

# RECTANGULAR ELEMENTS SOLUTION FOR POISSON'S EQUATION

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**Abstract**— In this paper, firstly introduced the finite element method especially for Poisson's equations are thoroughly discussed with boundary conditions. It is the purpose herein to present brief derivations of the finite element approximation describing a discrete model and computer program using C++ have been written rectangular elements solution is calculated for Poisson's equation.

**Key Words:** Rectangular Elements Method, Partial Differential Equation, Variational Principle, C++ program

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Let us consider the field problem  $L\phi = f$  in  $R$ , with  $B\phi = g$  on  $C$ , the bounding  $R$ ,  $L$  and  $B$  are differential operators. The finite element method seeks on approximations,  $\phi(x, y)$ , to the exact solution,  $\phi(x, y)$  in a piecewise manner, the approximations being sought in each of total  $E$  elements. This in the general element an approximation  $\phi^e(x, y)$  is sought in such a manner that outside  $e$ ,  $\phi^e(x, y) = 0$ ,  $e = 1, 2, \dots, E$  and it follow that the approximate solution may be written as  $\phi(x, y) = \sum_e \phi^e(x, y)$  where the summation is taken over all the elements

## 2 RECTANGULAR ELEMENT DISCRETIZATION

A simplest rectangular element is one with just four nodes, one at each corner. Choose local coordinates  $(\xi, \eta)$  as shown is fig1. Since there are four nodes with one degree of freedom at each node, the displacement variation throughout the element is of the following bilinear form,

$$\phi^e(x, y) = C_0 + C_{1x} + C_{2y} + C_{3xy}$$

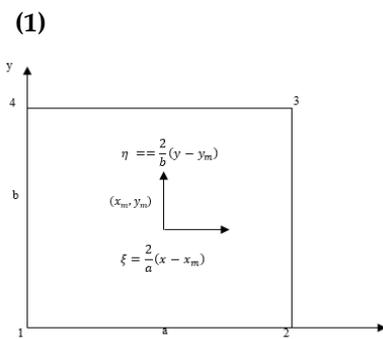


Fig. 1. The four-node rectangle  $(x_m, y_m)$  are the coordinates of the mid-point of the rectangle.

Using the Lagrangian interpolation polynomials, the shape functions are obtained as follows:

$$N_1 = \frac{\xi - 1}{-1 - 1} \frac{\eta - 1}{-1 - 1} = \frac{(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)}{4}$$

Similarly

$$N_2 = \frac{(1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)}{4}$$

$$N_3 = \frac{(1 + \xi)(1 + \eta)}{4}$$

$$N_4 = \frac{(1 - \xi)(1 + \eta)}{4}$$

Then

$$\phi^e(x, y) = N^e \delta^e = N_{1\phi_1} + N_{2\phi_2} + N_{3\phi_3} + N_{4\phi_4}$$

$$\phi^e(x, y) =$$

$$\frac{1}{4} [(1 - (1 - \xi))(1 - \eta) \quad (1 + \xi)(1 - \eta) \quad (1 + \xi)(1 + \eta) \quad (1 - \xi)(1 - \eta)] \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \\ \phi_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Now  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{2}{b} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$  Thus

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1(1-\eta)}{a} & \frac{(1-\eta)}{a} & \frac{(1+\eta)}{a} & \frac{-(1+\eta)}{a} \\ \frac{-(1-\xi)}{b} & \frac{-(1+\xi)}{b} & \frac{(1+\xi)}{b} & \frac{(1-\xi)}{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k^e = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 k \alpha^t \alpha \frac{a}{2} d\xi \frac{b}{2} d\eta$$

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For the special case  $k=1$ ,

$$k^e = \frac{1}{6ab} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2(r+1/r) & r-2/r & -r-1/r & 1/r-2r \\ r-2/r & 2(r+1/r) & 1/(r-2r) & -r-1/r \\ 1/r-2r & r-1/r & r-2/r & 2(r+1/r) \\ 1/r-2r & r-1/r & r-2/r & 2(r+1/r) \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} \quad (3)$$

where  $r = a/b$  is the aspect ratio of the element and

$$f^e = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(x,y) N^t \frac{a}{2} \frac{b}{2} d\xi d\eta \quad (4)$$

