

# Weak Galerkin Finite Element Methods for the Darcy Equation

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# Darcy Equation

Darcy equation usual form:

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot (-\mathbf{K}\nabla p) \equiv \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = f, & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\ p = p_D, \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma^D, & \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = u_N, \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma^N, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- ▶  $p$  is the unknown pressure
- ▶  $\mathbf{K}$  is a permeability tensor, SPD
- ▶  $f$  is a source term
- ▶  $p_D$  is Dirichlet boundary data
- ▶  $u_N$  is Neumann boundary data

For simplicity, let's consider the Darcy equation with homogeneous Dirichlet B.C. on the entire boundary.

# CG Finite Element Scheme

Through integration by parts, the **variational form** is

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{K} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q = \int_{\Omega} f q, \quad \forall q \in V, \quad (2)$$

where  $\Omega$  is the domain,  $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

On a subspace  $V_h \subset V$ , the **CG finite element scheme** is

$$\mathcal{A}_h(p_h, q) = \mathcal{F}(q), \quad (3)$$

where  $p_h = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j \Phi_j$ ,  $q$  is the test function in the finite element space,  $\mathcal{A}_h(p_h, q)$  is the bilinear form

$$\mathcal{A}_h(p_h, q) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E \mathbf{K} \nabla p_h \cdot \nabla q, \quad \forall q \in V_h, \quad (4)$$

$\mathcal{F}(q)$  is the linear form

$$\mathcal{F}(q) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E f q, \quad \forall q \in V_h. \quad (5)$$

# Features of CGFEMs

- ▶ Fewer unknowns compared with MFEMs and WGFEMs,
- ▶ Lacks “local mass conservation”, that is,

$$\int_E (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \neq \int_E f,$$

- ▶ Lacks “continuity of bulk normal fluxes”, that is,

$$\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 \neq 0.$$

# Mixed Variational Form

Define the Darcy velocity  $\mathbf{u} = -(\mathbf{K}\nabla p)$ . The second order Darcy can be rewritten as the first order **PDE** system

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

**Mixed Variational Form** Seek  $\mathbf{u} \in H_{U_N, N}(\text{div}, \Omega)$  and  $p \in L^2(\Omega)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} (\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega} p(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = - \int_{\Gamma_D} p_D \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}, & \forall \mathbf{v} \in H_{0, N}(\text{div}; \Omega), \\ - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})q = - \int_{\Omega} fq, & \forall q \in L^2(\Omega). \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

**Mixed finite element scheme** Seek  $\mathbf{u}_h \in \bar{U}_h$ ,  $p_h \in W_h$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E (\mathbf{K}^{-1}\mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E p_h(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) = - \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma_h^D} \int_{\gamma} p_D \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}, & \forall \mathbf{v} \in U_h^0, \\ - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h)q = - \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E fq, & \forall q \in W_h. \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

# Raviart-Thomas (RT) Spaces on Triangles

$RT_0(T)$  for example.

## Natural basis

$$RT_0(T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right\}. \quad (9)$$

## Normalized basis

$$RT_0(T) = \text{Span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} \right\}, \quad (10)$$

where  $X = x - x_c$ ,  $Y = y - y_c$ ,  $(x_c, y_c)$  is the center of  $T$ .



# Raviart-Thomas (RT) Spaces on Triangles

The Gram matrix of the basis functions is

$$GM = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_1) & (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2) & (\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_3) \\ (\mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_1) & (\mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_2) & (\mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3) \\ (\mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_1) & (\mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_2) & (\mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |T| & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |T| & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & S \end{bmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

where  $|T|$  is the area of an triangle, and

$$S = \frac{|T|}{36} ((x_1 - x_2)^2 + (x_2 - x_3)^2 + (x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (y_2 - y_3)^2 + (y_3 - y_1)^2).$$

# Raviart-Thomas (RT) Spaces on Triangles

## Edge-based basis

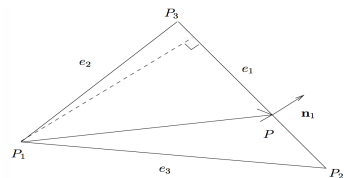


Figure: Edge-based basis for MFEMs

$$RT_0(T) = \text{Span} \{ \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 \}, \quad (12)$$

and

$$\phi_1 = \frac{|e_1|}{2|T|}(P - P_1), \quad \phi_2 = \frac{|e_2|}{2|T|}(P - P_2), \quad \phi_3 = \frac{|e_3|}{2|T|}(P - P_3). \quad (13)$$

Two properties:  $\phi_i \cdot \mathbf{n}_j = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $\nabla \cdot \phi_i = \frac{|e_i|}{|T|}$ .

