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**Finite Element Analysis for  
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# Finite element approximation of 2D BVP

- Find a function  $u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ , such that  $u(s) = \hat{u}(s)$ ,  $s \in \Gamma_u \equiv \partial\Omega_1$  and the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[ k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

for all functions  $w(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$  with  $w = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega_1$  (here  $\gamma = p\hat{u}$ ).

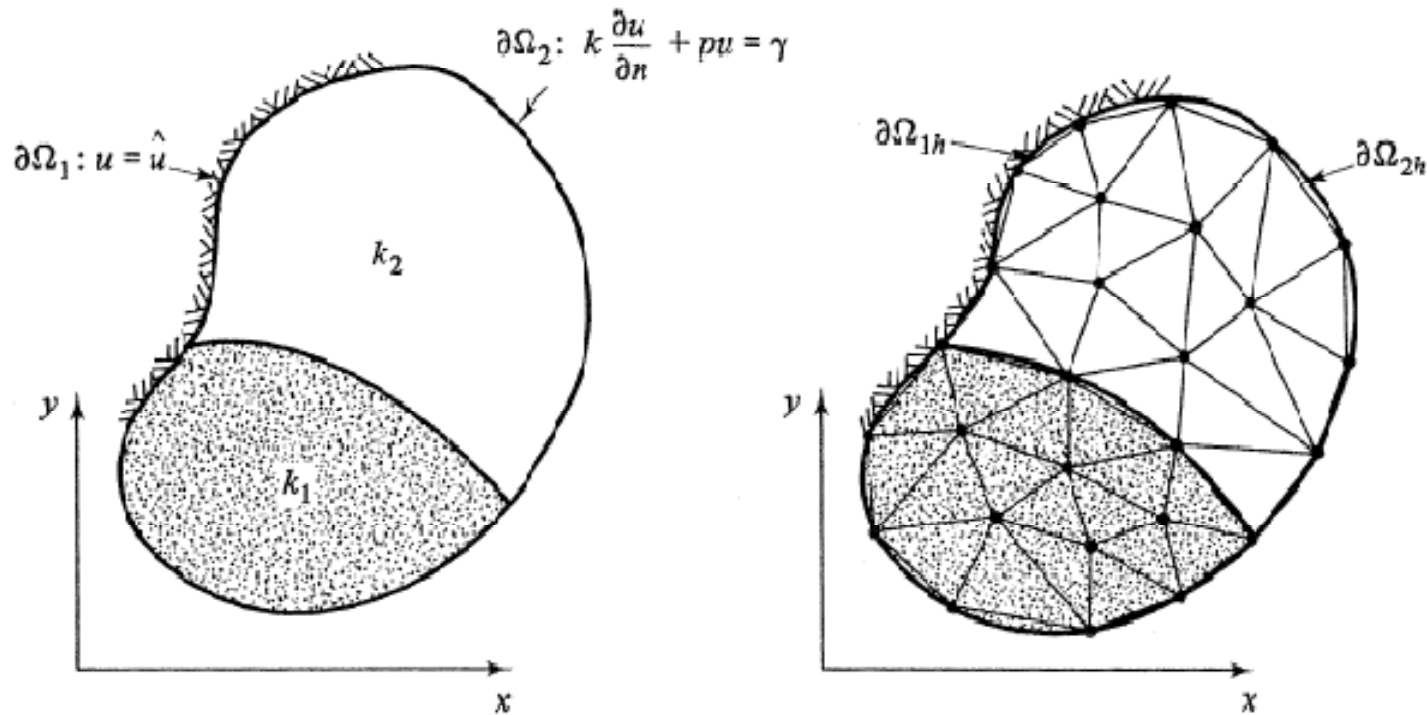
- Let us re-write this explicitly as:

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

for all  $w(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$  with  $w = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega_1$ , where  $\gamma = p\hat{u}$ .

# Finite element approximation of 2D BVP

- We approximate the domain with  $E$  finite elements and  $N$  nodes placing nodes and elements in such a way that element boundaries coincide as close as possible to the interface with jump in  $k$ .



# Finite element approximation of 2D BVP

- We define an  $N$ -dimensional subspace  $H^h$  of  $H^1(\Omega_h)$  by constructing appropriate global basis functions  $N_i, i=1,2,\dots,N$  using the elements we discussed earlier.
- A typical test function in  $H^h$  is of the form:

$$w_h(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{w_j}_{w_h(x_j, y_j)} N_j(x, y)$$

- In general the essential BC data (Dirichlet data)  $\hat{u}$  in  $\partial\Omega_1$  is approximated as:

$$\hat{u}_h(s) = \sum_j \hat{u}_j N_j(x(s), y(s))$$

where the sum is over all nodes on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ .

# FEM problem statement

- Find a function  $u_h \in H^h$ , such that  $u_h(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^N u_j N_j(x, y)$  and  $u_j = \hat{u}_j$  at the nodes on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$  so the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega_h} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w_h}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial y} \frac{\partial w_h}{\partial y} \right) + b(x, y) u_h(x, y) w_h(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} p u_h w_h ds = \int_{\Omega_h} f w_h dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \gamma w_h ds$$

for all  $w_h \in H^h$  with  $w_h = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ .

- The above equation leads to the following system of algebraic equations:

$$\sum_{j=1}^N K_{ij} u_j = F_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$K_{ij} = \int_{\Omega_h} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} \right) + b(x, y) N_i N_j \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} p N_i N_j ds, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N$$

Symmetric,  
banded

$$F_i = \int_{\Omega_h} f N_i dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \gamma N_i ds$$

# Finite element approximation

- Each of the integrals in the stiffness and load vector can be computed as the sum of contributions from each element in the mesh. But we need to approach this more carefully!
- Let  $\Omega_e$  denote a typical finite element. **The exact solution**  $u$  on  $\Omega_e$  of our BVP satisfies:

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \left[ k \vec{\nabla} u \cdot \vec{\nabla} w + buw \right] dx dy = \int_{\Omega_e} f w dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \sigma_n w ds$$

for all admissible functions  $w(x, y)$ ,

where  $\sigma_n$  is the normal component of the flux at  $\partial\Omega_e$ .