If the element is boundary element and a non-homogeneous mixed boundary condition holds there, then additions are needed to the stiffness and force matrices “(1)”. On each side the arc length  $s$  is such that

$$ds = -dx = -\frac{a}{2} d\xi$$

$$\bar{k}^e = \int_{-1}^1 \sigma(s) \frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2(1+\xi) & 2(1-\xi) \\ 2(1-\xi) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2(1+\xi) & 2(1-\xi) \end{bmatrix} \left(-\frac{a}{2} d\xi\right) \quad (5)$$

$$\bar{f}^e = \int_{-1}^1 h \frac{1}{4} \{0 \quad 0 \quad 2(1+\xi) \quad 2(1-\xi)\} \left(-\frac{a}{2} d\xi\right) \quad (6)$$

These results will now be used to obtain one-element solution of the boundary-value problem. It is possible to set up the element matrices using element solution using a single rectangular element.

### 3 RECTANGULAR ELEMENTS FOR POISSON'S EQUATION

Let us consider the problem  $-\nabla^2 \phi = 2(x+y)-4$  in the square whose vertices are at  $(0,0)$ ,  $(1,0)$ ,  $(1,1)$ ,  $(0,1)$ . The boundary conditions are  $\phi(0,y) = y^2$ ,  $\phi(1,y) = 1-y$ ,  $\phi(x,0) = x^2$ ,  $\phi(x,1) = 1-x$ .

Suppose that the square is divided into four square elements as shown in Fig.2.

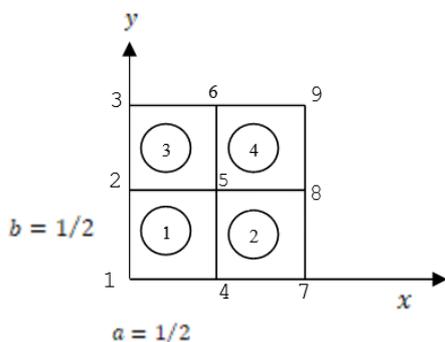


Fig. 2. Four element discretization

Using equations (3) and (4), the element stiffness matrices and force vectors are

$$k^1 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & 8 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 5 \end{matrix}$$

$$k^3 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 6 & 3 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$k^4 = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 8 & 9 & 6 \\ 4 & -1 & -2 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & -2 \\ -2 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 9 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

and the overall stiffness matrix  $K = k^1 + k^2 + k^3 + k^4$ .

$$K = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 4 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 4 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 & 8 & -2 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 & 16 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 8 & 0 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -2 & 0 & 4 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -2 & -2 & -1 & -8 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8 \\ 9 \end{matrix}$$

$$f^e = \frac{1}{8} (x_m y_m - 2) \{1, 1, 1, 1\} + \frac{y_m}{96} \{-1, 1, 1, -1\} + \frac{x_m}{96} \{-1, -1, 1, 1\} + \frac{1}{1152} \{1, -1, 1, -1\}$$

Now node 5 is the only where a Dirichlet boundary condition does not act; thus only the contributions to the equation corresponding to node 5 need be assembled. Row five of  $K$  is

$$\frac{2}{3} [-2 \quad -2 \quad -2 \quad -2 \quad 16 \quad -2 \quad -2 \quad -2 \quad -2]$$