- ▶ Satisfies local mass conservation,
- ▶ Satisfies bulk normal flux continuity,
- ▶ Need to satisfy the inf-sup condition,

$$\inf_{w \in \bar{W}_h, w \neq 0} \sup_{\mathbf{v} \in \bar{V}_h, \mathbf{v} \neq 0} \frac{(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}, w)}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{H(\text{div})} \|w\|_{L^2}} > 0,$$

- ▶ Results in indefinite discrete linear systems.

# Weak Functions, Weak Gradients

**Weak functions** On an element  $E$ , the space of weak functions is

$$W(E) = \{v = \{v^\circ, v^\partial\}, v^\circ \in L^2(E), v^\partial \in L^2(E^\partial)\}. \quad (14)$$

**Weak gradient**  $\nabla_w v$  is a functional defined through integration by parts,

$$(\nabla_w v, \mathbf{w}) = \int_{E^\partial} v^\partial(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \int_E v^\circ(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}), \quad \mathbf{w} \in H(\text{div}, E). \quad (15)$$

A **discrete weak function** space on the element  $E$  is

$$W(E, l, m) = \{v = \{v^\circ, v^\partial\}, v^\circ \in P^l(E^\circ), v^\partial \in P^m(E^\partial)\}. \quad (16)$$

Two spaces of discrete weak functions on the mesh  $\mathcal{E}_h$  are  $S_h(l, m)$  and  $S_h^0(l, m)$ .

# Discrete Weak Gradient

**Discrete weak gradient** is denoted as  $\nabla_{w,d}v$ , via integration by parts

$$\int_E (\nabla_{w,d}v) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \int_{E^\partial} v^\partial (\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \int_{E^\circ} v^\circ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}), \quad \mathbf{w} \in P^n(E)^2. \quad (17)$$

And  $v^\circ \in P^l(E^\circ)$ ,  $v^\partial \in P^m(E^\partial)$ ,  $\nabla_{w,d}v \in P^n(E)^2$ .

On a triangular element  $T$ ,

- ▶  $(P_0, P_0; RT_0)$ , and  $RT_0 \subset P^1(T)^2$ ;
- ▶  $(P_1, P_1; RT_1)$ , and  $RT_1 \subset P^2(T)^2$ .

# WG( $P_0, P_0; RT_0$ ) Elements on Triangles

On each triangular element, there are four discrete weak functions:

$\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$ ,

- ▶  $\phi_0 = 1$  in the interior,  $\phi_0 = 0$  on the three edges;
- ▶  $\phi_i = 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) on the very edge,  $\phi_i = 0$  on the other edges and in the interior.

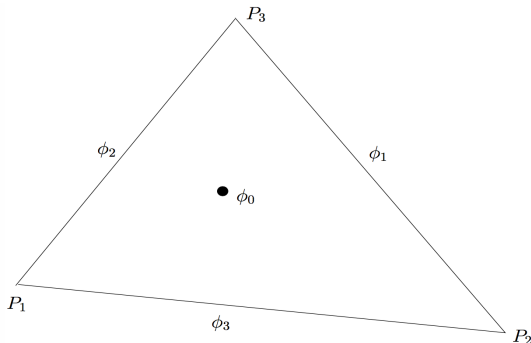


Figure: Weak functions on a triangle

# WG( $P_0, P_0; RT_0$ ) Elements on Triangles

Through integration by parts, we have a small SPD linear system,

$$\int_T (\nabla_{w,d}\phi) \cdot \mathbf{w} = \int_{T^\partial} \phi^\partial(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \int_{T^\circ} \phi^\circ(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}), \quad \forall \mathbf{w} \in RT_0(T). \quad (18)$$

And  $\nabla_{w,d}\phi = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i \mathbf{w}_i$ .

