

Finite Element Method: Code Overview

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material model

$$W = W(\nabla u)$$

$$P = P(\nabla u)$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C}(\nabla u)$$

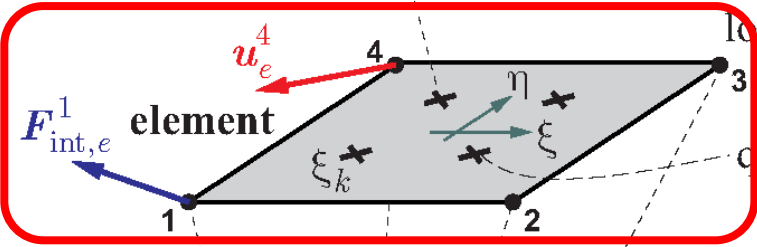
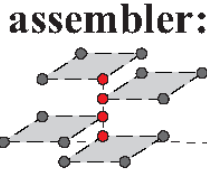
quadrature rule

$$(W_k, \xi_k)$$

solver:

$$F_{\text{int}}(U^h) - F_{\text{ext}} = 0$$

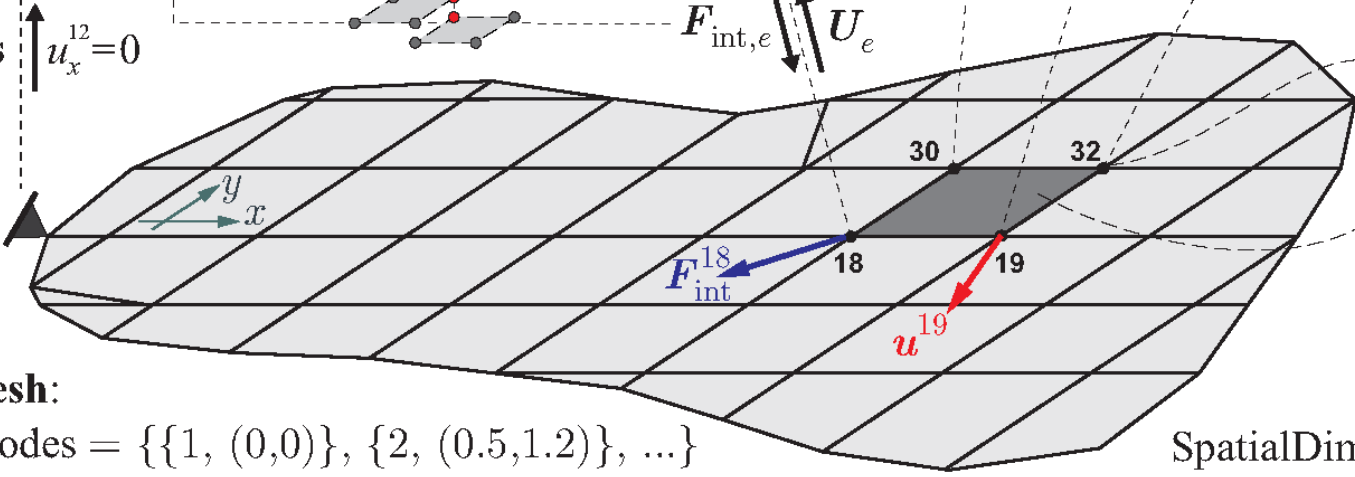
$U_i^h \leftrightarrow F_{\text{int}}, T$



local nodes {1,2,3,4}

quadrature points

global nodes {18,19,32,30}



ess. BCs $u_x^{12} = 0$

mesh:

nodes = $\{\{1, (0,0)\}, \{2, (0.5,1.2)\}, \dots\}$

connectivity = $\{\{1,2,13,12\}, \dots, \{18,19,32,30\}, \dots\}$

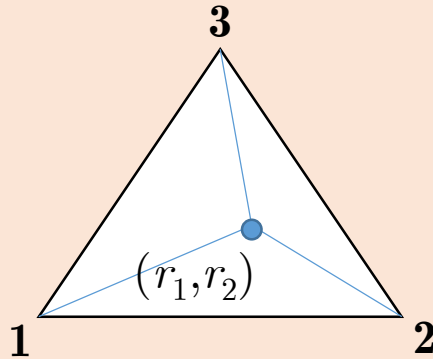
SpatialDimension: 2D

DegreesOfFreedom: 2 (u_x, u_y)

General Element Classes

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ElementType class:



element topology (basic definitions):

of nodes in d dimension: $n = d+1$

shape functions (reference configuration):

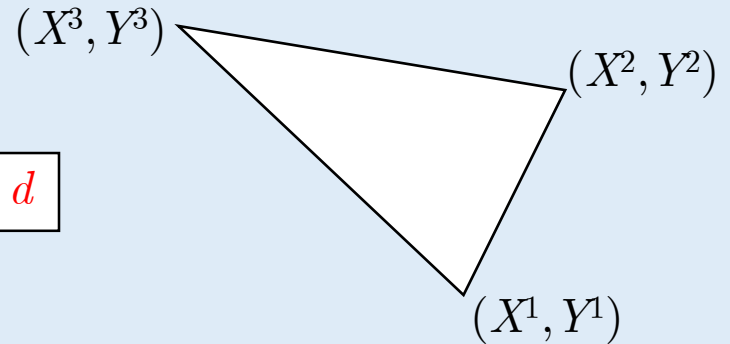
$$N_e^1(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = r_1, \quad N_e^2(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = r_2, \dots$$

shape function derivatives:

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} N_e^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} N_e^n = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ \vdots \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

dimension d

Element class:



element geometry: (X^i, Y^i)

use to compute the following:

$$\mathbf{J}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) = \sum_{a=1}^n \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} N_e^a(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) \otimes \mathbf{X}^a$$

$$J(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) = \det \mathbf{J}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} N_e^a(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) = \mathbf{J}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} N_e^a(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)$$

and **store** within the element:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k), \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} N_e^a(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)$$

$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} N_e^a(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k)$

$\boldsymbol{\xi}_k$

General Element Classes

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an element (of **any** ElementType) must compute (at least) the following quantities:

- element energy:**

$$\mathcal{I}^e = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{QP}} W_k J(\xi_k) W(\nabla \mathbf{u}(\xi_k)) t$$
- nodal forces:**

$$F_{\text{int},i}^a = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{QP}} W_k J(\xi_k) P_{iJ}(\nabla \mathbf{u}(\xi_k)) N_{,J}^a(\xi_k) t$$
- stiffness matrix:**

$$T_{ij}^{ab} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{QP}} W_k J(\xi_k) C_{iJkL}(\nabla \mathbf{u}(\xi_k)) N_{,J}^a(\xi_k) N_{,L}^b(\xi_k) t$$

from the **Properties**

from the **MaterialModel**

from the **QuadratureRule**:
 $\{W_1, \dots, W_{n_{QP}}\}$
 $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n_{QP}}\}$

computed/stored by the **element constructor**

- displacement gradient:**

$$\nabla \mathbf{u} = \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{u} = \sum_{a=1}^n \mathbf{u}_e^a \otimes \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} N_e^a(\xi_k)$$

computeEnergy(...)
computeForces(...)

Homework 5

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We will look at two examples:

- **Indentation in 2D using linear elastic triangles**
- **Indentation in 3D using Neo-Hookean tetrahedra**

Note:

- Problem set #5 will be due on **Nov 23** (Wednesday before Thanksgiving).
- There will **no class** next Tuesday, **Nov 15**.