

# Éléments finis mixtes de Raviart Thomas de type Petrov-Galerkin

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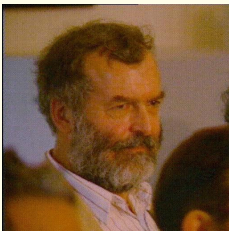
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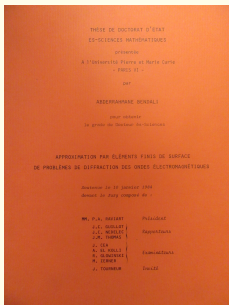
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# Je me souviens...



P.-A. Raviart (le jour-même) :

“tu n’as même pas mis de cravatte !”

J.-C. Nédélec (en privé, plus tard) :

“dans les articles, il n’y a pas l’information...  
 tout est dans la thèse de Bendali !”

# Une référence indispensable pour les champs de vecteurs...

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## A Variational Approach for the Vector Potential Formulation of the Stokes and Navier–Stokes Problems in Three Dimensional Domains

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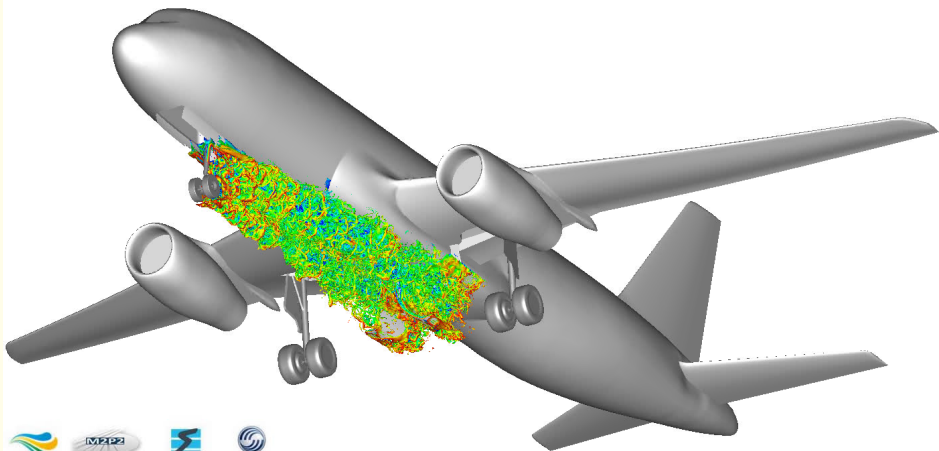
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# Discrete vector fields (ProLB software, 2016)



# Raviart-Thomas finite elements of Petrov-Galerkin type

## Outline

- Finite volumes
- Mixed finite elements for the Poisson equation
- Butterfly Petrov-Galerkin finite volume scheme
- A new variant of the same framework
- Construction a possible dual basis vector field
- Sufficient stability conditions
- Conclusion

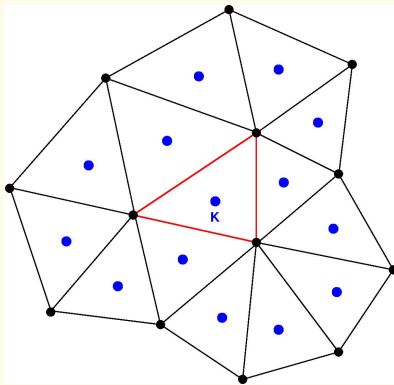
# Finite volumes

Motivation: **finite volumes** for the Navier Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \operatorname{div} F(W) + \operatorname{div} G(W, \nabla W) = 0$$

mean value in the triangle  $K$  :  $W_K \equiv \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K W(x) \, dx$

$$\frac{dW_K}{dt} + \frac{1}{|K|} \int_{\partial K} F \cdot n \, d\gamma + \frac{1}{|K|} \int_{\partial K} G \cdot n \, d\gamma = 0$$