On each local element  $T$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 c_i \int_T \mathbf{w}_i \cdot \mathbf{w}_j = \int_{T^\partial} \phi^\partial(\mathbf{w}_j \cdot \mathbf{n}) - \int_{T^\circ} \phi^\circ(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{w}_j), \quad (19)$$

Discrete weak gradients of 4 basis functions are

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_{w,d}\phi_0 = \mathbf{0}\mathbf{w}_1 + \mathbf{0}\mathbf{w}_2 + \frac{-2|T|}{5}\mathbf{w}_3, \\ \nabla_{w,d}\phi_1 = \frac{(y_3-y_2)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{(x_2-x_3)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_2 + \frac{2|T|}{35}\mathbf{w}_3, \\ \nabla_{w,d}\phi_2 = \frac{(y_1-y_3)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{(x_3-x_1)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_2 + \frac{2|T|}{35}\mathbf{w}_3, \\ \nabla_{w,d}\phi_3 = \frac{(y_2-y_1)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_1 + \frac{(x_1-x_2)}{|T|}\mathbf{w}_2 + \frac{2|T|}{35}\mathbf{w}_3. \end{array} \right. \quad (20)$$

# WG for Darcy: Pressure

**Variational form** of Darcy derived via integration by parts,  
Seek  $p \in H_{D,p_D}^1(\Omega)$ , such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{K} \nabla p \cdot \nabla q = \int_{\Omega} f q, \quad q \in H_{D,0}^1(\Omega). \quad (21)$$

**WG( $P_0, P_0; RT_0$ ) scheme for the Darcy Equation**

Seek  $p_h = \{p_h^\circ, p_h^\partial\} \in S_h$  such that  $p_h^\partial|_{\Gamma_h^D} = Q_h^\partial(p_D)$  and

$$\mathcal{A}_h(p_h, q) = \mathcal{F}(q), \quad \forall q = \{q^\circ, q^\partial\} \in S_h^0, \quad (22)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_h(p_h, q) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E \mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q, \quad (23)$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(q) := \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E f q^\circ \quad (24)$$



# WG for Darcy: Pressure

$$\nabla_{w,d} p_h = \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i (\nabla_{w,d} \phi_i), \quad \nabla_{w,d} \mathbf{q} = \nabla_{w,d} \phi_j, (j = 0, 1, 2, 3).$$

The finite element scheme on the whole mesh  $\mathcal{T}_h$  is formulated as

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \mathbf{K} \left( \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i (\nabla_{w,d} \phi_i) \right) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} \phi_j = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T f. \quad (25)$$

$$\sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \sum_{i=0}^3 \int_T a_i (\mathbf{K} (\nabla_{w,d} \phi_i)) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} \phi_j = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T f. \quad (26)$$

The global stiffness matrix as a blocked matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{ee} & A_{eg} \\ A_{ge} & A_{gg} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (27)$$

## Darcy Velocity

$$\mathbf{u}_h = -\mathbf{K}\nabla_{w,d}p_h, \quad (28)$$

If  $\mathbf{K}\nabla_{w,d}p_h$  is not in Raviart-Thomas space, i.e.,  $\mathbf{K}$  is not diagonal, we use  $L_2$ -projection to project it to the space.

## Bulk normal flux

$$\int_e \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}|e|, \quad (29)$$

where  $\mathbf{u}_h$  is the numerical velocity at the edge's midpoint,  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward unit vector,  $|e|$  is the edge length.

