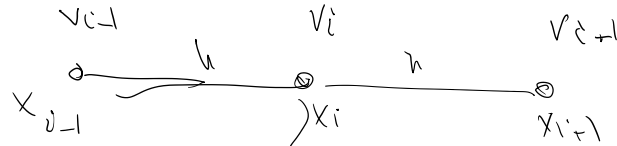


Finite Difference formulas

Function f takes these values



$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f'(x_i) - f'(x_{i+1})}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{h}\right) - \left(\frac{v_i - v_{i-1}}{h}\right)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{v_{i+1} - 2v_i + v_{i-1}}{h^2}$$

$$f'(x_i) \approx \frac{v_i - v_{i-1}}{h}$$

backward formula

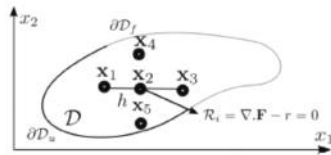
$$\approx \frac{v_{i+1} - v_i}{h}$$

forward formula

$$\approx \frac{v_{i+1} - v_{i-1}}{2h}$$

central more accurate

Collocation method versus Finite Difference



- Both Collocation and Finite Difference methods directly work with the strong form and boundary conditions.
- Collocation method is a particular class of weighted residual method where the solution is interpolated as $u^h = a_j \phi_j + \phi_p$.
- Finite Difference does not interpolate the solution with trial function. Rather, it uses discrete values of the function on often regular grids to approximate differential operators.
- Differential operators in Finite Difference method are approximate, whereas in collocation method the solution u^h exactly satisfies the strong form at x_i .
- As an example, let us assume the differential operator L_M in \mathcal{R}_i includes a Laplacian operator $\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2}$. The finite difference approximation of Laplacian on a uniform grid with size h would be,

$$\Delta u(x_2) = \frac{1}{h^2} (u(x_1) + u(x_3) + u(x_4) + u(x_5) - 4u(x_2)) \tag{150}$$

Finite Difference Stencils

TABLE 3.1 Finite difference approximations for various differentiations

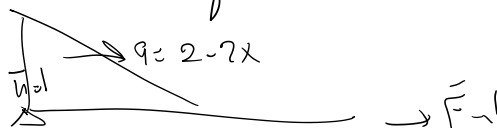
Differentiation	Finite difference approximation	Molecules
$\frac{dw}{dx} \Big _i$	$\frac{w_{i+1} - w_{i-1}}{2h}$	
$\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} \Big _i$	$\frac{w_{i+1} - 2w_i + w_{i-1}}{h^2}$	
$\frac{d^3w}{dx^3} \Big _i$	$\frac{w_{i+2} - 2w_{i+1} + 2w_{i-1} - w_{i-2}}{2h^3}$	
$\frac{d^4w}{dx^4} \Big _i$	$\frac{w_{i+2} - 4w_{i+1} + 6w_i - 4w_{i-1} + w_{i-2}}{h^4}$	
$\nabla^2 w \Big _{i,j}$	$\frac{-4w_{i,j} + w_{i+1,j} + w_{i-1,j} + w_{i,j+1} + w_{i,j-1}}{h^2}$	
$\nabla^4 w \Big _{i,j}$	$\frac{20w_{i,j} - 8(w_{i+1,j} + w_{i-1,j} + w_{i,j+1} + w_{i,j-1}) + 2(w_{i+1,j+1} + w_{i-1,j+1} + w_{i-1,j-1} + w_{i+1,j-1}) + w_{i+2,j} + w_{i-2,j} + w_{i,j+2} + w_{i,j-2}}{h^4}$	

Source: Bathe's book, section 3.3.5.

Galerkin method:

$$W = \phi$$

Recall



$$K = \int_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} dx - \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=2}$$

$$F = - \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} (2 - 2x) dx - \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=2}$$

$$w^h = \phi_p + a_1 \phi_1 + a_2 \phi_2 = 1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \quad \phi_1 = x, \phi_2 = x^2$$