- Let  $u_h^e$  and  $w_h^e$  denote the restrictions of the approximations  $u_h$  and  $w_h$  to  $\Omega_e$ . Then **the local approximation of the variational BVP over  $\Omega_e$  is:**

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \left[ k \vec{\nabla} u_h^e \cdot \vec{\nabla} w_h^e + bu_h^e w_h^e \right] dx dy = \int_{\Omega_e} f w_h^e dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \underbrace{\sigma_n}_{\text{exact flux on } \partial\Omega_e \text{ (not known)}} w_h^e ds$$

# Finite element approximation

$$\int_{\Omega_e} \left[ k \vec{\nabla} u_h^e \cdot \vec{\nabla} w_h^e + b u_h^e w_h^e \right] dx dy = \int_{\Omega_e} f w_h^e dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \underbrace{\sigma_n}_{\text{exact flux on } \partial\Omega_e \text{ (not known)}} w_h^e ds$$

- Since  $w_h = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ , there will be no contribution in the last integral from elements with sides that coincide with  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ .
- We already have in place the following approximations:

$$w_h^e(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_e} w_i^e N_i^e(x, y), \quad u_h^e(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_e} u_j^e N_j^e(x, y)$$

where  $N_j^e(x, y)$  are the shape functions in  $\Omega_e$  and  $N_e$  the number of nodes in  $\Omega_e$ .

- The following linear system is then obtained:

# Element equations

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N_e} k_{ij}^e u_j^e = f_i^e - \sigma_i^e, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_e$$

$$k_{ij}^e = \int_{\Omega_e} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial N_i^e}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j^e}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i^e}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j^e}{\partial y} \right) + b N_i^e N_j^e \right] dx dy \quad \text{Element stiffness matrix}$$

$$f_i^e = \int_{\Omega_e} f N_i^e dx dy \quad \text{Element load vector}$$

$$\sigma_i^e = \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \sigma_n N_i^e ds$$

Element flux vector  
obtained by assigning to node  $i$  of  $\Omega_e$  a weighted average of the actual flux  $\sigma_n$  across  $\partial\Omega_e$ .

# Assembly process

- The global system of equations is obtained by summing over all elements  $E$  in the mesh.
  - We expand the element stiffness  $k^e$  to a matrix  $N \times N$   $K^e$  with zeros everywhere except those rows and columns corresponding to nodes within  $\Omega_e$  and  $f^e$  and  $\sigma^e$  will be expanded to  $N \times 1$  vectors  $F^e$  and  $\Sigma^e$  with nonzero entries only in those rows corresponding to nodes in  $\Omega_e$

$$\sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\Omega_e} \left[ k \left( \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial x} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial y} \frac{\partial N_j}{\partial y} \right) + b N_i N_j \right] dx dy = \sum_{e=1}^E K_{ij}^e, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\Omega_e} f N_i dx dy = \sum_{e=1}^E F_i^e, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\sum_{e=1}^E \left( K_{ij}^e u_j - F_i^e + \Sigma_i^e \right) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

# Boundary conditions

$$\sum_{e=1}^E (K_{ij}^e u_j - F_i^e + \Sigma_i^e) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

- Note that the contributions to  $K_{ij}$  and  $F_i$  from boundary conditions must enter the problem through the terms  $\Sigma_i^e$ .
  - We note that the sum of the contour integrals can be written as:

$$\sum_{e=1}^E \Sigma_i^e = S_i^{(0)} + S_i^{(1)} + S_i^{(2)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$S_i^{(0)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_e - \partial\Omega_h} \sigma_n N_i ds \quad S_i^{(1)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{1h}} \sigma_n N_i ds \quad S_i^{(2)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \sigma_n N_i ds$$

$\partial\Omega_e - \partial\Omega_h$  Portion of the boundary  $\partial\Omega_e$   
of  $\Omega_e$  not on  $\partial\Omega_h$

(interelement boundaries)

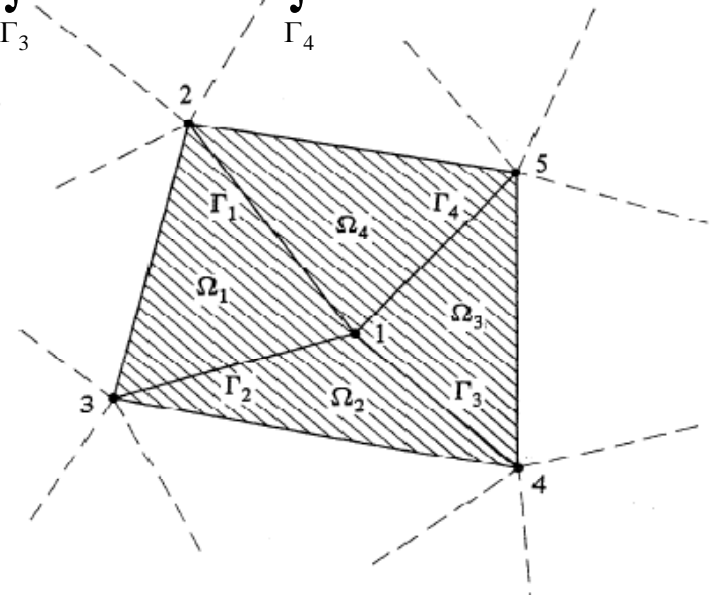
# Boundary conditions

$$S_i^{(0)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_e - \partial\Omega_h} \sigma_n N_i ds$$