## Local mass conservation

$$\int_E f = \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}.$$

*Proof.* Take a test function  $q$  so that  $q|_{E^\circ} = 1$  but vanishes on all edges and inside all other elements. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E f &= \int_E (\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q = \int_E \mathbf{Q}_h(\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q \\ &= - \int_E \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q = - \int_{E^\partial} q^\partial (\mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}) + \int_{E^\circ} q^\circ (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h) \\ &= \int_{E^\circ} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h = \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}. \end{aligned}$$

## Continuity of bulk normal fluxes

If  $\partial E_1 \cap \partial E_2 = \gamma$ ,  $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2$  are the constant outward unit vectors on  $\gamma$ , there holds

$$\int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 + \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = 0.$$

*Proof.* We take a test function  $q = \{q^\circ, q^\partial\}$  such that  $q^\partial = 1$  only on the very edge  $\gamma$ ; but  $q^\partial = 0$  on all other edges and  $q^\circ = 0$  in interior of any quadrilateral or triangular element. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{E_1} (\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q + \int_{E_2} (\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q \\ &= \int_{E_1} \mathbf{Q}_h(\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q + \int_{E_2} \mathbf{Q}_h(\mathbf{K} \nabla_{w,d} p_h) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q \\ &= \int_{E_1} (-\mathbf{u}_h^{(1)}) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q + \int_{E_2} (-\mathbf{u}_h^{(2)}) \cdot \nabla_{w,d} q \\ &= - \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 - \int_{\gamma} \mathbf{u}_h^{(2)} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2. \end{aligned}$$

# Convergence in Pressure, Velocity and Flux

$L^2$ -norms:

$$\|p - p_h^\circ\|^2 = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \|p - p_h^\circ\|_{L^2(E)}^2, \quad (30)$$

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|^2 = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{L^2(E)}^2, \quad (31)$$

$$\|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \mathbf{n}\|^2 = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \sum_{\gamma \subset E^\partial} \frac{|E|}{|\gamma|} \|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{u}_h \cdot \mathbf{n}\|_{L^2(\gamma)}^2. \quad (32)$$

## Proposition

Let  $p$  be the exact solution of the Darcy problem and  $\mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{K}\nabla p$ . Assume the exact solution has regularity  $p \in H^{1+s}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in H^s(\Omega)^2$  for some  $s \in (0, 1]$ . When the quadrilaterals are asymptotically parallelograms, there holds

$$\|p - p_h^\circ\| \leq Ch, \quad \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\| \leq Ch^s, \quad \|(\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \mathbf{n}\| \leq Ch^s, \quad (33)$$

where  $C > 0$  is a constant that is independent of the mesh size  $h$ .

# WG Finite Elements on Quadrilaterals

On each quadrilateral element, local Raviart-Thomas space

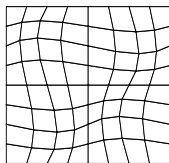
$$RT_{[0]} = \text{Span}(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_4),$$

$$\text{with } \mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ Y \end{bmatrix}.$$

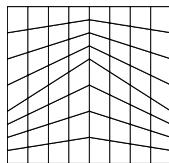
$$GM = [\langle \mathbf{w}_i, \mathbf{w}_j \rangle] = \begin{bmatrix} |E| & 0 & \int_E X & 0 \\ 0 & |E| & 0 & \int_E Y \\ \int_E X & 0 & \int_E X^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \int_E Y & 0 & \int_E Y^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (34)$$

When  $E$  is a rectangle, the Gram matrix becomes a diagonal matrix, with  $\int_E X$  and  $\int_E Y = 0$ .

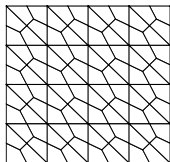
# Quadrilateral and Hybrid Meshes



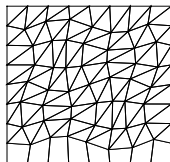
Type I



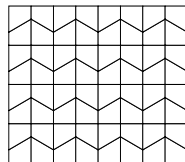
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Type III



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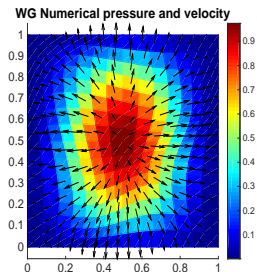
Type V

**Figure:** Four types of meshes for numerical experiments. Type I: Whee, Xue, Yotov, *Numer. Math.* (2012), Type II: Arnold, Boffi, Falk, *Math. Comput.* (2002), Type III, Type IV: Liu, Tavener, Wang, (Submitted).