Galerkin ($w = \phi$) $w_1 = \phi_1 = x, w_2 = \phi_2 = x^2$

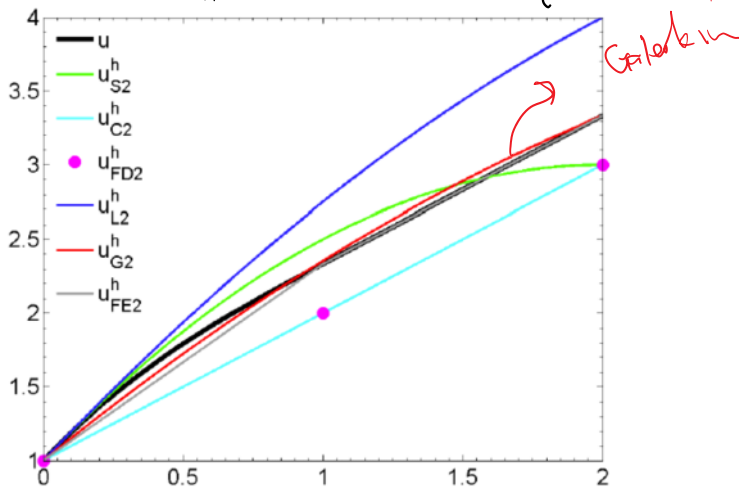
$$K = \int_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} dx - \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 4 \\ -4 & -32/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = - \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} (2 - 2x) dx - \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_1 \rightarrow F = \begin{bmatrix} -7/3 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = - \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x}{x^2} \right] (2-2x) dx = - \left[\frac{x}{x^2} \right]_{x=2} \rightarrow F = \begin{bmatrix} -7/3 \\ -25/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Ka = F \rightarrow a = \begin{bmatrix} 37/24 \\ -3/16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_h = \underbrace{1}_{\phi_0} + \underbrace{\frac{37}{24}x}_{a_1} - \underbrace{\frac{3}{16}x^2}_{a_2}$$



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Do the same Galerkin choice but with the weak statement approach rather than WRS:

$$\int_0^L w' EA u' dx = \int_0^L w q(x) dx + w(L) F = 1$$

$x=2$
 $L=2$
 $F=1$

$$u_h = \phi_0 + [\phi_1 \ \phi_2] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow u_h' = \phi_0' + [\phi_1' \ \phi_2'] \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix}, w' = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int_0^L \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix}}_w EA \left(\phi_0' + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) dx = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} q(x) dx + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(L) \\ \phi_2(L) \end{bmatrix} F$$

$$Ka = \frac{F_R + F_N - F_D}{K}$$

$$K = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx = \int_0^L EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \phi_1' & \phi_1' \phi_2' \\ \phi_2' \phi_1' & \phi_2' \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx$$

$$K = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx = \int_0^L EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \phi_1 & \phi_1 \phi_2 \\ \phi_2 \phi_1 & \phi_2 \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} dx$$

$$F_R = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} q(x) dx \quad \text{force from the source term}$$

$$F_N = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(L) \\ \phi_2(L) \end{bmatrix} F$$

$$F_D = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \phi_p' dx$$

use $q(x) = \begin{cases} 2-2x & x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$, $L=2$, $EA=1$, $F=1$
 $\phi_p=1$ $\phi_1 = w_1 = x$, $\phi_2 = w_2 = x^2$ in ① to get

$$K = \int_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2x \end{bmatrix} dx = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 3\frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \underbrace{\int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} (2-2x) dx}_{F_R} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=2}}_{F_N} - \underbrace{\int_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2x \end{bmatrix} (1)' dx}_{F_D}$$

$\phi_p' = 1 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1/6 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7/3 \\ 25/6 \end{bmatrix} \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} 37/24 \\ -3/16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_{G2}^h = 1 + \frac{37}{24}x - \frac{3}{16}x^2$$

with work approach

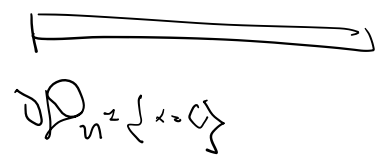
work statement is better
 but we need to be able to evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^L \phi' EA \phi' dx$$

