

Continue comparison of exp. Vs. imp. Solution of the heat problem.

Another advantage of explicit methods is not having to assemble the global stiffness matrix K or any other matrix that appears on the RHS (often it's only K)

$$CA + KA = F$$

$$C A_{n+1} = F_{n+1}$$

explicit solver

$$\begin{cases} F_{n+1} = \Delta t (F_n - \underbrace{KA_n}_{\text{vector}}) + CA_n \\ C = C \end{cases}$$

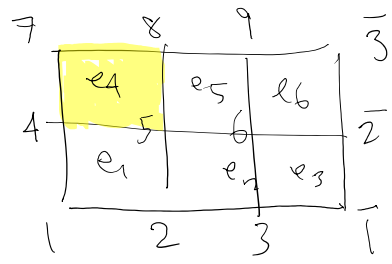
Solution from prev. time step

We want to avoid computing  $KA_n$  because:

1. No need for memory for K (or other similar matrices on the RHS)
2. Multiplication of  $KA_n$  can be expensive (if not being careful)

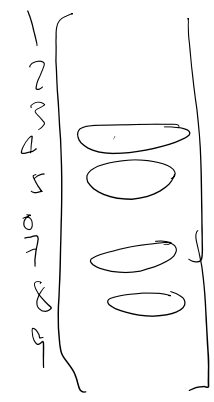
$-KA_n \rightarrow$  element level: we need to calculate

$$-K_{4 \times 4}^{e4} \begin{bmatrix} (a_1^{e4})_n \\ (a_2^{e4})_n \\ (a_3^{e4})_n \\ (a_4^{e4})_n \end{bmatrix} = -K_{4 \times 4}^{e4} \begin{bmatrix} (a_4)_n \\ (a_5)_n \\ (a_7)_n \\ (a_8)_n \end{bmatrix}$$



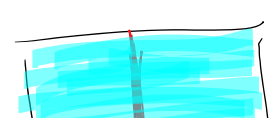
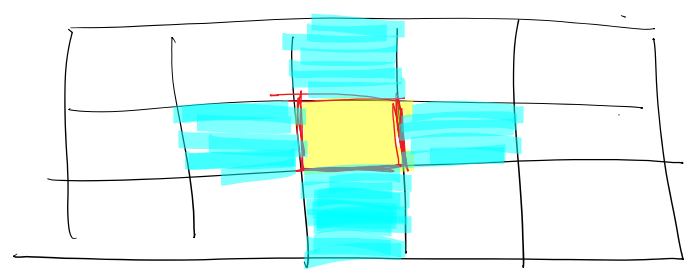
this is added to  $f^{e4} = F_n - K^{e4} a^{e4}$

assembled to the global system

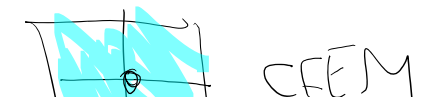
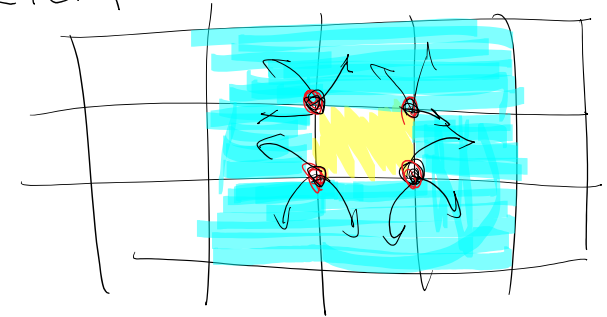


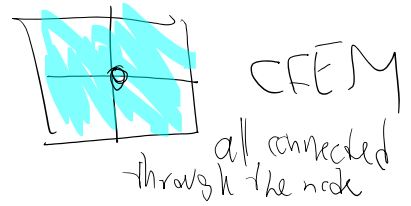
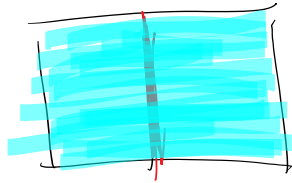
In fact, even if we had nasty nonlinear response (nonlinear elasticity, etc.) since we don't need to compute stiffness matrix, formulation and implementation of a time marching explicit method becomes quite simple.