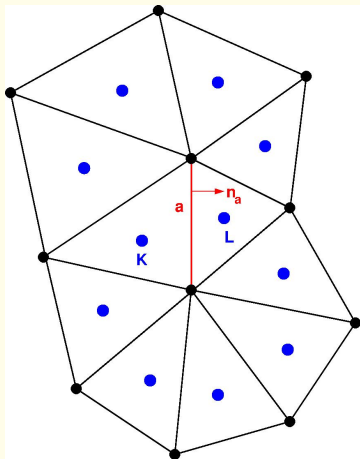
# Finite volumes (ii)

Model problem

given the mean scalar values  $u_K$  in the triangles  $K \in \mathcal{T}^2$

how to compute the gradient  $\nabla u$

on the edges  $a \in \mathcal{T}^1$  of the mesh  $\mathcal{T}$ ?



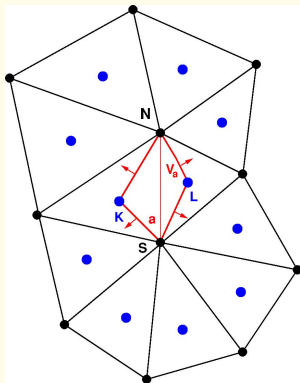
# Noh's control volume (1964)

Approach the mean flux on the edge  $a$

by the mean flux on a control volume  $V_a$  around the edge:

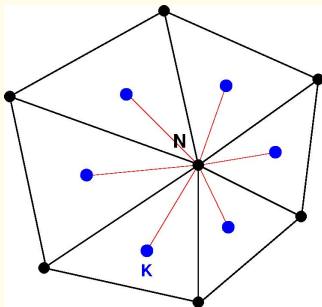
$$\frac{1}{|a|} \int_a \nabla u \, d\gamma \simeq \frac{1}{|V_a|} \int_{V_a} \nabla u \, dx = \frac{1}{|V_a|} \int_{\partial V_a} u \cdot n \, dx$$

The derivation is replaced by a problem of [interpolation](#)



# Model problem: Laplace equation

Interpolation at the vertices **compatible with the linear functions**



Nodal value  $\bar{u}_N$  with  $N \in \mathcal{T}^0$  given from the elements  $K \in \mathcal{T}^2$

$$\text{by } \bar{u}_N = \sum_{\partial K \ni N} \alpha_{NK} u_K,$$

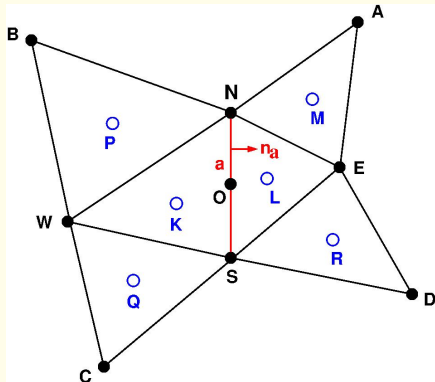
Relations satisfied by the coefficients  $\alpha_{NK}$

$$\sum_{\partial K \ni N} \alpha_{NK} = 1, \quad \sum_{\partial K \ni N} \alpha_{NK} x_K = x_N, \quad \sum_{\partial K \ni N} \alpha_{NK} y_K = y_N$$

# Butterfly stencil for the computation of the gradient

discrete scheme

$$\nabla u(a) = \sum_{K \in T^2} \alpha_{aK} u_K$$



impose that the discrete scheme is **exact**

for an appropriate linear space of polynomials (FD, 1992)

## Mixed finite elements for the Poisson equation

Continuous problem:  $u \in L^2(\Omega), \quad p \in H(\text{div})$   
 $p = \nabla u, \quad \text{div} p + f = 0$

$$\int_{\Omega} p \cdot q \, dx + \int_{\Omega} u \, \text{div} q \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for each vector field } q \in H(\text{div})$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (\text{div} p + f) v \, dx = 0 \quad \text{for any scalar field } v \in L^2(\Omega)$$