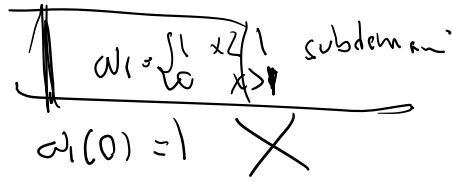
no need to have this

∫ ↓ we need to have this

$$\omega(\partial\Omega_u) = 0$$



$$\omega(0) = 0$$



$$\omega = \phi$$

$$\phi(\partial\Omega_u) = 0$$

is this always true

$$u^h = \phi_p + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \phi_i(x)$$

$$\forall x \in \partial\Omega_u \quad \phi(x) = \bar{u}(x)$$

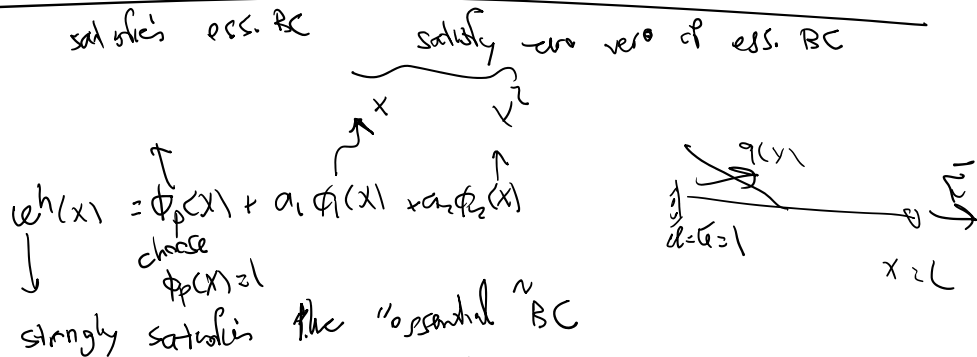
$$\phi_i(x) = 0$$

Galerkin $\omega = \phi$ so $W_i(x) = 0$

Galerkin method can always be discretized in the weak form. 😊

Ritz method

This is an older method than the FEM.
The idea:
1. Discretize the problem
2. Calculate the energy
3. Minimize the energy



$$(1) \quad u^h(x) = 1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 \rightsquigarrow u^h'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2 x$$

$$(2) \quad \Pi(u^h) = V(u) - W(u) = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} E A u'^2 dx - \int_0^L b(x) u dx$$

$$\int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA u'^2 dx - \left(\int_0^L u q(x) dx + u(L) F \right)$$

plug u^h from (1) in (2)

$$\Pi = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} (1) \underbrace{(a_1 + 2a_2 x)^2}_{u'^2} dx - \int_0^2 \underbrace{(1 + a_1 x + \frac{1}{2} x^2)}_{u^h} \underbrace{(7-2x)}_{q(x)} dx - (1 + a_1 x + \frac{1}{2} x^2) \Big|_{x=2} \cdot \frac{F}{6}$$

$$\Pi(a_1, a_2) = (a_1^2 + 4a_1 a_2 + \frac{16}{3} a_2^2) - (\frac{7}{3} a_1 + \frac{25}{6} a_2 + 2)$$

(3) Minimize $\Pi \rightarrow \nabla \Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial a_1} \\ \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial a_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2a_1 + 4a_2 - \frac{7}{3} \\ 4a_1 + \frac{32}{3} a_2 - \frac{25}{6} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow K a = F \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & \frac{32}{3} \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{3} \\ \frac{25}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow a = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{37}{24} \\ -\frac{3}{16} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow u^h = 1 + \frac{37}{24} x - \frac{3}{16} x^2$$

How did we get the discretized weak statement?

(1) $\Pi(u^h) = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA u'^2 dx - \int_0^L u q dx - u(L) F$