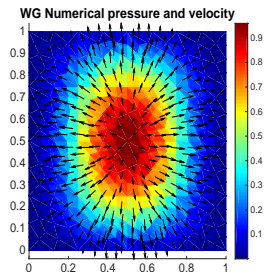
# Example 1: Smooth Solution, 1st. Order Convergence

$\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}_2$ . Analytical solution:

$p(x, y) = \sin^2(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$ , and a homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition on the entire boundary,  $f(x, y) = 2\pi^2 \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$ .



Type I mesh



Type III mesh

**Figure:** Example 1: Profiles of numerical pressure and velocity from the weak Galerkin method on a logically rectangular mesh (left) and a quadrilateral mesh (right). Both have mesh size  $h = 1/16$ .



# Example 1: Smooth Solution, 1st. Order Convergence

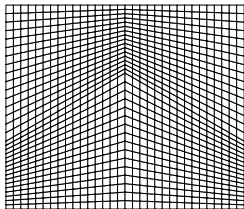
Table: Smooth solution example: Numerical results of  $WG(Q_0, Q_0; RT_{[0]})$  method on quadrilateral meshes

$1/h$	$\ p - p_h^\circ\ $	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ $	$\ (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \mathbf{n}\ $	$\min(p_h^\circ)$	$\max(p_h^\circ)$
Type I meshes					
8	7.9787e-02	2.9333e-01	3.9052e-01	4.9321e-03	9.1103e-01
16	3.9992e-02	1.4134e-01	1.9217e-01	7.9909e-04	9.7451e-01
32	2.0008e-02	6.9866e-02	9.5649e-02	1.2073e-04	9.9313e-01
64	1.0006e-02	3.4827e-02	4.7769e-02	1.6882e-05	9.9822e-01
Conv.rate	0.998	1.024	1.01	N/A	N/A
Type III meshes					
8	7.8950e-02	7.1381e-01	9.2420e-01	-5.4381e-03	8.6684e-01
16	3.6052e-02	3.5510e-01	4.6914e-01	9.1560e-04	9.5896e-01
32	1.7429e-02	1.6021e-01	2.1262e-01	1.4879e-04	9.9110e-01
64	8.6739e-03	7.3582e-02	9.8494e-02	2.0641e-05	9.9823e-01
Conv.rate	1.062	1.092	1.076	N/A	N/A

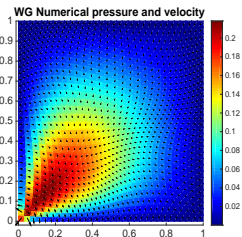
## Example 2: Low Regularity, $a = \frac{1}{3}$

$\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}_2$ , a homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition on the entire boundary, and an analytical solution, where  $a \in (0, 1]$  is a regularity parameter,

$$p(x, y) = x(1-x)y(1-y) \left( \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \right)^{-(2-a)}.$$



Type II mesh



Numerical results

**Figure:** Lower regularity: Numerical pressure and velocity from the lowest-order weak Galerkin method on an asymptotically parallelogram mesh with mesh size  $h = 1/32$ .

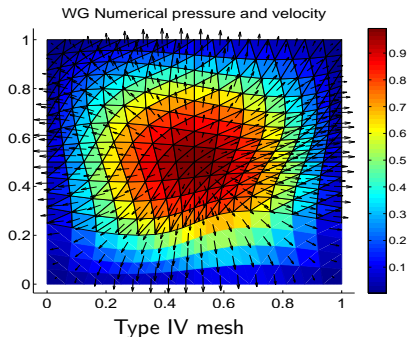
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$1/h$	$\ p - p_h^\circ\ $	$\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h\ $	$\ (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \mathbf{n}\ $	$\min(p_h^\circ)$	$\max(p_h^\circ)$
8	2.67E-02	5.0765E-01	1.6957E+00	2.5994E-03	2.6493E-01
16	1.2341E-02	3.9273E-01	1.3020E+00	6.7727E-04	2.3842E-01
32	5.9880E-03	3.0796E-01	1.0164E+00	1.7388E-04	2.1801E-01
64	2.9648E-03	2.4305E-01	8.0019E-01	4.2116E-05	2.1582E-01
128	1.4782E-03	1.9239E-01	6.3256E-01	1.0354E-05	2.1564E-01
Conv.rate	1.043	0.349	0.355	N/A	N/A

## Example 3: WGFEMs on Hybrid Meshes

The exact solution for the pressure is  $p = \sin(\pi x) \sin(\pi y)$ . On the domain  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$ ,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}_2$  and a homogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition on the entire boundary.