Discrete problem

$u_{\mathcal{T}} \in L^2_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv P_0, \quad p_{\mathcal{T}} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}(\text{div}) \equiv RT; \quad \text{Raviart-Thomas (1977)}$

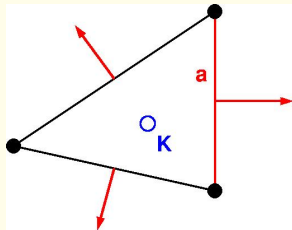
$$p_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1} p_a \varphi_a$$

$$\int_b \varphi_a(x) \cdot n_b \, d\gamma = \delta_{ab}, \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1, \quad b \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

$$\varphi_a(x) = \alpha_K + \beta_K x, \quad x \in K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

$$u_{\mathcal{T}}(x) = u_K, \quad x \in K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

$N_e + N_a$  scalar unknowns



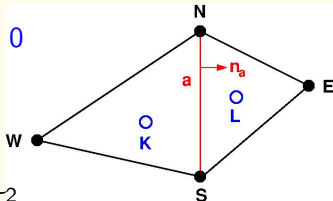
## Mixed finite elements for the Poisson equation (ii)

$$p_T = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}^1} p_b \varphi_b, \quad u_T \in P_0,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} p_T \cdot \varphi_a \, dx + \int_{\Omega} u_T \operatorname{div} \varphi_a \, dx = 0, \quad \forall a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

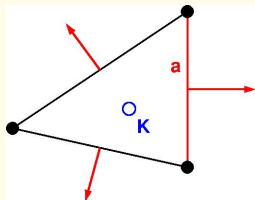
$$\sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}^1} \left( \int_{\Omega} \varphi_a \cdot \varphi_b \, dx \right) p_b + u_K - u_L = 0$$

$$\partial^c a = (K, L), \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$



$$\int_K \operatorname{div} p_T \, dx + \int_K f \, dx = 0, \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1 \cap \partial K} p_a \, d\gamma + \int_K f \, dx = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$



A finite volume method ?

No! The mass-matrix induces a **nonlocal gradient** operator!

## Mass lumping of Baranger, Maitre and Oudin (1996)

$$p_T = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}^1} p_b \varphi_b, \quad u_T \in P_0,$$

$$\sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}^1} \left( \int_{\Omega} \varphi_a \cdot \varphi_b \, dx \right) p_b + u_K - u_L = 0, \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

Replace the mass matrix  $\int_{\Omega} \varphi_a \cdot \varphi_b \, dx$  by a correct approximation

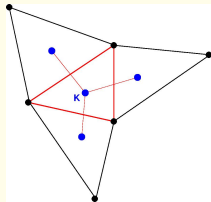
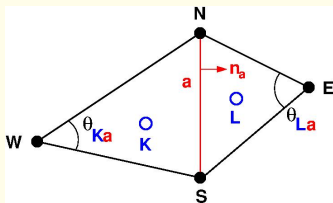
then 
$$p_a = \frac{u_L - u_K}{\xi_{Ka} + \xi_{La}}$$

with 
$$\xi_{Ka} = \frac{1}{2} \cotan \theta_{Ka}$$

$$\partial^c a = (K, L), \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1 \cap \partial K} p_a \, d\gamma + \int_K f \, dx = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

VF4 scheme of Herbin (1995)



## Petrov-Galerkin finite volumes

Reformulate the mixed finite element method  
to enforce the **explicitation of the gradient on an edge**  
in terms of the values in the triangles.