- This vector is **defined only at interior nodes**. Consider the patch of 4 elements sharing node 1.

$$S_i^{(0)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_e} \sigma_n N_i ds = \int_{\Gamma_1} [[\sigma_n]] N_i ds + \int_{\Gamma_2} [[\sigma_n]] N_i ds + \int_{\Gamma_3} [[\sigma_n]] N_i ds + \int_{\Gamma_4} [[\sigma_n]] N_i ds$$

- From the conservation law  $[[\sigma_n]] = 0$  across an interface where no point or line sources are applied. Thus if  $f$  is smooth in the patch shown  $S_i^{(0)} = 0$



# Boundary conditions

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$$S_i^{(0)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_e - \partial\Omega_h} \sigma_n N_i ds$$

- When the source  $f$  contains a line source or concentrated point source, then  $[[\sigma_n]]$  is equal to the intensity of the line source.
- We can include point sources by writing  $f(x,y)$  as

$$f(x, y) = \underbrace{\tilde{f}(x, y)}_{\text{smooth part}} + \underbrace{\hat{f} \delta(x - x_i, y - y_i)}_{\text{point source at } (x_i, y_i) \in \Omega_h}$$

- We assume that the mesh is constructed so that there is a node at the source location.

# Boundary conditions

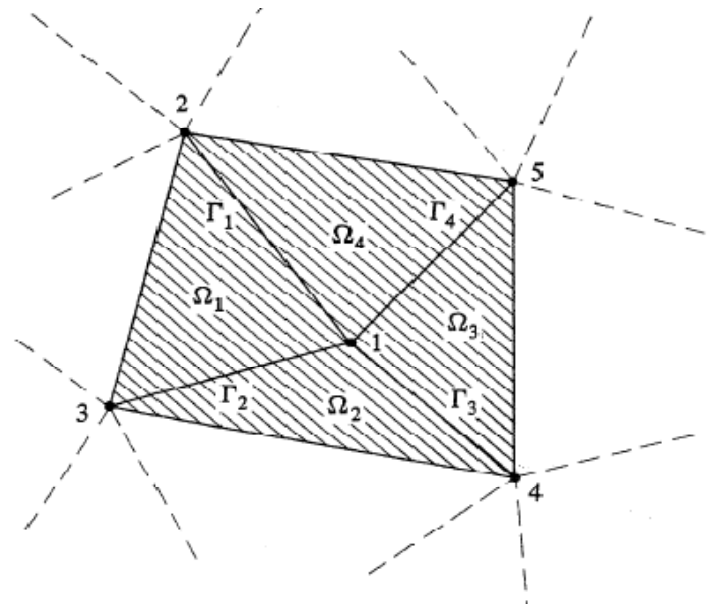
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- For source at node 1 in the figure, we have:

$$S_i^{(0)} = \sum_{e=1}^4 \int_{\partial\Omega_e - \partial\Omega_h} \sigma_n N_i ds = \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^4 \int_{\Gamma_m} \llbracket \sigma_n \rrbracket N_1 ds}_{\text{weighted average of the jumps at node 1}}$$

$$S_i^{(0)} = \hat{f}$$

- The presence of sources leads to very singular solutions  $u$ .



# Boundary conditions

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$$S_i^{(1)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{1h}} \sigma_n N_i ds$$

- The values of  $u_h$  are prescribed at  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ . Since  $\sigma_n$  is not known on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$ ,  $S_i^{(1)}$  cannot be described here. However, once all nodal  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N$  are computed, we can evaluate  $S_i^{(1)}$  from

$$\sum_{e=1}^E \left( K_{ij}^e u_j - F_i^e + \Sigma_i^e \right) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

# Boundary conditions

$$S_i^{(2)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \sigma_n N_i ds$$

- On  $\partial\Omega_{2h}$  the natural boundary condition is prescribed. There we set  $\sigma_n(s) = p(s)u_h(s) - \gamma(s)$

$$S_i^{(2)} = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \left[ p \sum_{j=1}^N u_j N_j - \gamma \right] N_i ds = \sum_{j=1}^N P_{ij} u_j - \gamma_i$$

$$\gamma_i = \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} \gamma N_i ds = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}^e} \gamma N_i ds = \sum_{e=1}^E \gamma_i^e$$

$$P_{ij} = \int_{\partial\Omega_{2h}} p N_i N_j ds = \sum_{e=1}^E \int_{\underbrace{\partial\Omega_{2h}^e}_{\text{portion of } \partial\Omega_{2h}^e \text{ intersecting } \partial\Omega_{2h}}} p N_i N_j ds = \sum_{e=1}^E P_{ij}^e$$

# Final algebraic equations

- The final system of equations is given as:

$$\sum_{j=1}^N K_{ij} u_j = F_i - S_i^{(1)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$K_{ij} = \sum_{e=1}^E (K_{ij}^e + P_{ij}^e), \quad F_i = \sum_{e=1}^E (F_i^e + \gamma_i^e)$$

- Once boundary conditions are imposed on  $\partial\Omega_{1h}$  we can proceed solving the system of equations for the unknown nodal values.

