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# Computational Geodynamics

FEM for the 2D advection-diffusion eq

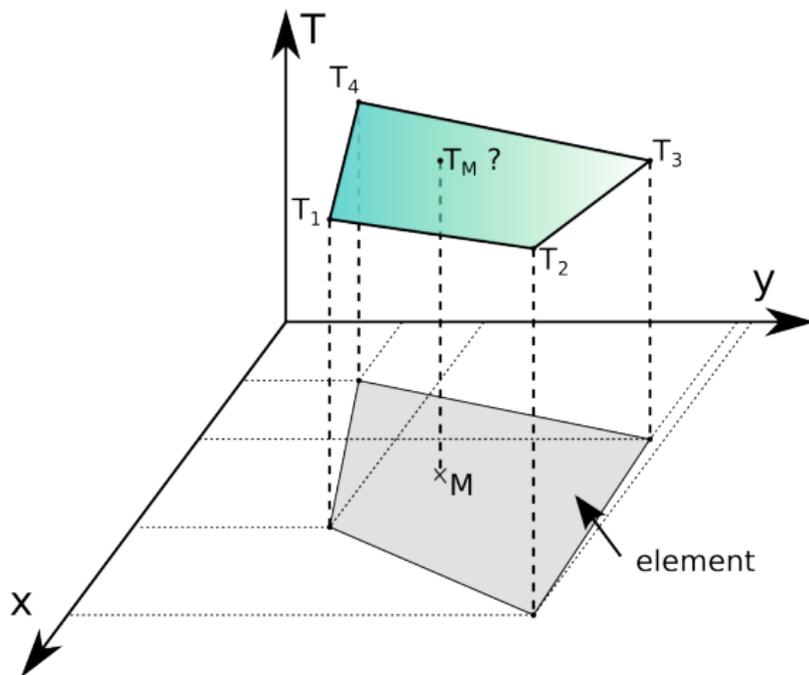
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# Content



## Introduction



What is the temperature at a point  $M(x, y)$  inside the element ?

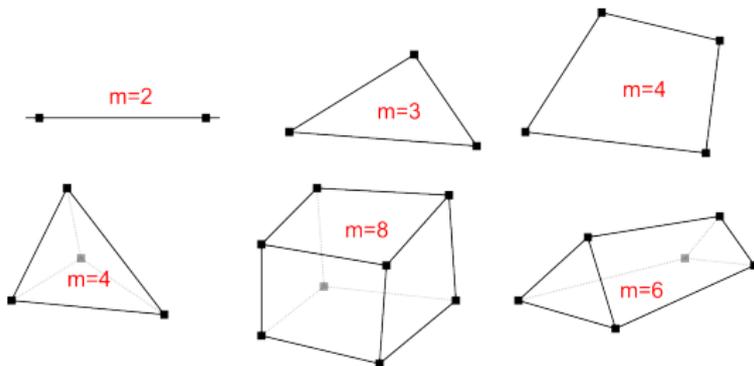


The temperature inside an element is given by:

$$T(\vec{r}) = \sum_{k=1}^m N_k(\vec{r}) T_k = \vec{N} \cdot \vec{T}$$

where

$$\vec{N} = (N_1(\vec{r}) \ N_2(\vec{r}) \ N_3(\vec{r}) \ \dots \ N_m(\vec{r})) \quad \vec{T}^T = (T_1 \ T_2 \ T_3 \ \dots \ T_m)$$





From the vector of shape functions,

$$\vec{N} = (N_1 \quad N_2 \quad N_3 \quad \dots \quad N_m)$$

one can build the gradient matrix (in Cartesian coords.):

$$\mathbf{B} = \vec{\nabla} \vec{N} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_m}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_m}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial z} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_m}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

Its size is  $ndim \times m$

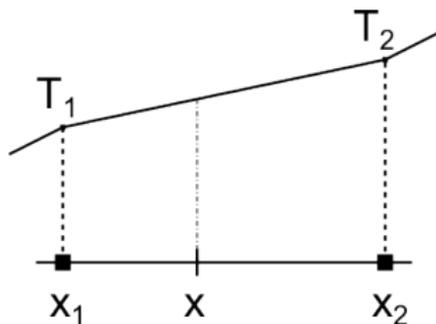


in 1D, for  $x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$

$$T(x) = N_1(x)T_1 + N_2(x)T_2$$

with

$$N_1(x) = \frac{x_2 - x}{h_x} \quad N_2(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{h_x}$$





in 2D, in a quadrilateral:

$$T(x, y) = N_1(x, y)T_1 + N_2(x, y)T_2 + N_3(x, y)T_3 + N_4(x, y)T_4$$

with

$$N_1(x, y) = \left( \frac{x_3 - x}{h_x} \right) \left( \frac{y_3 - y}{h_y} \right)$$