**Figure:** Numerical pressure and velocity from WGFEMs on a hybrid mesh with mesh size  $h = 1/16$ . Liu, Tavener, Wang, (Submitted).

## Example 3: WGFEMs on Hybrid Meshes

**Table:** Example: Numerical results of  $WG(Q_0, Q_0; RT_{[0]})$  method on hybrid meshes, results from Liu, Tavener, Wang, (Submitted).

$1/h$	$\ p - p_h^\circ\ $	$\ u - u_h\ $	$\ (u - u_h) \cdot n\ $	$\min(p_h^\circ)$	$\max(p_h^\circ)$
8	7.2665e-2	2.7675e-1	3.3213e-1	1.3150e-2	9.6983e-1
16	3.6563e-2	1.3839e-1	1.6405e-1	3.3015e-3	9.9233e-1
32	1.8311e-2	6.9195e-2	8.1719e-2	8.1269e-4	9.9807e-1
64	9.1592e-3	3.4598e-2	4.0817e-2	2.0159e-4	9.9952e-1
Conv.rate	<b>0.995</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>1.008</b>	N/A	N/A

On a hexahedron  $E$ , the local Raviart-Thomas space is defined as

$$RT_{[0]}(E) = \text{Span}(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3, \mathbf{w}_4, \mathbf{w}_5, \mathbf{w}_6). \quad (35)$$

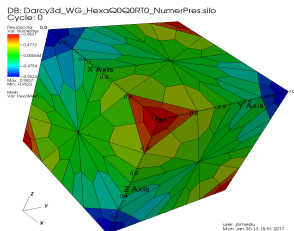
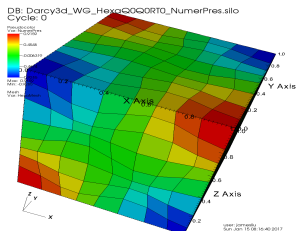
$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{w}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} X \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ Y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{w}_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ Z \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Discrete weak functions.**  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4, \phi_5, \phi_6.$

# Example 4: Smooth Solution, 1st. Order Convergence

$\Omega = (0, 1)^3$  (the unit cube) with the exact solution values on Dirichlet boundary,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}_3$ . Analytic solution:  
 $p(x, y, z) = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi y) \cos(\pi z)$ .



Hexahedral meshes Type I,  $h = 1/8$     Hexahedral meshes Type II,  $h = 1/8$

**Figure:** Example 4: Numerical pressure profiles on two hexahedral meshes. Harper, Liu, Zheng, *Numer. Math.* (2017).

## Example 4: Smooth Solution, 1st. Order Convergence

**Table:** Example 4: Convergence rates of errors in pressure, velocity, and flux on the logically brick meshes. Harper, Liu, Zheng, *Numer. Math.* (2017).

$1/h$	$\ p - p_h^\circ\ $	$\ u - u_h\ $	$\ (u - u_h) \cdot n\ $
8	7.0011E-2	3.2844E-1	7.1386E-2
16	3.5623E-2	1.6527E-1	3.5469E-2
32	1.7905E-2	8.2288E-2	1.7623E-2
64	8.9652E-3	4.1069E-2	8.7969E-3
Conv.rate	0.988	0.999	1.006

**Table:** Example 4: Convergence rates of errors in pressure, velocity, and flux on the hexahedral meshes Harper, Liu, Zheng, *Numer. Math.* (2017).