# Example

- Consider the FEM solution of the following problem:

$$-\Delta u(x, y) = f(x, y) \text{ in } \Omega$$

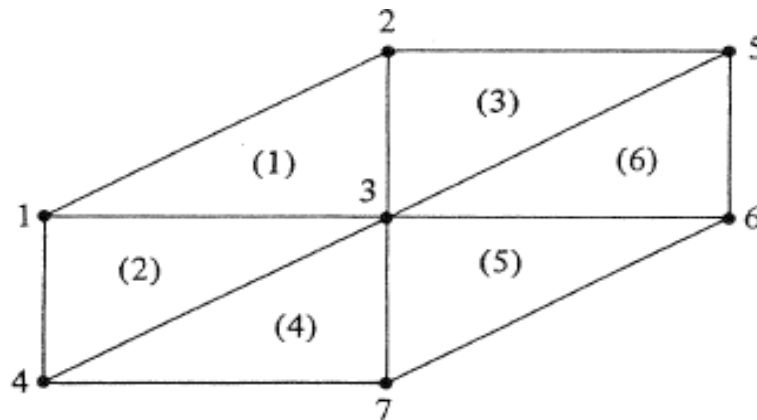
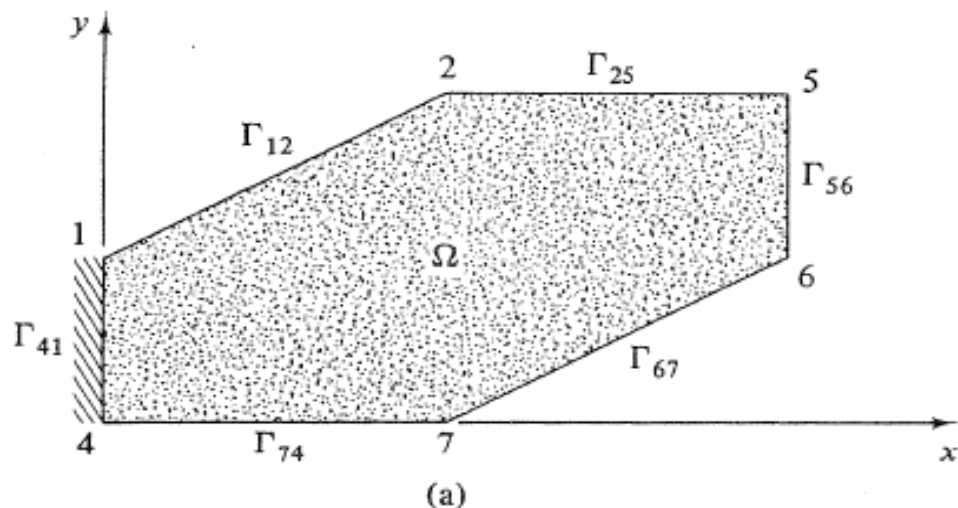
$$u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{41}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_{12}, \Gamma_{25}, \Gamma_{67}, \Gamma_{74},$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \beta u = \gamma \text{ on } \Gamma_{56}$$

$$\partial\Omega_{1h} = \partial\Omega_1$$

$$\partial\Omega_{2h} = \partial\Omega_2$$



$$\partial\Omega_2 = \Gamma_{12} \cup \Gamma_{25} \cup \Gamma_{56} \cup \Gamma_{67} \cup \Gamma_{74},$$

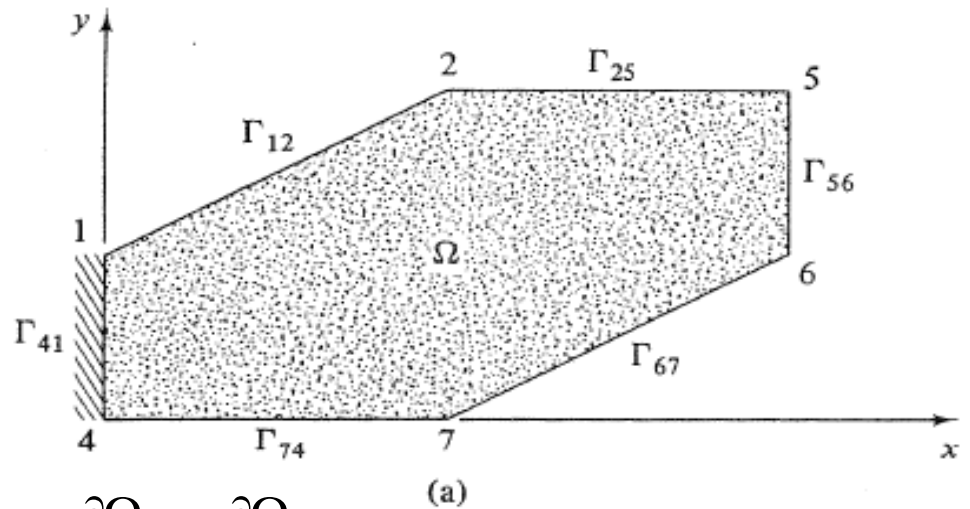
$$\partial\Omega_1 = \Gamma_{41}$$

# Example

- Element 1:

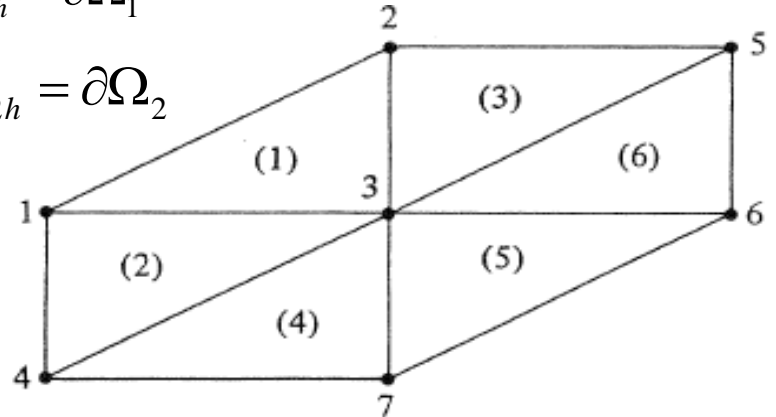
$$K^1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^1 & k_{12}^1 & k_{13}^1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_{21}^1 & k_{22}^1 & k_{23}^1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_{31}^1 & k_{32}^1 & k_{33}^1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^1 = \begin{bmatrix} f_1^1 \\ f_2^1 \\ f_3^1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\partial\Omega_{1h} = \partial\Omega_1$$

