightarrow v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$
- ▶ $f(x, y) = 1.0$
- ▶ $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx$
- ▶ $L(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx$
- ▶ Find $u \in V_h$ such that
 $a(u, v) = L(v)$ for all $v \in V_h$.

```
from dolfin import *

mesh = UnitSquare(10, 10)
V = FunctionSpace(mesh, "Lagrange", 1)

u0 = Constant(0.0)
bc = DirichletBC(V, u0, DomainBoundary())

u = TrialFunction(V)
v = TestFunction(V)
f = Expression("1.0")

a = inner(grad(u), grad(v))*dx
L = f*v*dx

u = Function(V)
solve(a == L, u, bc)
```

Poisson's problem in FEniCS

- plot the mesh, solution

```
plot(mesh, interactive=True)
plot(u, interactive=True)
file=File("poisson.pvd")
file << u
```

- fenecs parameters:

```
info(parameters, True)

prm = parameters['krylov_solver'] # short form
prm['absolute_tolerance'] = 1E-10
prm['relative_tolerance'] = 1E-6
prm['maximum_iterations'] = 1000
```

- compute error with respect to exact solution

```
uex=Expression("....",degree=2)
e1=sqrt(assemble(pow(u-uex,2)*dx))
e=errornorm(uex, u, norm_type='l2', degree_rise=1, mesh=mesh)
print "error:", e , e1
```

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\nabla u) &= 2\pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) && \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2 \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ $u_{\text{exact}} = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$
- ▶ Compute solution to precision $\|u - u_{\text{exact}}\|_2 < 10^{-6}$ in shortest time.
- ▶ Plot error vs. h , estimate convergence rate in different norms.