Continuous problem:  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $p \in H(\text{div})$ ,

$$(p, q) + (u, \text{div}q) = 0, \quad \forall q \in H(\text{div})$$

$$(\text{div}p, v) = -(f, v), \quad \forall v \in L^2(\Omega)$$

Discrete problem:  $u_{\mathcal{T}} \in L^2_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv P_0$ ,  $p_{\mathcal{T}} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}(\text{div}) \equiv RT$   
test functions  $v \in L^2_{\mathcal{T}}$ ,  $q \in H^*_{\mathcal{T}}(\text{div})$

Discrete functional space for **test functions**  $H^*_{\mathcal{T}}(\text{div})$

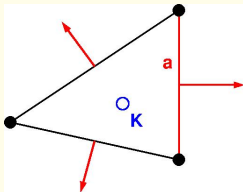
- generated by vector fields  $\varphi_a^* : H^*_{\mathcal{T}}(\text{div}) = \text{span}(\varphi_a^*, a \in \mathcal{T}^1)$
- conforming in the space  $H(\text{div}) : \varphi_a^* \in H(\text{div})$
- the family  $\{\varphi_a^*, a \in \mathcal{T}^1\}$  represent exactly  
the **algebraic dual basis** of the Raviart-Thomas family  
for the  $L^2$  scalar product:  $(\varphi_a, \varphi_b^*) = 0, \forall a \neq b \in \mathcal{T}^1$ .



## Petrov-Galerkin finite volumes (ii)

$$\begin{cases} u_T \in L_T^2(\Omega), & p_T \in H_T(\text{div}) \\ (p_T, q) + (u_T, \text{div } q) = 0, & \forall q \in H_T^*(\text{div}) \\ (\text{div } p_T, v) + (f, v) = 0, & \forall v \in L_T^2(\Omega). \end{cases}$$

A finite volume scheme!

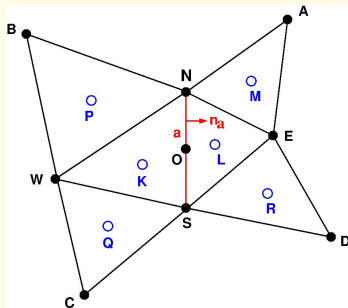


$$p_T = \sum_{b \in \mathcal{T}^1} p_b \varphi_b, \quad u_T \in P_0, \quad \partial^c a = (K, L), \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

$$(\varphi_a, \varphi_a^*) p_a = -(u_T, \text{div } \varphi_a^*), \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1$$

$$\sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1 \cap \partial K} p_a d\gamma + (f, 1)_K = 0, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

# Butterfly Petrov-Galerkin finite volume scheme



Support  $\mathcal{V}(SN)$  of the dual Raviart-Thomas basis function  $\varphi_{SN}^*$   
then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\varphi_a, \varphi_a^*) p_a &= -(u_T, \operatorname{div} \varphi_a^*) \\
 &= \text{linear combination of } u_K, u_L, u_M, u_P, u_Q, u_R, \quad a \in \mathcal{T}^1
 \end{aligned}$$

Presented at the [3th](#) conference

“Finite Volumes for Complex Applications” (Porquerolles, 2002)

# Butterfly Petrov-Galerkin finite volume scheme (ii)

Numerical tests with

[Sophie Borel](#) (DEA Orsay, 2002)

[Christophe Le Potier](#) (CEA Saclay)

[Mahdi Tekitek](#) (DEA Orsay, 2003).

Various schemes for boundary conditions

Recovering exact low degree polynomial solutions

Experimental convergence obtained for two-dimensional test cases

No complete mathematical understanding of the convergence

Presented by Mahdi Tekitek at the [4th](#) conference

“Finite Volumes for Complex Applications” (Marrakech, 2005)

## Working with Isabelle and Charles (Pau, June 2014)



# A new variant of the same framework

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , bounded, convex,  $\partial\Omega$  polyhedral