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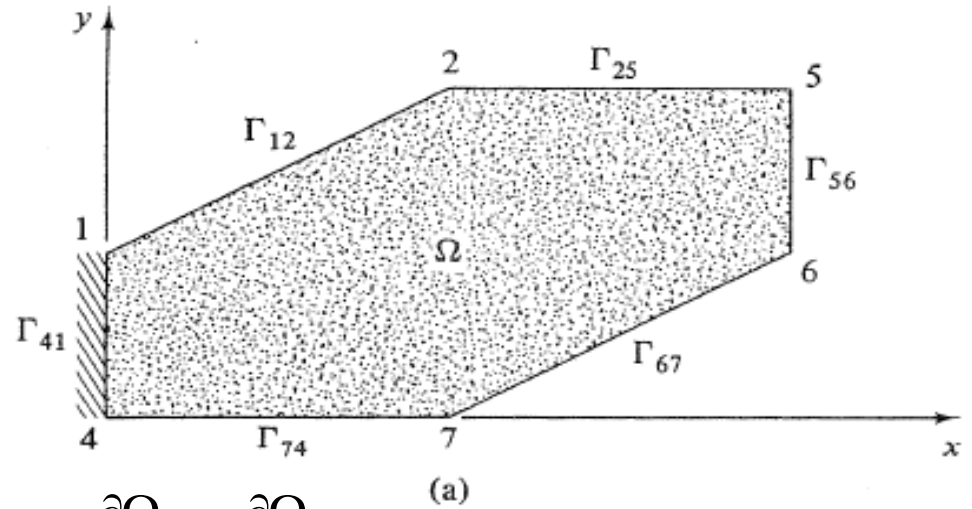
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# Example

- Element 2:

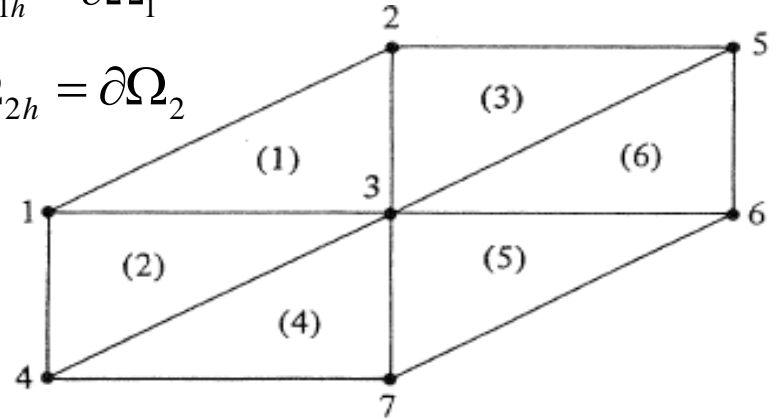
$$K^2 = \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^2 & 0 & k_{12}^2 & k_{13}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_{21}^2 & 0 & k_{22}^2 & k_{23}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_{31}^2 & 0 & k_{32}^2 & k_{33}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^2 = \begin{bmatrix} f_1^2 \\ 0 \\ f_2^2 \\ f_3^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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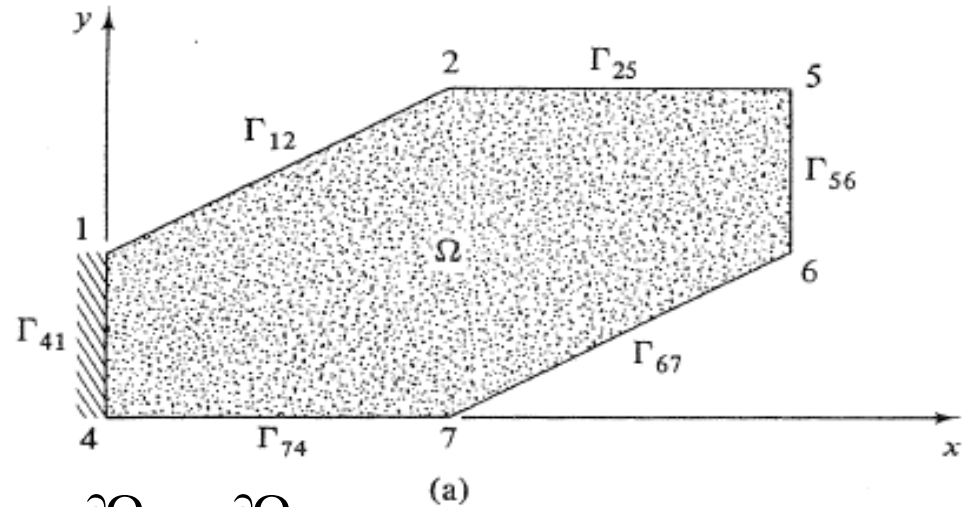
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# Example

- Element 6:

