

Finite Element Exterior Calculus and Applications

Part IV

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Finite element differential forms on cubical meshes

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DOFs: $(\eta \wedge \rho)(\pi_S^* v \wedge \pi_T^* w) := \eta(v)\rho(w)$

Finite element differential forms on cubes: the $\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^k$ family

Start with the simple 1-D degree r finite element de Rham complex, V_r :

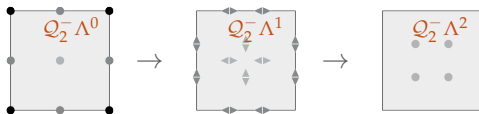
$$\begin{array}{c}
 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^0(I) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{P}_{r-1} \Lambda^1(I) \rightarrow 0 \\
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 u(x) \qquad \rightarrow \qquad u'(x) dx
 \end{array}$$

Take tensor product n times: $\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^k(I^n) := (V_r \wedge \cdots \wedge V_r)^k$

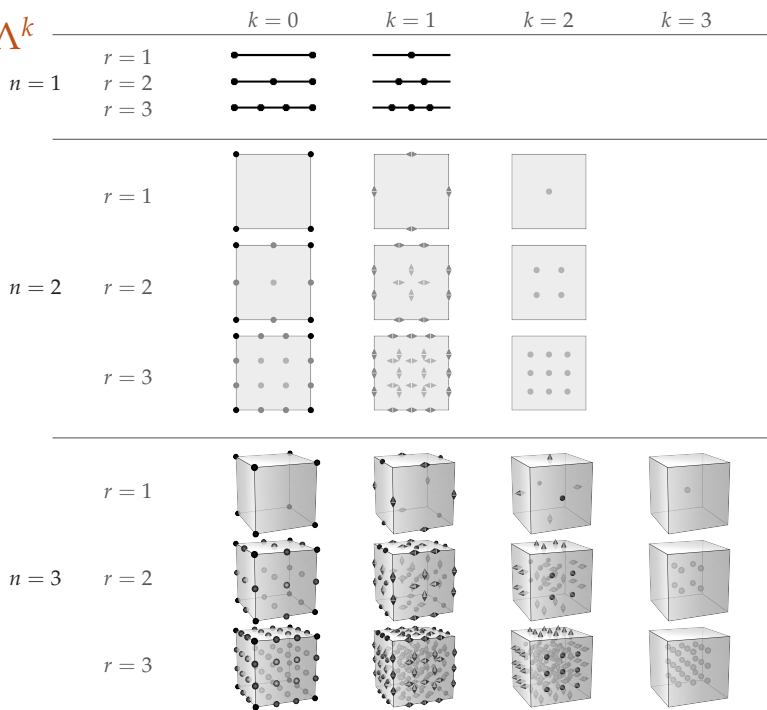
$$\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^0 = \mathcal{Q}_r,$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^1 = \mathcal{Q}_{r-1,r,r,\dots} dx^1 + \mathcal{Q}_{r,r-1,r,\dots} dx^2 + \cdots,$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^2 = \mathcal{Q}_{r-1,r-1,r,\dots} dx^1 \wedge dx^2 + \cdots, \quad \dots$$



constant degree

$Q_r^- \Lambda^k$ 

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$$\text{n-D shape fns: } \mathcal{S}_r(I^m) = \mathcal{P}_r(I^m) \oplus \bigoplus_{\ell \geq 1} \mathcal{H}_{r+\ell, \ell}(I^m)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{r, \ell}(I^m) = \text{span of monomials of degree } r, \text{ linear in } \geq \ell \text{ variables}$$

The 2nd family of finite element differential forms on cubes

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The $\mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^k(I^n)$ family of FEDFs, uses the serendipity spaces for 0-forms, and serendipity-like DOFs.