Back to comparison of DG and CFEM:  
Connectivity Stencil:



CFEM

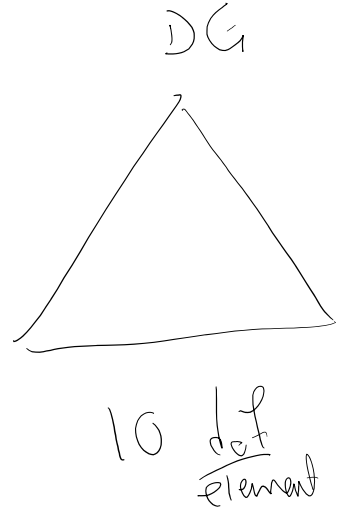
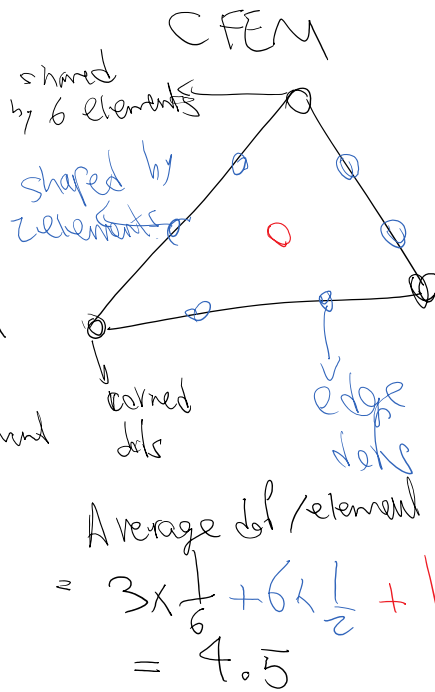
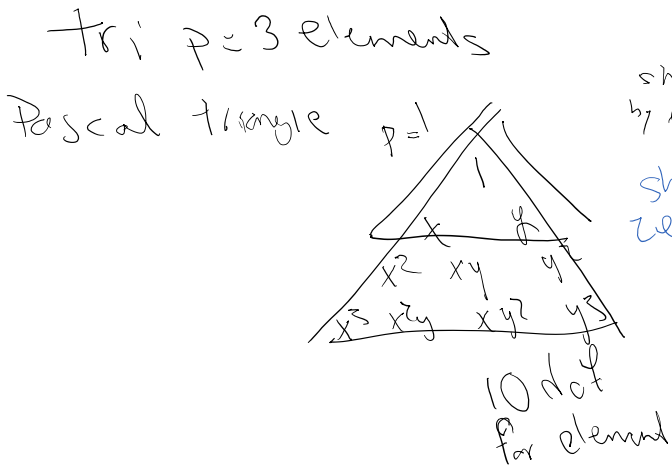




- Smaller connectivity stencil is ideal for parallel computing (because for example in domain decomposition approaches fewer PUP routines are called). PUP: pack and unpack
- Finite element methods are in general better than Finite Difference (FD) methods because no matter how high the order of accuracy is, unlike FD methods the stencil does not telescopically grow and remains within one neighbor element.
- DG methods have an advantage in this respect because their connectivity is through the edges not the nodes -> fewer between the element communications.
- In this respect, tri/tet elements gain more than square and cube elements

Note, IN HW2 if you problems with tetrahedral element average connective and dof/element you can skip it.

Average DOF ver element:



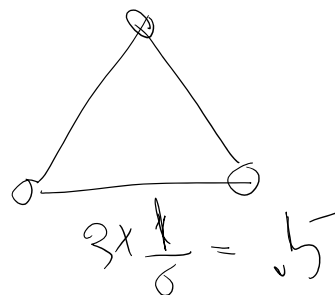
(e.g. can use monomials from Pascal triangle)