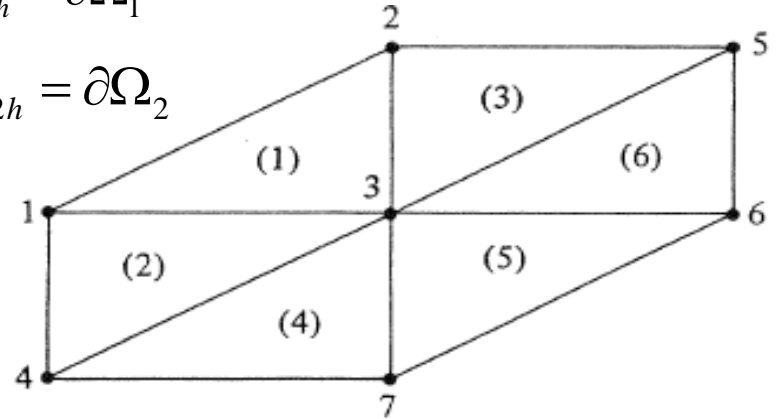
$$K^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_{11}^6 & 0 & k_{12}^6 & k_{13}^6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_{21}^6 & 0 & k_{22}^6 & k_{23}^6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_{31}^6 & 0 & k_{32}^6 & k_{33}^6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ f_1^6 \\ 0 \\ f_2^6 \\ f_3^6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



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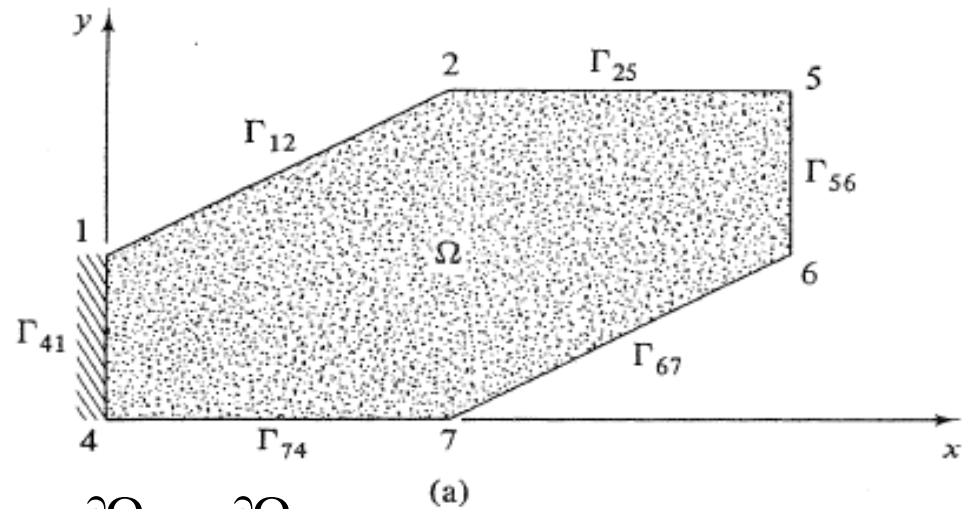
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# Example problem: Assembly

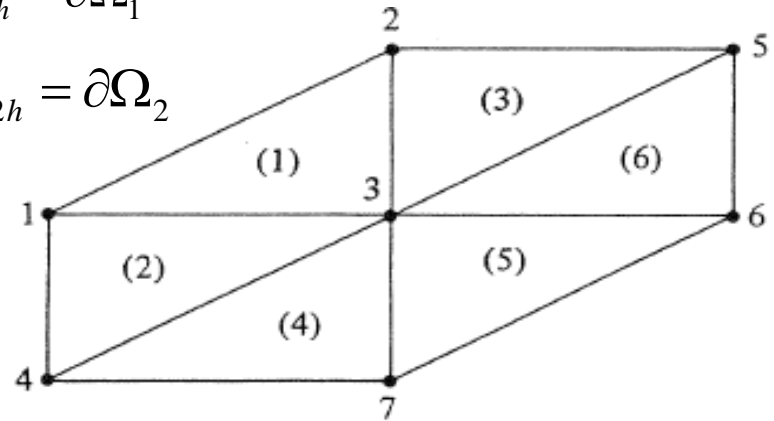
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} & K_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & K_{25} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} & K_{34} & K_{35} & K_{36} & K_{37} \\ K_{41} & 0 & K_{43} & K_{44} & 0 & 0 & K_{47} \\ 0 & K_{52} & K_{53} & 0 & \tilde{K}_{55} & \tilde{K}_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{63} & 0 & \tilde{K}_{65} & \tilde{K}_{66} & K_{67} \\ 0 & 0 & K_{73} & K_{74} & 0 & K_{76} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F^1 = \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 \\ \tilde{F}_5 \\ \tilde{F}_6 \\ F_7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \Sigma_4 \\ \Sigma_5 \\ \Sigma_6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\partial\Omega_{1h} = \partial\Omega_1$$

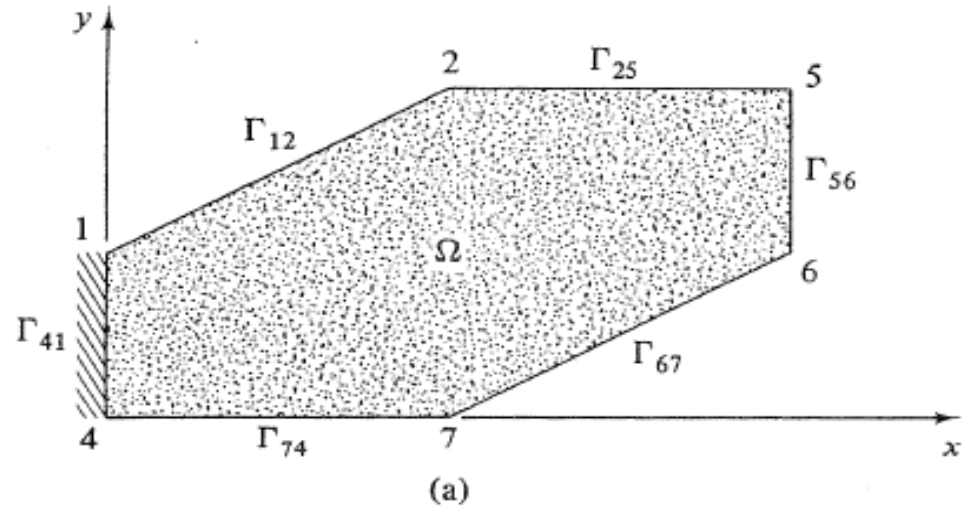
$$\partial\Omega_{2h} = \partial\Omega_2$$