DOFs: $u \mapsto \int_f \text{tr}_f u \wedge q$, $q \in \mathcal{P}_{r-2(d-k)} \Lambda^{d-k}(f)$, $f \in \Delta_d(I^n)$, $d \geq k$

Shape fns:

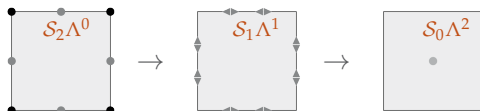
$$\mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^k(I^n) = \mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^k(I^n) \oplus \underbrace{\bigoplus_{\ell \geq 1} [\kappa \mathcal{H}_{r+\ell-1, \ell} \Lambda^{k+1}(I^n) \oplus d\kappa \mathcal{H}_{r+\ell, \ell} \Lambda^k(I^n)]}_{\text{deg}=r+\ell}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{r, \ell} \Lambda^k(I^n) = \text{span of monomials } x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n} dx_{\sigma_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{\sigma_k},$$

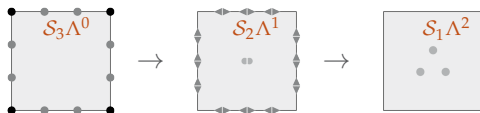
$|\alpha| = r$, linear in $\geq \ell$ variables not counting the x_{σ_i}

Unisolvence holds for all $n \geq 1$, $r \geq 1$, $0 \leq k \leq n$.

The 2nd cubic family in 2-D



decreasing degree



	$S_r\Lambda^k(I^2)$						$Q_r^-\Lambda^k(I^2)$				
k	1	2	3	4	5	k	1	2	3	4	5
0	4	8	12	17	23	0	4	9	16	25	36
1	8	14	22	32	44	1	4	12	24	40	60
2	3	6	10	15	21	2	1	4	9	16	25

The 3D shape functions in traditional FE language

$\mathcal{S}_r\Lambda^0$: polynomials u such that $\deg u \leq r + \text{ldeg } u$

$\mathcal{S}_r\Lambda^1$:

$(v_1, v_2, v_3) + (x_2x_3(w_2 - w_3), x_3x_1(w_3 - w_1), x_1x_2(w_1 - w_2)) + \text{grad } u,$

$v_i \in \mathcal{P}_r, w_i \in \mathcal{P}_{r-1}$ independent of $x_i, \deg u \leq r + \text{ldeg } u + 1$

$\mathcal{S}_r\Lambda^2$:

$(v_1, v_2, v_3) + \text{curl}(x_2x_3(w_2 - w_3), x_3x_1(w_3 - w_1), x_1x_2(w_1 - w_2)),$

$v_i, w_i \in \mathcal{P}_r(I^3)$ with w_i independent of x_i

$\mathcal{S}_r\Lambda^3$: $v \in \mathcal{P}_r$

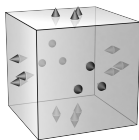
Dimensions and low order cases

	$\mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^k(I^3)$				
k	1	2	3	4	5
0	8	20	32	50	74
1	24	48	84	135	204
2	18	39	72	120	186
3	4	10	20	35	56

	$\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^k(I^3)$				
k	1	2	3	4	5
0	8	27	64	125	216
1	12	54	96	200	540
2	6	36	108	240	450
3	1	8	27	64	125



$\mathcal{S}_1 \Lambda^1(I^3)$
new element

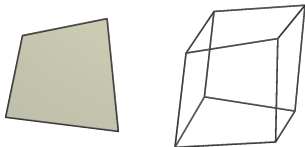


$\mathcal{S}_1 \Lambda^2(I^3)$
corrected element

Approximation properties

On cubes the $\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^k$ and $\mathcal{S}_r^- \Lambda^k$ spaces provide the expected order of approximation. Same is true on parallelotopes, but accuracy is lost by non-affine distortions, *with greater loss, the greater the form degree k .*

- The L^2 approximation rate of the space $\mathcal{Q}_r = \mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^0$ is $r + 1$ on either affinely or multilinearly mapped elements.
- The rate for $\mathcal{S}_r = \mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^0$ is $r + 1$ on affinely mapped elements, but only $\max(2, \lfloor r/n \rfloor + 1)$ on multilinearly mapped elements.
- The rate for $\mathcal{Q}_r^- \Lambda^k, k > 0$, is r on affinely mapped elements, $r - k + 1$ on multilinearly mapped elements.
- The rate for $\mathcal{P}_r \Lambda^n = \mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^n$ is $r + 1$ for affinely mapped elements, $\lfloor r/n \rfloor - n + 2$ for multilinearly mapped.



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$\mathcal{S}_r \Lambda^k$ 