Continuum

(2) Minimized

$$\int_0^L \delta u' EA u' dx - \int_0^L (\delta u) q dx - \delta u(L) F = 0$$

~~Minimize~~

$\delta u \rightarrow w$
 $u(n) = \bar{u}$ $u(n) = u(n) - \bar{u}$

$$\int_0^L \delta u' EA u' dx - \int_0^L (\delta u) q dx - \delta u(L) F = 0$$

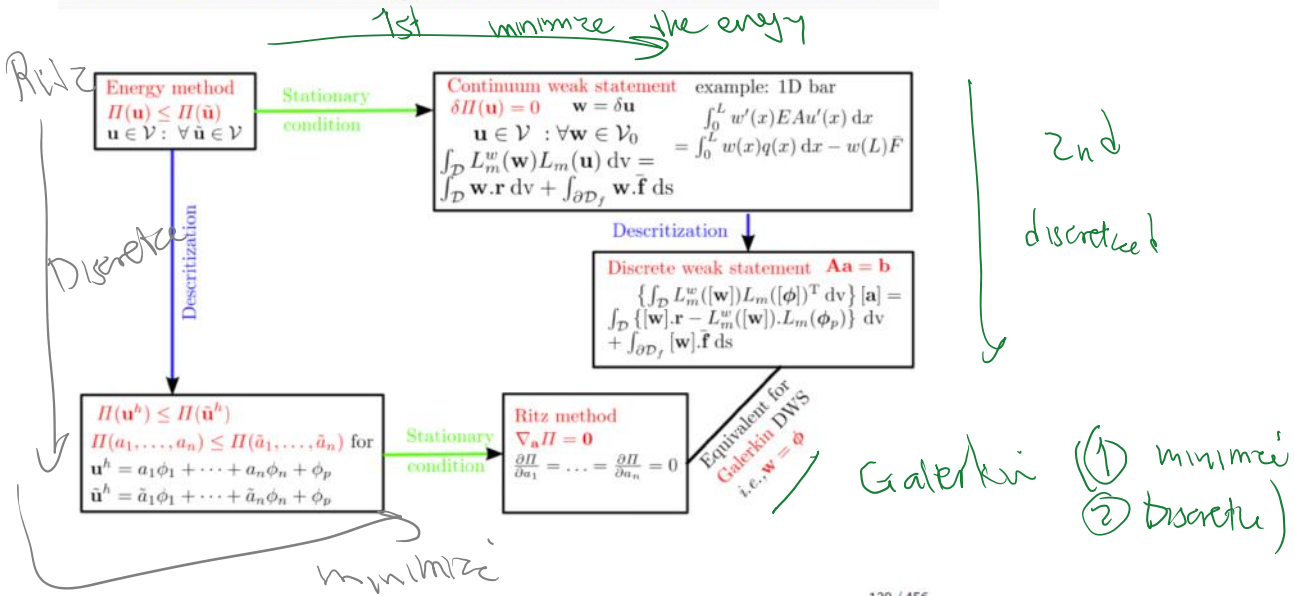
$$\int_0^L w' EA u' dx = \int_0^L w q dx + w(L) F$$

weak statement

③ Discrete

$u^h = \phi_p + \phi_1 a_1 + \phi_2 a_2 \rightarrow 1 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$
 this was the weak statement
 + Galerkin solution earlier
 $w_1 = \phi_1 = x$
 $w_2 = \phi_2 = x^2$

Relation between Energy Method and Weak Statement



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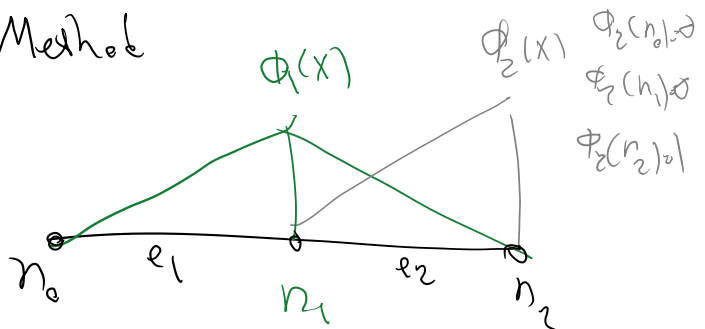
Finite Element Method

Finite element method is a Galerkin method with particular form of basis functions

$w = \phi$

$n = 2$

$w_1 = \phi_1$



$$W_1 = \phi_1$$

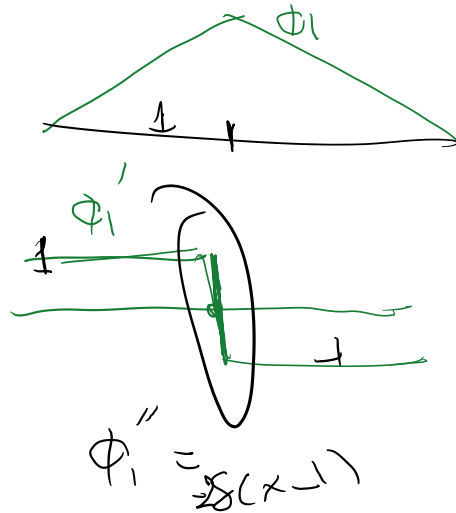
$$W_2 = \phi_2$$

$$\phi_1(x_1) = 1 \quad \phi_1(x_2) = 0 \quad \phi_1(x_0) = 0$$

Can we use FEM basis functions in the WRS

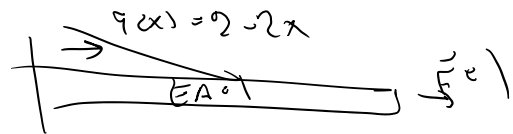
$$\int \Omega EA u'' dx$$

$$u'' = \phi_1'' + a_1 \phi_1'' + a_2 \phi_2''$$



Generally, we cannot use the WRS for FEM, because the solution is not smooth enough
 We can however use the weak statement (which is always better if available)
 Because FEM is a Galerkin method, we readily can use the weak statement