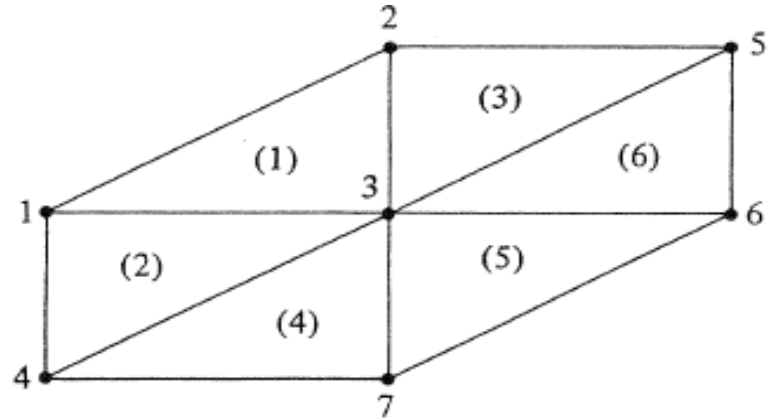
The stiffness terms with the symbol  $\tilde{K}$  will be modified once natural BC are applied.

# Natural boundary conditions

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{55} & P_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{65} & P_{66} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

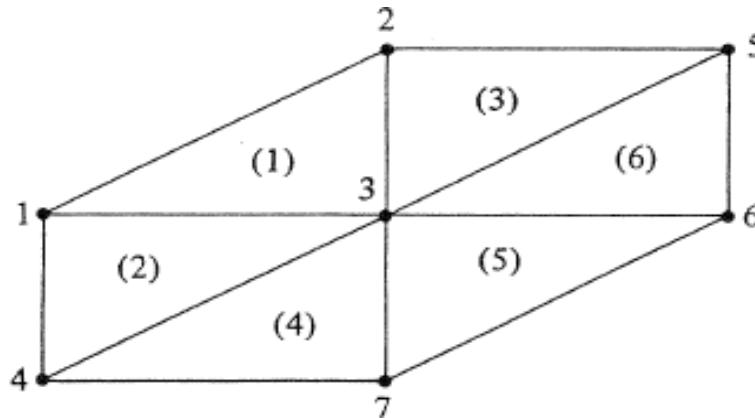


$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \gamma_5 \\ \gamma_6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Final system of equations

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & K_{13} & K_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{21} & K_{22} & K_{23} & 0 & K_{25} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{31} & K_{32} & K_{33} & K_{34} & K_{35} & K_{36} & K_{37} \\ K_{41} & 0 & K_{43} & K_{44} & 0 & 0 & K_{47} \\ 0 & K_{52} & K_{53} & 0 & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{63} & 0 & K_{65} & K_{66} & K_{67} \\ 0 & 0 & K_{73} & K_{74} & 0 & K_{76} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 - \Sigma_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_4 - \Sigma_4 \\ F_5 \\ F_6 \\ F_7 \end{Bmatrix}$$



# Impose essential boundary conditions

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{22} & K_{23} & K_{25} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{32} & K_{33} & K_{35} & K_{36} & K_{37} \\ K_{52} & K_{53} & K_{55} & K_{56} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{63} & K_{65} & K_{66} & K_{67} \\ 0 & K_{73} & 0 & K_{76} & K_{77} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \\ u_7 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \\ F_5 \\ F_6 \\ F_7 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Post-processing

$$-\Sigma_1 = K_{12}u_2 + K_{13}u_3 + K_{14}u_4 - F_1$$

$$-\Sigma_4 = K_{43}u_3 + K_{47}u_7 - F_4$$

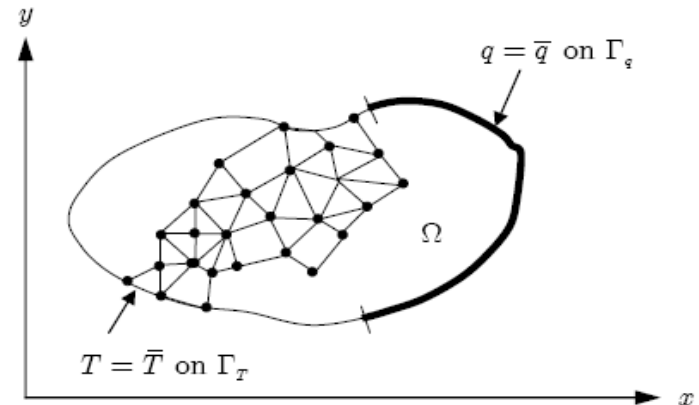
# Revisiting the FEM formulation for 2D scalar field problems

- In the earlier part of this lecture, we used the stiffness matrix and load vectors in component forms.
- We will next discuss a similar example (notation is used from heat conduction) **repeating the same calculations but in a matrix form**. These calculations have been programmed in the 2dBVP MatLab software.
- Let us consider the following 2D BVP: Compute  $T(x,y)$ :

$$-\nabla \cdot (D\nabla T) = f(x, y)$$

$$T = \bar{T} \text{ on } \Gamma_T$$

$$q = -D\nabla T \cdot n = \bar{q} \text{ on } \Gamma_q$$



# 2D Heat conduction – weak form

- The weak statement for this problem takes the form:

Find a function  $T(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ , with  $T(s) = \bar{T}(s)$ ,  $s \in \Gamma_T$  such that:

$$\int_{\Omega} \{\nabla w\}^T [D] \{\nabla T\} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} w^T f d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_q} w^T \bar{q} d\Gamma$$

for all  $w(x, y) \in U_0$

- We denote here  $U_0 : w \in H^1(\Omega)$  with  $w = 0$  on  $\partial\Gamma_T$
- The weak form is written in a matrix form ready for FEM discretization, e.g.

$$\{\nabla T\} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}, \{\nabla w\}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}, \underbrace{\underline{q}}_{\text{heat flux}} = \begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \end{bmatrix} = -[D] \{\nabla T\}, \underbrace{[D]}_{\text{Conductivity matrix}} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{xx} & k_{xy} \\ k_{yx} & k_{yy} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- We replace the integrals with sum of integrals over the finite elements:

Find a function  $T(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ , with  $T(s) = \bar{T}(s), s \in \Gamma_T$  such that:

$$\sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Omega^e} \{\nabla w^e\}^T [D^e] \{\nabla T^e\} d\Omega = \sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Omega^e} w^e f d\Omega - \sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Gamma_q} w^e \bar{q} d\Gamma$$

for all  $w(x, y) \in U_0$

- The finite element interpolation formula for the temperature in each element is:

$$T^e(x, y) = N^e(x, y)d^e = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} N_1^e & N_2^e & \dots & N_{nen}^e \end{bmatrix}}_{[N] \text{ matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} T_1^e \\ T_2^e \\ \dots \\ T_{nen}^e \end{bmatrix}}_{\{d^e\}} = [N^e] \{d^e\} = [N^e] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L^e \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{scatter} \\ \text{matrix}}} \underbrace{\{d\}}_{\substack{\text{global} \\ \text{nodal} \\ \text{temperatures}}}$$

# 2D Heat conduction – FE interpolation

- The gradient fields of  $T^e$  and  $w^e$  are obtained as:

$$\{\nabla T^e\} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T^e}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial T^e}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial x} T_1^e + \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial x} T_2^e + \dots + \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial x} T_{nen}^e \\ \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial y} T_1^e + \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial y} T_2^e + \dots + \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial y} T_{nen}^e \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial x} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{The } [B^e] \text{ matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} T_1^e \\ T_2^e \\ \dots \\ T_{nen}^e \end{bmatrix}}_{\{d^e\}} = [B^e] \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L^e \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scatter matrix}} \underbrace{\{d\}}_{\text{global nodal temperatures}}$$

Here,  $nen$ : number element nodes

- Similarly for the gradient of  $w^e$ :

$$\{\nabla w^e\}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w^e}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w^e}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \{w^e\}^T [B^e(x, y)]^T = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} w_1^e & w_2^e & \dots & w_{nen}^e \end{bmatrix}}_{\{w^e\}^T} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_1^e}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_2^e}{\partial y} \\ \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_{nen}^e}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \{w\}^T \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L^e \\ \dots \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scatter matrix}} [B^e]^T$$

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- We can substitute these expressions into the weak form

$$\sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Omega^e} \{\nabla w^e\}^T [D^e] \{\nabla T^e\} d\Omega = \sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Omega^e} w^e f d\Omega - \sum_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Gamma_q^e} w^e \bar{q} d\Gamma \Rightarrow$$

$$\{w\}^T \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T \left[ \int_{\Omega^e} [B^e]^T [D^e] [B^e] d\Omega [L^e] \{d\} - \int_{\Omega^e} [N^e]^T f d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_q^e} [N^e]^T \bar{q} d\Gamma \right] = 0 \quad \forall \{w_F\}$$

- Note as we did earlier for the 1D BVP, the vector  $w$  was partitioned as follows:

$$\{d\} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{d}_E \\ d_F \end{bmatrix}, \{w\} = \begin{bmatrix} w_E = 0 \\ w_F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ w_F \end{bmatrix}$$

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- From this equation, we can easily identify:

$$[K^e] = \int_{\Omega^e} [B^e]^T [D^e] [B^e] d\Omega \quad \{f^e\} = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega^e} [N^e]^T f d\Omega}_{\{f_\Omega^e\}} - \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma_q^e} [N^e]^T \bar{q} d\Gamma}_{\{f_\Gamma^e\}}$$

- We now can write the weak form as:

$$\{w\}^T \left[ \underbrace{\left( \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T [K^e] [L^e] \right) \{d\} - \left( \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T f^e \right)}_{Residual \{r\}} \right] = 0 \quad \forall \{w_F\}$$

# 2D Heat conduction – global stiffness and load

$$\{w\}^T \left[ \underbrace{\left( \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T [K^e] [L^e] \right)}_{\text{Residual } \{r\}} \{d\} - \left( \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T f^e \right) \right] = 0 \quad \forall \{w_F\}$$

- The **global stiffness and load** can now be written:

$$[K] = \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T [K^e] [L^e] \quad \{f\} = \sum_{e=1}^{nel} [L^e]^T \{f^e\}$$

- Utilizing the partition of  $w$ , the weak form is written as:

$$\{w_F\}^T \{r_F\} + \{w_E\}^T \{r_E\} = 0, \quad \forall \{w_F\} \Rightarrow \{r_F\} = 0 \Rightarrow \{r\} = \begin{bmatrix} r_E \\ r_F = 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_E & K_{EF} \\ K_{FE} & K_F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{d}_E \\ d_F \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} f_E \\ f_F \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_E & K_{EF} \\ K_{FE} & K_F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{d}_E \\ d_F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_E + r_E \\ f_F \end{bmatrix}$$

This follows exactly the solver in our MatLab 2DBVP program.  $r_E$  here are the fluxes on the boundaries with essential BCs. They are computed after this system of equations is solved for  $d_F$ .