Right hand side  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$

Dirichlet problem  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

Mixed variational formulation of the continuous problem:

$$u \in L^2(\Omega), \quad p \in H(\operatorname{div})$$

$$(p, q) + (u, \operatorname{div} q) = 0, \quad \forall q \in H(\operatorname{div})$$

$$(\operatorname{div} p, v) = -(f, v), \quad \forall v \in L^2(\Omega)$$

Discrete problem:  $u_{\mathcal{T}} \in L^2_{\mathcal{T}} \equiv P_0$ ,  $p_{\mathcal{T}} \in H_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}) \equiv RT$

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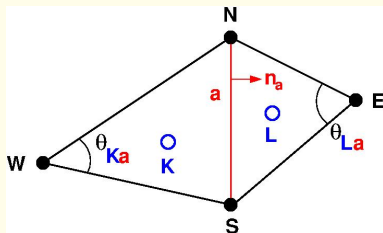
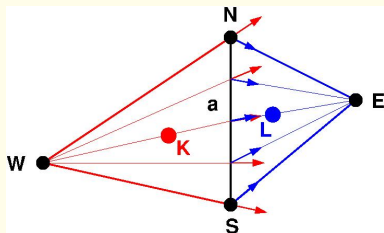
$$H^*_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}) = \langle \varphi^*_a, a \in \mathcal{T}^1 \rangle$$

$$\varphi^*_a \in H(\operatorname{div})$$

$$(\varphi_a, \varphi^*_b) = 0, \quad \forall a \neq b \in \mathcal{T}^1.$$

with [Isabelle Greff](#) and [Charles Pierre](#) (Pau, 2013-2017).

## A new variant of the same framework (ii)



Raviart-Thomas basis function  $\varphi_a$  for the edge  $a = (S, N)$

$$\varphi_a(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2|K|} (x - W) = \frac{1}{4|K|} \nabla |x - W|^2, & x \in K \\ -\frac{1}{2|L|} (x - E) = -\frac{1}{4|L|} \nabla |x - E|^2, & x \in L \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

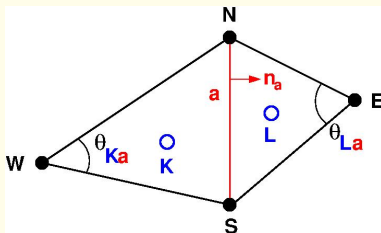
Dual Raviart-Thomas basis function  $\varphi_a^*$

hypothesis:  $\text{supp}(\varphi_a^*) \subset \text{supp}(\varphi_a)$

$$\text{then } p = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1} p_a \varphi_a \text{ and } p_a = \frac{u_L - u_K}{(\varphi_a^*, \varphi_a)}$$

$\varphi_a^* \in H(\text{div})$  then  $\varphi_a^* \cdot n = 0$  on the four edges NWSN.

## A new variant of the same framework (iii)

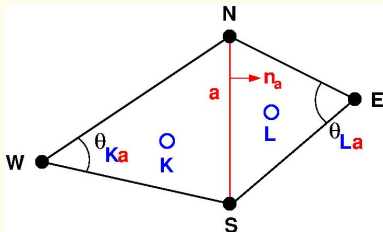


$$0 = (\varphi_a^*, \varphi_{NW}) = \frac{1}{4|K|} \int_K \varphi_a^* \nabla |x - S|^2 dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\partial K} (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - S|^2 d\gamma - \int_K \operatorname{div} \varphi_a^* |x - S|^2 dx \\ &= \int_a (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - S|^2 d\gamma - \int_K \operatorname{div} \varphi_a^* |x - S|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Impose that **these two integral are both equal to zero**

## A new variant of the same framework (iv)



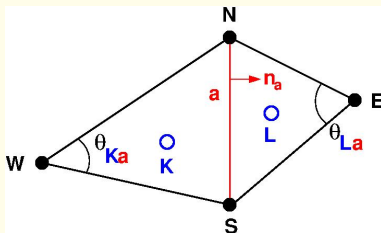
Boundary term : 
$$\int_a (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - S|^2 d\gamma = 0$$