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$p=3$

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{10}{4.5} \approx 2.2$$

$p=1$



DG

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Ratio  $p=1$

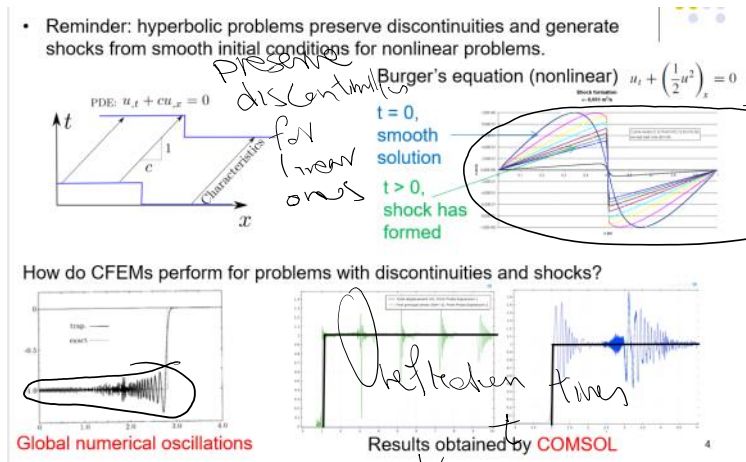
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Ratio  $p=1$

- As the polynomial order increases, the ratio of dofs of DF/CFEM decreases. So, DG becomes better in terms of number of unknowns as the polynomial order increases.
- Obviously, in both methods we can condense out the interior dofs (HDG for DG methods)

In any case, DG methods have more dofs, but since that ratio is more favorable at high  $p$ 's, that is yet another reason why DG methods are often used with high polynomial orders.

Better solution accuracy and stability for problems with high solution gradients and shocks for DG methods



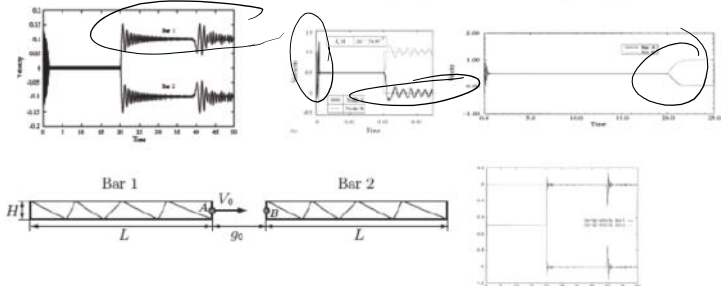
nonlinear hyperbolic PDEs generate shocks even from smooth IC

error in PDE

CFEM

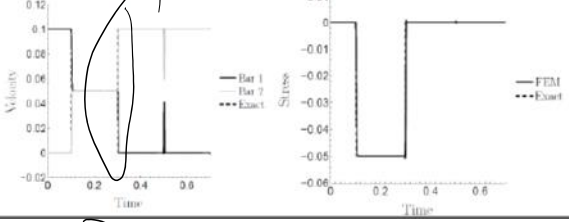
error in continuity

Benchmark problem [Hughes (76); Laursen, Chawla (97); Czekanski, Meguid (01); Cirak, West (05); etc.]



CFEM

Riemann solution incorporated in *Spacetime Discontinuous Galerkin* finite element method



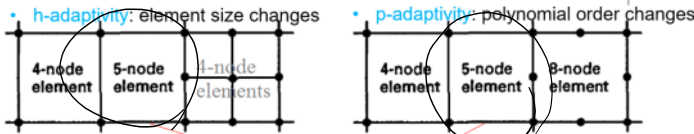
Unlike other solutions, SDG results are not overly damped and are free of numerical oscillations and overshoot / undershoot

DG

DG

# hp-adaptivity

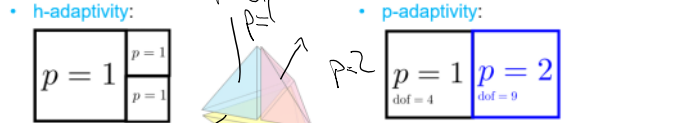
## CFEMs:



Because of strong continuity of elements transition elements are required

needed in CFEM

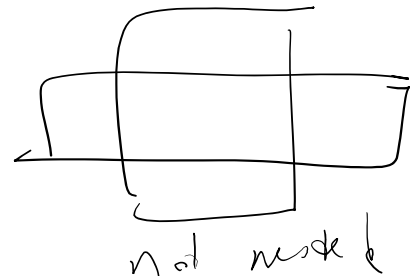
## DGs:



Arbitrary change in size and polynomial order as jump conditions are weakly enforced

big element  $p=0$

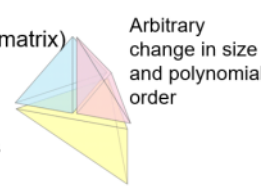
nested non conforming mesh



## Summary of CFEMs and DG methods

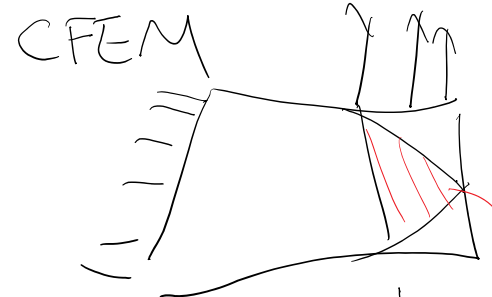
### Advantages of DG methods:

- FEM adaptivity**  
Resolving shocks and discontinuities for hyperbolic problems  
Recovering balance laws at the element level
- Efficiency /dynamic problems** (block diagonal "mass" matrix)
- Parallel computing** (more local communication and use of higher order elements with DG methods)
- Superior performance for resolving discontinuities** (discrete solution space better resembles the continuum solution space)
- Can recover **balance properties at the element level** (vs global domain)



### Disadvantages:

- Higher number of degrees of freedom:**
  - Particularly important for **elliptic problems** (global system is solved).
  - Recently **hybridizable DG methods (HDG)**, use Schur decomposition (static condensation) to eliminate elements internal dofs, making DG methods competitive or even better for elliptic problems as well.



claim balance law @ global scale

DG method we have balance laws @ element level

Another comment for HW2:

$$c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - k \Delta u = Q$$

$\nu, x, x$

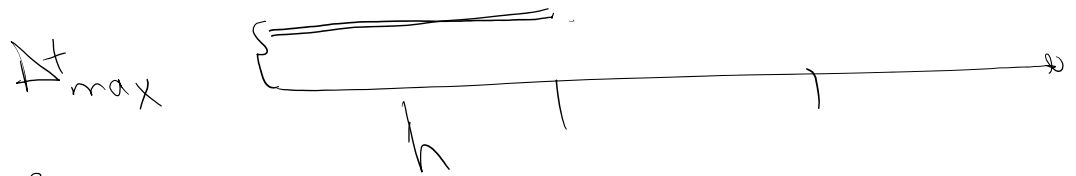
viscosity

$$\nu = \frac{k}{c}$$

of physical unit viscosity/diffusion coefficient

$$[\nu] = \frac{L^2}{T}$$

explicit scheme



$$\Delta t_{\max} = f(h, \nu) \propto \frac{h^2}{\nu}$$

$\downarrow$                        $\downarrow$   
 $L$                        $\frac{L^2}{T}$

time scale of <sup>exp.</sup> parabolic solvers scale as  $\frac{h^2}{\nu}$

$$(\Delta t)_{\max} = \text{Min} (\Delta t_{\max}^e)$$

$$\Delta t_{\max}^e = C(p, \dots) \frac{h^2}{\nu^e}$$

For HW2 you'll numerically obtain the stability limit for  $p=1$ , 1D problem.

Section 2: Connection of DG methods and Interior Penalty (IP) Methods and the effect of star values / WR on stability

WR for the thermal problem:

$$\int_{\Omega} \hat{T} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} - Q) dv + \int_{\partial \Omega} \hat{T} (\mathbf{q}_h^\# - \mathbf{q}_n) ds + \mathcal{E} \int_{\partial \Omega} \hat{q}_n (T^\# - T) ds = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{R_i}$                        $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{R_f}$                        $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{R_v}$

*weight function*                      *solution*

in  $\times$  this for weight

notation for weight

$$\hat{\phi} = \text{weight function of } \phi$$

$$\hat{q} = -k \nabla \hat{T}$$

higher than  $q(\omega)$

$\mathcal{E}$ :  $\begin{Bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$  is a number that we choose  $\rightarrow$  results in different methods

weak formulation is obtained by IBP (Gauss theorem) applied on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$R(\hat{T}, T) = \int (\nabla \hat{T} q - \hat{T} Q) dv + \mathcal{E} \int_{\partial \Omega} \hat{T} q_n + \int_{\partial \Omega} q_{on} (\hat{T} - T) ds = 0$$