FEM + weak statement

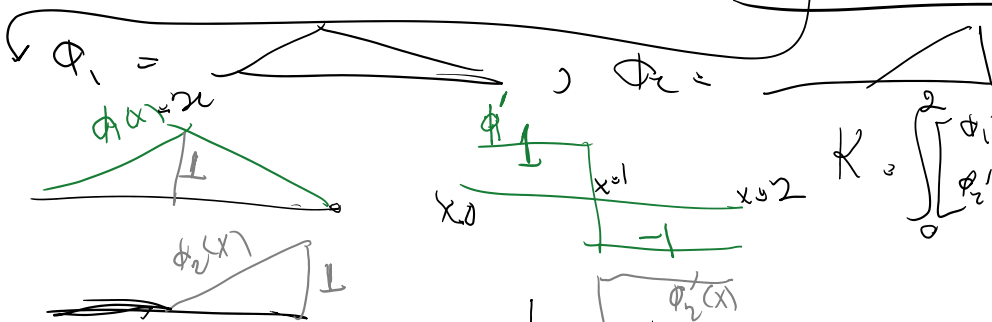


$$K = \int \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx$$

$$K = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx$$

$$F = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} q(x) dx + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{x=L} F$$

$$F = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} (2-2x) dx + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(2) \\ \phi_2(2) \end{bmatrix} F$$



$$K = \int_0^2 \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' \\ \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} EA \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1' & \phi_2' \end{bmatrix} dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} dx + \int_1^2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} dx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} dx + \int_1^2 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} dx = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} (2-2x) dx + \int_1^2 \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \end{bmatrix} (2-2x) dx + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

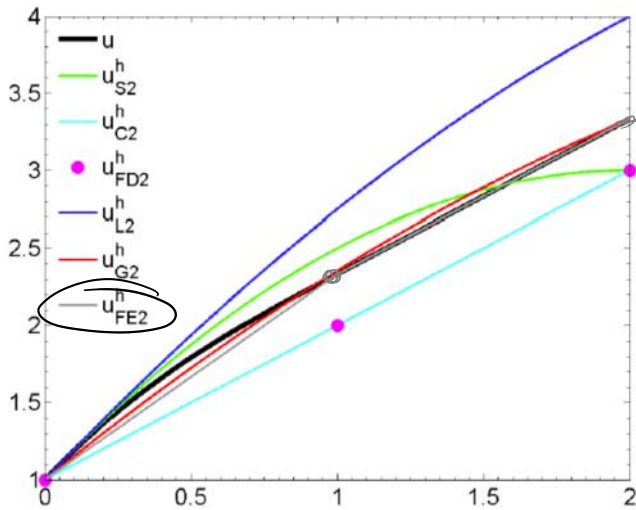
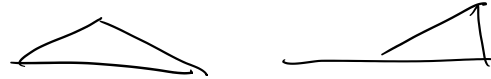
$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K a = F$$

$$\rightarrow a = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 \\ 7/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

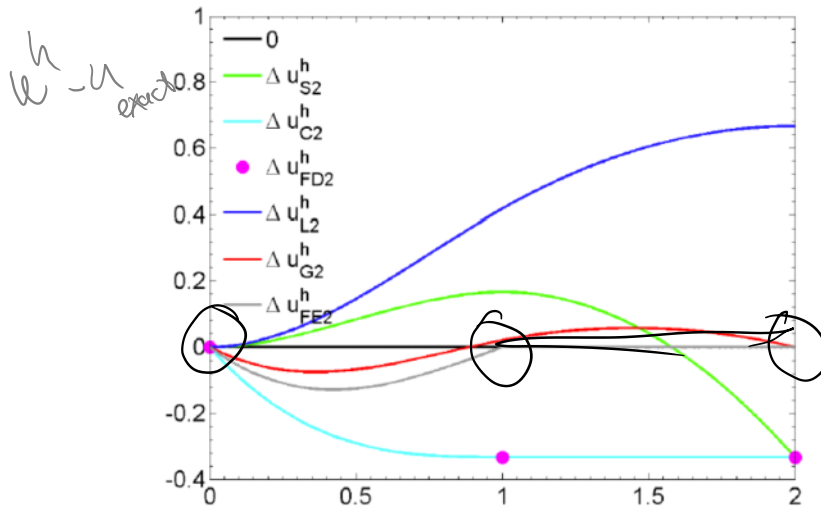
~~$$u^h = 1 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{7}{3}x^2$$~~

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{3}\phi_1(x) + \frac{7}{3}\phi_2(x)$$



Solution:

Bar example, $n = 2$, Comparison of solutions



FEM gets the exact solution @ nodes for ID
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 Hughes' book for the proof