Flux of  $\varphi_a^*$  on the edge  $a$ : 
$$\varphi_a^* \cdot n_a \equiv \frac{1}{|a|} g(s)$$

with a universal function  $g$  defined on  $[0, 1]$  such that

- $g(s) = g(1 - s), \quad \forall s \in [0, 1]$
- $\int_0^1 g(s) ds = 1, \quad \text{scaling } \int_a (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) d\gamma = 1$
- $\int_0^1 s^2 g(s) ds = 0.$



A new variant of the same framework ( $v$ )

Two-dimensional term :  $\int_K \operatorname{div} \varphi_a^* |x - S|^2 dx = 0$

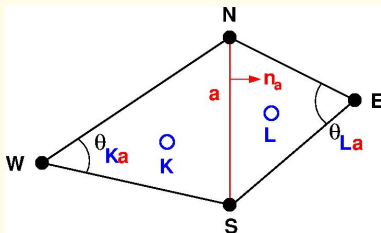
We impose that the previous relation is true  
for the **three vertices** of the triangle  $K$

Introduce  $\delta_K \equiv \operatorname{div} \varphi_a^*$  in the triangle  $K$

We search  $\delta_K$  such that  $\int_K \delta_K |x - A|^2 dx = 0$

for each vertex of the triangle  $K$

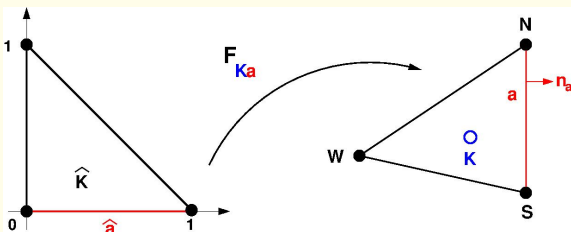
## Recovering the VF4 scheme



$$\begin{aligned}
 (\varphi_a^*, \varphi_a) &= \frac{1}{4|K|} \int_K \varphi_a^* \nabla |x - W|^2 \, dx - \frac{1}{4|L|} \int_L \varphi_a^* \nabla |x - E|^2 \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{4|K|} \int_{\partial K} (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - W|^2 \, d\gamma - \frac{1}{4|L|} \int_{\partial L} (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - E|^2 \, d\gamma \\
 &= \frac{1}{4|K|} \int_a (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - W|^2 \, d\gamma + \frac{1}{4|L|} \int_a (\varphi_a^* \cdot n) |x - E|^2 \, d\gamma \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (\cotan \theta_{Ka} + \cotan \theta_{La}) \quad \text{after some elementary geometry}
 \end{aligned}$$

be careful !  $0 < \theta_* \leq \theta \leq \theta^* < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\forall \theta \in \mathcal{T}^{-1}$

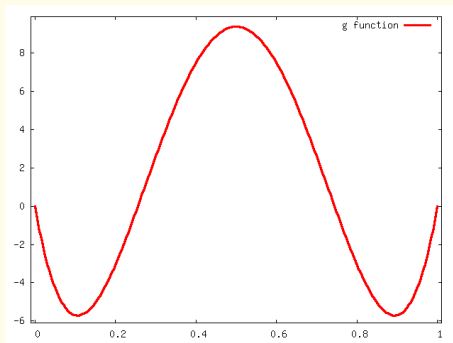
## Construction a possible dual basis vector field



Dual basis function  $\varphi_{K,j}^*(x) = \frac{1}{\det(dF_{K,a})} dF_{K,a} \cdot \widehat{\nabla} \zeta_K,$

$\zeta_K$  solution of a Neumann problem in the reference element  $\widehat{K}$

## Construction a possible dual basis vector field (ii)



Given  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$g(s) = g(1-s), \quad \int_0^1 g(s) \, ds = 1, \quad \int_0^1 s^2 g(s) \, ds = 0.$$