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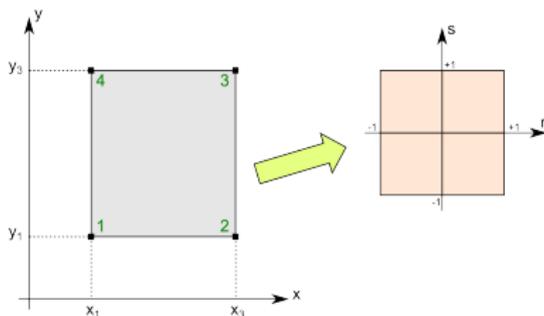
At point 1, of coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$ , we have

$$N_1(x_1, y_1) = 1 \quad N_2(x_1, y_1) = 0 \quad N_3(x_1, y_1) = 0 \quad N_4(x_1, y_1) = 0$$



we can then compute the gradient matrix  $\mathbf{B}$  in 2D:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B}(x, y) &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_4}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{h_x} \frac{y_3 - y}{h_y} & \frac{1}{h_x} \frac{y_3 - y}{h_y} & \frac{1}{h_x} \frac{y - y_1}{h_y} & -\frac{1}{h_x} \frac{y - y_1}{h_y} \\ -\frac{1}{h_y} \frac{x_3 - x}{h_x} & -\frac{1}{h_y} \frac{x - x_1}{h_x} & \frac{1}{h_y} \frac{x - x_1}{h_x} & \frac{1}{h_y} \frac{x_3 - x}{h_x} \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$



Carrying out a change of variables:

$$x \in [x_1 : x_3] \rightarrow r \in [-1 : 1]$$

$$y \in [y_1 : y_3] \rightarrow s \in [-1 : 1]$$

so that

$$r = \frac{2}{h_x}(x - x_1) - 1 \quad s = \frac{2}{h_y}(y - y_1) - 1$$



Then

$$N_1(r, s) = \frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1-s)$$

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and

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Finally

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega_e} \dots d\Omega &= \int_{x_1}^{x_3} \int_{y_1}^{y_3} \dots dx dy \\ &= \frac{h_x h_y}{4} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \dots dr ds\end{aligned}$$



The strong form of the heat transport equation in 1,2,3 dimensions writes:

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We integrate by parts the diffusion term and neglect here again the surface term so that:

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \dot{T} d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} T) d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) H d\Omega$$



We then use the additive property of the integral:

$$\int_{\Omega} \dots = \sum_{\text{elts}} \int_{\Omega_e} \dots$$

so that

$$\underbrace{\int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \dot{T} d\Omega}_{\Lambda_f^e} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T d\Omega}_{\Sigma_f^e} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} T) d\Omega}_{\Upsilon_f^e} = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) H d\Omega}_{\Omega_f^e}$$



Let us then compute separately

$$\Lambda_f^e = \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p f(\vec{r}) \dot{T} d\Omega$$

$$\Sigma_f^e = \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p f(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T d\Omega$$

$$\Upsilon_f^e = \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} T) d\Omega$$

$$\Omega_f^e = \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{r}) H(x, y) d\Omega$$



$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_f^e &= \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p f(\vec{r}) \dot{T} d\Omega \\ &= \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p f(\vec{r}) \sum_{k=1}^m N_k(\vec{r}) \dot{T}_k d\Omega \\ &= \left( \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p f(\vec{r}) \vec{N} d\Omega \right) \cdot \dot{\vec{T}}\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $f(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \vec{N}^T$  then

$$\Lambda^e = \left( \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T \vec{N} d\Omega \right) \cdot \dot{\vec{T}}$$

$\vec{N}$  has size  $m$ , so  $\vec{N}^T \vec{N}$  is a matrix of size  $m \times m$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Sigma_f^e &= \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} T d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left( \sum_k N_k T_k \right) d\Omega \\
 &= \sum_k \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} N_k T_k d\Omega \\
 &= \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{N} d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T} \\
 &= \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \vec{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T}
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \vec{N}^T$  then

$$\Sigma^e = \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T (\vec{v} \cdot \mathbf{B}) d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau_f^e &= \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} T) d\Omega \\
 &= \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} (\sum_k N_k(\vec{r}) T_k)) d\Omega \\
 &= \sum_k \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} N_k(\vec{r})) T_k d\Omega \\
 &= \left( \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \vec{\nabla} \vec{N}) d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T} \\
 &= \left( \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{\nabla} f(\vec{r}) \cdot (k \mathbf{B}) d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T}
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $f(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \vec{N}^T$  then

$$\tau^e = \left( \int_{\Omega_e} k \mathbf{B}^T \cdot \mathbf{B} d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T}$$



$$\Omega_f^e = \int_{\Omega_e} \mathbf{f}(\vec{r}) H(x, y) d\Omega$$

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The weak form then writes:

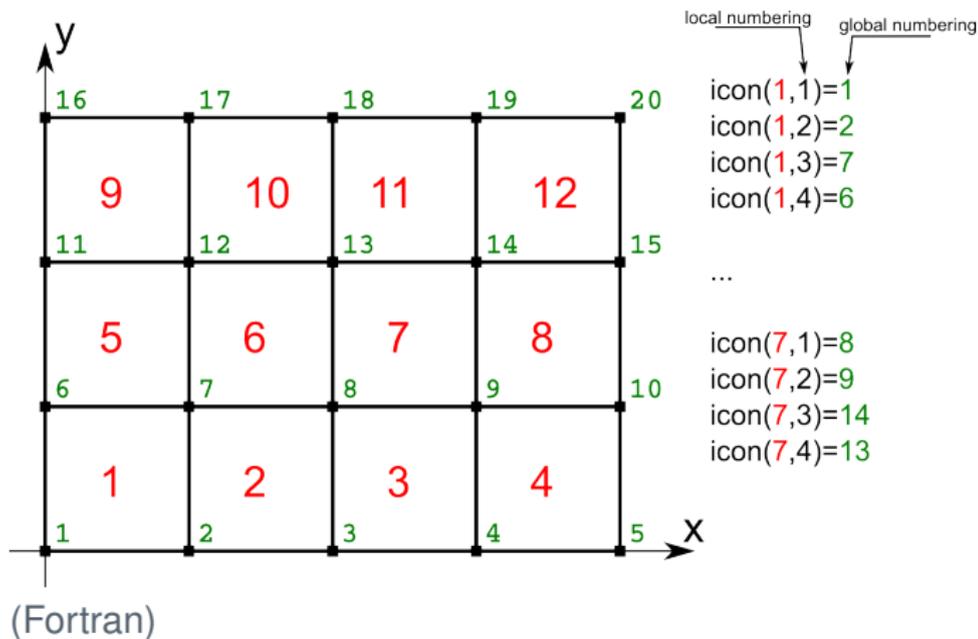
$$\left( \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T \vec{N} d\Omega \right) \cdot \dot{\vec{T}} + \left( \int_{\Omega} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T \vec{v} \cdot \mathbf{B} d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T} \\ + \left( \int_{\Omega_e} k \mathbf{B}^T \cdot \mathbf{B} d\Omega \right) \cdot \vec{T} = \int_{\Omega_e} \vec{N}^T H(x, y) d\Omega$$

or,

$$\mathbf{M}^e \cdot \dot{\vec{T}}^e + (\mathbf{K}_d^e + \mathbf{K}_a^e) \cdot \vec{T}^e = \vec{F}^e$$

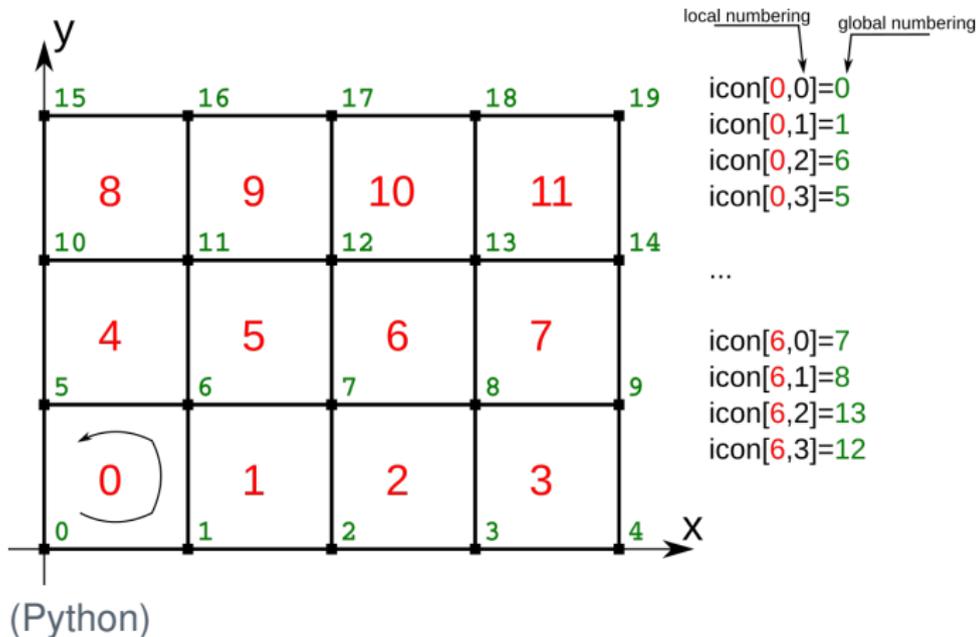
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Since there are four vertices per element ( $m = 4$ ), then  $\vec{N}$  is of length 4 and  $\mathbf{M}^e$  is a 4x4 matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}^e &= \int_{\Omega_e} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T \vec{N} d\Omega \\ &= \int_{x_1}^{x_3} \int_{y_1}^{y_3} \rho c_p \vec{N}^T(x, y) \vec{N}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \rho c_p \frac{h_x h_y}{4} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \vec{N}^T(r, s) \vec{N}(r, s) dr ds\end{aligned}$$