$1/h$	$\ p - p_h^\circ\ $	$\ u - u_h\ $	$\ (u - u_h) \cdot n\ $
4	3.0310E-5	1.2359E-3	2.2008E-4
8	1.4466E-5	5.7003E-4	1.2107E-4
16	7.1904E-6	2.8141E-4	6.2760E-5
32	3.6280E-6	1.4303E-4	3.2173E-5
64	1.8858E-6	7.7412E-5	1.7172E-5
Conv.rate	1.001	0.998	0.920



$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}, & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{u}$  is the displacement vector
- ▶  $\mathbf{f}$  is the exterior force
- ▶  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  is boundary value
- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})$  is the strain tensor,  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla(\mathbf{u})^T)$
- ▶  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u})$  is the stress tensor,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) + \lambda(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I}$
- ▶  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are Lamé constants

**Weak divergence** is a linear functional in  $H^1(E)$ , denoted as  $\nabla_w \cdot \mathbf{v}$ ,

$$\int_E (\nabla_w \cdot \mathbf{v}) \phi = - \int_{E^\circ} \mathbf{v}^\circ \cdot (\nabla \phi) + \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{v}^\partial \cdot (\phi \mathbf{n}), \quad (37)$$

**Discrete weak divergence** is denoted as  $\nabla_{w,d} \cdot \mathbf{v} \in P^r(E)$ ,

$$\int_E (\nabla_{w,d} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \phi = - \int_{E^\circ} \mathbf{v}^\circ \cdot (\nabla \phi) + \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{v}^\partial \cdot (\phi \mathbf{n}), \quad \forall \phi \in P^r(E) \quad (38)$$

# Discrete Weak Gradient

**Weak gradient** is a linear functional in the Soblev space  $H^1(E)^{2 \times 2}$ , and denoted as  $\nabla_w \mathbf{v}$ ,

$$\int_E (\nabla_w \mathbf{v}) : W = - \int_{E^\circ} \mathbf{v}^\circ \cdot (\nabla \cdot W) + \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{v}^\partial \cdot (W \mathbf{n}), \quad \forall W \in H^1(E)^{2 \times 2}, \quad (39)$$

where  $W$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix with entries in  $H^1(E)$ ,  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward normal vectors on  $E^\partial$ .

**Discrete weak gradient**  $\nabla_{w,d} \mathbf{v}$  is a matrix valued polynomial,

$$\int_E (\nabla_{w,d} \mathbf{v}) : W = - \int_{E^\circ} \mathbf{v}^\circ \cdot (\nabla \cdot W) + \int_{E^\partial} \mathbf{v}^\partial \cdot (W \mathbf{n}), \quad \forall W \in P^r(E)^{2 \times 2}, \quad (40)$$

where  $W$  is a matrix-valued degree  $r$  polynomial.

# WG( $Q_0^2, Q_0^2; RT_{[0]}^2, Q_0$ ) FE Scheme

Space of discrete weak function  $E$  is

$$W(E, l, m) = \{\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{v}^\circ, \mathbf{v}^\partial), \mathbf{v}^\circ \in P^l(E^\circ)^2, \mathbf{v}^\partial \in P^m(E^\partial)^2\}. \quad (41)$$

Spaces of discrete weak functions over  $\mathcal{E}_h$  are  $S_h$  and  $S_h^0$ .

Find  $\mathbf{u}_h = \{\mathbf{u}_h^\circ, \mathbf{u}_h^\partial\} \in S_h$ , and  $\mathbf{u}_h^\partial|_{\Gamma_h} = Q_h^\partial(\mathbf{u}_D)$ , such that

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}), \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in S_h^0, \quad (42)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} 2\mu(\varepsilon_{w,d}(\mathbf{u}_h), \varepsilon_{w,d}(\mathbf{v}))_E + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \lambda(\nabla_{w,d} \cdot \mathbf{u}_h, \nabla_{w,d} \cdot \mathbf{v})_E, \quad (43)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v})_E. \quad (44)$$

# Summary: Nice Features of WGFEMs for Darcy Equation

The advantages of lowest order WG method:

- ▶ easy just constants
- ▶ generality: work for
  - ▶ purely trig. mesh
  - ▶ purely rect. mesh
  - ▶ purely quadri. mesh  
(rect. mesh becomes a special case of quadri. mesh)
  - ▶ a mix of any above
  - ▶ 3-dim.

SPD global lin. sys. compared to infinite lin. sys. from mixed methods.

Two important physical properties expected convergence.



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