Also  $F_5 = f_3^1 + f_4^2 + f_3^3 + f_1^4$

where subscripts refer to the local node numbering given in Fig.1. and

$$f_3^1 = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{16} - 2 \right) + \frac{1}{192} + \frac{1}{1152}$$

$$f_4^2 = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} - 2 \right) + \frac{1}{192} - \frac{1}{1152}$$

$$f_8^2 = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{16} - 2 \right) + \frac{1}{192} - \frac{1}{1152}$$

$$f_1^4 = \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{9}{16} - 2 \right) - \frac{1}{192} + \frac{1}{1152}$$

thus  $F_5 = -\frac{7}{8}$

since

$$\phi_1 = 0, \phi_2 = \frac{1}{4}, \phi_3 = 1, \phi_4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\phi_6 = \frac{1}{2}, \phi_7 = 1, \phi_8 = \frac{1}{2}, \phi_9 = 0$$

it follows that the equation for  $\phi_5$  which gives  $\phi_5 = 0.355$

The solution at  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}), (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$  and  $(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$  is found by linear interpolation between nodes 1 and 4, 2 and 5, 4 and 6 respectively. The results are compared with the corresponding results using rectangular elements as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Comparison of Solutions

(x, y)	(1/4, 1/4)	(1/4, 3/4)	(1/4, 1/4)	(1/4, 1/4)
Four rectangular elements	0.241	0.356	0.527	0.339
Exact Solutions	0.094	0.25	0.25	0.281

#### 4 C++ PROGRAM OF RECTANGULAR ELEMENTS SOLUTION FOR POISSON'S EQUATION

The C++ program for solving Poisson's equation, using four rectangular elements are described.