so

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{11}^e &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x h_y}{4} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} N_1(r, s) N_1(r, s) dr ds \\
 &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x h_y}{4} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{1}{16} (1-r)^2 (1-s)^2 dr ds \\
 &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x h_y}{64} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} (1-r)^2 (1-s)^2 dr ds \\
 &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x h_y}{64} \int_{-1}^{+1} (1-r)^2 dr \int_{-1}^{+1} (1-s)^2 ds \\
 &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x h_y}{64} \frac{8}{3} \frac{8}{3} \\
 &= \rho C_p \frac{h_x}{3} \frac{h_y}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$



Likewise we arrive at:

$$\mathbf{M}^e = \rho c_p \frac{h_x}{3} \frac{h_y}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{K}_d^e = \int_{\Omega_e} k \mathbf{B}^T \cdot \mathbf{B} d\Omega$$

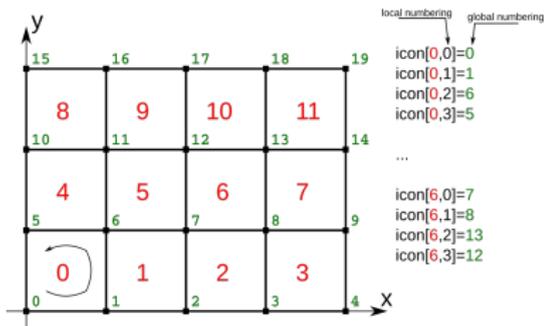
$\mathbf{B}$  is a  $2 \times 4$  matrix ( $ndim \times m$ ) so that  $\mathbf{B}^T \cdot \mathbf{B}$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix.



Compute the analytical values of  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_a$  and  $\mathbf{K}_d$  for rectangular elements of size  $h_x, h_y$ .



Set  $n_{elx}=4$  and  $n_{ely}=3$  (for now) and write a double for loop which automatically fills the icon array as shown here under:





A simple (time-dependent) analytical solution for the temperature equation exists for the case that the initial temperature field is

$$T(x, y, t = 0) = T_0 + T_{max} \exp \left[ -\frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sigma^2} \right] \quad (1)$$

where  $T_{max}$  is the maximum amplitude of the temperature perturbation at  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  and  $\sigma$  its half-width.

The solution of the time-dependent PDE is

$$T(x, y, t) = T_0 + \frac{T_{max}}{1 + 4t\kappa/\sigma^2} \exp \left[ -\frac{x^2 + y^2}{\sigma^2 + 4t\kappa} \right] \quad (2)$$

Set  $L_x=100\text{km}$  and  $L_y = 80\text{km}$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $C_p = 1000$ ,  $\rho = 3000$ ,  $\tilde{Q} = 0$ ,  $T_{max} = 100^\circ$ ,  $T_0 = 200^\circ$ , and  $\sigma = 10^4\text{m}$ .

Generate a  $nex \times nely$  grid in the  $[-L_x/2, L_x/2] \times [-L_y/2, L_y/2]$  domain. Write a function which takes  $x, y, t, T_0, T_{max}, \kappa$  and  $\sigma$  as argument and returns the analytical temperature value. Write a an explicit FEM code which solves the 2D diffusion equation. At each time step prescribe on the boundary the analytical solution.



We wish to compute the advection of a product-cosine hill in a prescribed velocity field. The initial temperature is:

$$T_0(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \cos \pi \frac{x-x_c}{\sigma}\right) \left(1 + \cos \pi \frac{y-y_c}{\sigma}\right) & \text{if } (x - x_c)^2 + (y - y_c)^2 \leq \sigma^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The boundary conditions are  $T(x, y) = 0$  on all four sides of the unit square domain. In what follows we set  $x_c = y_c = 2/3$  and  $\sigma = 0.2$ .

The velocity field is analytically prescribed:

$\vec{v} = (-(y - L_y/2), +(x - L_x/2))$ . Resolution is set to  $31 \times 31$  nodes.

The timestep is set to  $\delta t = 2\pi/200$  and we wish to carry out 200 timesteps so that the cone does a  $2\pi$  rotation.

See Stone 43 for results/figures of this experiment obtained with Finite Elements.