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#include<iostream.h>
#include<iomanip.h>
#define ENODE 4
#define maxN 9
ostream &print1x4(float x[ENODE]);
ostream &print4x1(float x[ENODE]);
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ostream &print4x4(float x[ENODE][ENODE]);
void MVM (float M[maxN][maxN], float V[maxN], int K, int L, float Y[maxN]);
void MIV(float M[maxN][maxN], int n);
void OutText(float M[maxN][maxN], float V[maxN], int r);
float Inter4(float s, float t, float f1, float f2, float f3, float f4);
void RectK(float K[ENODE][ENODE], float f[ENODE], float x[ENODE], float y[ENODE])
{
float a,r,b,rpr,rmr,rm2r,xm,ym;
float z[4][ENODE]= {{1,1,1,1},{-1,1,1,-1}, {-1,-1,1,1},{1,-1,1,-1}};
int i,j,k;
a=x[1]-x[0];
b=y[2]-y[1];
xm=(x[0]+x[1]+x[2]+x[3])/4;
ym=(y[0]+y[1]+y[2]+y[3])/4;
r=a/b;
rpr=r+1/r;
rmr=r-2/r;
rm2r=1/r-2*r;
a=1/(6*a*b);
K[0][0]=K[1][1]=K[2][2]=K[3][3]=2*rpr*a;
a;
K[0][1]=K[1][0]=K[2][3]=K[3][2]=rmr*a;
K[0][3]=K[1][2]=K[2][1]=K[3][0]=rm2r*a;
;
K[0][2]=K[1][3]=K[3][1]=K[2][0]=-rpr*a;
for(i=0;i<ENODE;i++){
f[i]=1/8.0 * (xm*ym-2) * z[0][i] +
ym/96.0 * z[1][i] +
xm/96.0 * z[2][i] +
1/1152.0 * z[3][i];}
int main(){
float x[maxN]={0,0,0,0.5,0.5,0.5,1.0,1.0,1.0}
,xx[ENODE],
y[maxN]={0,0.5,1,0,0.5,1,0,0.5,1},yy[ENODE],f[E
NODE],
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u[maxN][2]={{0,0},{0,0.25}, {0,1.0}, {0,0.25},
{1,0}, {0,0.5},
{0,1},{0,0.5},{0,0}},K[ENODE][ENODE],
Ks[maxN][maxN],Fs[maxN],PFs[maxN],Un[maxN
];
int elem[4][ENODE]=
{{0,3,4,1},{3,6,7,4},{1,4,5,2},{4,7,8,5}};
int n=maxN,en=4;int i,j,k; //clear Assemblage Ma-
trices
for(i=0;i<n;i++){for(j=0;j<n;j++)
Ks[i][j]=Fs[j]=0;for(i=0;i<n;i++)
{
for(j=0;j<ENODE;j++)
{
xx[j]=x[elem[i][j]];
yy[j]=y[elem[i][j]];
}
}
RectK(K,f,xx,yy);
print1x4(f)<<endl;
print4x4(K)<<endl;
for(j=0;j<ENODE;j++)
{
for(k=0;k<ENODE;k++)
Ks[elem[i][j]][elem[i][k]]+=K[j][k];
Fs[elem[i][j]]+=f[j];} }
cout<<"Assembled equations (Before Boundary
Condition)" << endl;
OutText(Ks,Fs,n); for(i=0;i<n;i++){
if(u[i][0]==0){for(j=0;j<n;j++)
Ks[i][j]=0;
Ks[i][i]=1;
Fs[i]=u[i][1];
PFs[i]=Fs[i];}
cout<<"Assembled equations "<<endl;
OutText(Ks,Fs,n);
MIV(Ks,n);
MVM(Ks,Fs,n,n,Un);
for(i=0;i<n;i++){cout<<Un[i]<<" ";}
Un[4]=Fs[4];
cout<< endl;
cout<<"(.25,.25,.5,.5,.25,.75,.75,.75)" <<
endl;
cout<<setw(9)<<(Inter4(0,0,Un[0],Un[3],Un[4],Un[
1]))
<<setw(9)<<Un[4]<<setw(9)<<(Inter4(0,0,Un[1],
Un[4],Un[5],Un[2]))<<setw(9)<<(Inter4(0,0,Un[4],
Un[7],Un[8],Un[5]))<<endl;
return 1;}}
ostream &print1x4(float x[ENODE]){int i;
cout<<setprecision(3);
for(i=0;i<ENODE;i++)cout<<setw(8)<<x[i]<<" ";
return cout;}
ostream &print4x1(float x[ENODE]){int i;
cout<<setprecision(3);for(i=0;i<ENODE;i++)
cout<<setw(8)<<x[i]<<endl;
return cout;}
ostream &print4x4(float x[ENODE][ENODE]){
int i;for(i=0;i<ENODE;i++)print1x4(x[i])<<endl;
return cout;}
void OutText(float M[maxN][maxN], float
V[maxN], int r)
{ int i,j;
cout<<setiosflags(ios::fixed);
cout<<setprecision(4);
cout<<endl;
for(i=0;i<r;i++){for(j=0;j<r;j++)
cout<<setw(8)<<M[i][j]<<" ";
cout<<" | " <<setw(8) << V[i] << " <== f"
<<i<<endl;}}
float Inter4(float s, float t, float f1, float f2, float f3,
float f4)
{ float f;
f=(1-s)*(1-t)*f1+ (1+s)*(1-t)*f2+(1+s)*(1+t)*f3+
(1-s)*(1+t)*f4;return f/4;}
void MVM(float M[maxN][maxN], float V[maxN],
int K, int L ,float Y[maxN])
{
float X; int i,j;
for(i=0;i<K;i++){ X=0.0;
for(j=0;j<L;j++)
X +=M[i][j] * V[j];
Y[i]=X;}}

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void MIV(float M[maxN][maxN], int n)
{
#define FORJN for(j=0;j<n;j++)
#define FORKN for(k=0;k<n;k++)
#define FORIN for(i=0;i<n;i++)
#define M(i,j) M[(i)][(j)]int i,j,k; float KII;
    FORKN{KII=M(k,k);M(k,k)=1;
    FORJN
        M(k,j)/=KII;
    FORIN{if(i!=k){KII=M(i,k);M(i,k)=0;
        FORJN
            M(i,j)--M(k,j)*KII;}}}}
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other points of this problem.

It is reasonable to expect that the proposed finite elements model is a very good approximation of the continuum. This method is now very widely used, and forms the basis of most calculations.

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**5 CONCLUSION**

In the above mentioned results, rectangular elements solution and C++ program solution are the same for field problems. Finite element approximation for field problems improvements are made by refining the finite element mesh. Higher-order element may be introduced to get a better polynomial approximation but integrands involved would be necessary to use numerical integration. Using this program, we can easy to know the solution of the