We impose moreover  $g(0) = g(1) = 0$

$$\text{example } g(s) = 30 s (s-1) (4 - 21 s (1-s))$$

## Construction a possible dual basis vector field (iii)

Neumann problem in  $\hat{K} = \{(\hat{x}, \hat{y}), \hat{x} \geq 0, \hat{y} \geq 0, \hat{x} + \hat{y} \leq 1\}$

Datum  $\tilde{g} \in H^{1/2}(\partial\hat{K})$  on  $\partial\hat{K}$ :

$$\tilde{g} = g \text{ on } \hat{a} = [0, 1] \times \{0\}, \quad \tilde{g} = 0 \text{ elsewhere}$$

Affine function  $F_{K,a}$  such that

$$\hat{K} \ni \hat{x} \mapsto x = F_{K,a}(\hat{x}) \in K \text{ is one to one}$$

Right hand side  $\tilde{\delta}_K(\hat{x}) = 2|K|\delta_K(x)$ .

Solution  $\zeta_K$  of the Neumann problem

$$-\Delta\zeta_K = \tilde{\delta}_K \text{ in } \hat{K}, \quad \frac{\partial\zeta_K}{\partial n} = \tilde{g} \text{ on } \partial\hat{K}$$

since  $\int_{\hat{K}} \tilde{\delta}_K \, dx = \int_{\partial\hat{K}} \tilde{g} \, d\gamma = 1$ .

Solution  $\zeta_K \in H^2(\hat{K})$

$$\text{and } \|\zeta_K\|_{2,\hat{K}} \leq C_{\hat{K}} \left( \|\tilde{\delta}_K\|_{0,\hat{K}} + \|\tilde{g}\|_{1/2,\partial\hat{K}} \right)$$

## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions

Discrete stability

Hypothesis: the interpolation operator and the family  $\mathcal{U}$  of meshes

$$\mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}) \ni q \equiv \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1} q_a \varphi_a \longmapsto \Pi q \equiv \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1} q_a \varphi_a^* \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}^*(\operatorname{div})$$

satisfy the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} A \|q\|_0^2 &\leq (q, \Pi q), & \forall q \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}), \forall \mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{U} \\ \|\Pi q\|_0 &\leq B \|q\|_0, & \forall q \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}), \forall \mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{U} \\ (\operatorname{div} q, \operatorname{div} \Pi q) &\geq C \|\operatorname{div} q\|_0^2, & \forall q \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}), \forall \mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{U} \\ \|\operatorname{div} \Pi q\|_0 &\leq D \|\operatorname{div} q\|_0, & \forall q \in \mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}), \forall \mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{U}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following **uniform discrete inf-sup** stability condition for the Petrov Galerkin mixed formulation :

$$\inf_{\xi \in V_{\mathcal{T}}, \|\xi\|_V=1} \sup_{\eta \in V_{\mathcal{T}}^*, \|\eta\|_V \leq 1} \gamma(\xi, \eta) \geq \beta$$

**Error estimate** : there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|u - u_{\mathcal{T}}\|_0 + \|p - p_{\mathcal{T}}\|_{\operatorname{div}} \leq C h_{\mathcal{T}} \|f\|_1.$$

Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions (coefficient **C**)

## Divergence estimate

normalization condition  $\int_a \varphi_a^* \bullet \, d\gamma = 1$

then  $\int_{\partial K} \Pi p \bullet n \, ds = \int_{\partial K} p \bullet n \, ds$

and  $\int_K \operatorname{div} \Pi p \, dx = \int_K \operatorname{div} p \, dx.$

$(\operatorname{div} \Pi p, \operatorname{div} p)_{0,K} = \operatorname{div} p \int_K \operatorname{div} \Pi p \, dx$

because  $\operatorname{div} p$  is a constant on  $K$ .

Thus,  $(\operatorname{div} \Pi p, \operatorname{div} p)_{0,K} = \|\operatorname{div} p\|_{0,K}^2$

and **C = 1** in the inequality

$$(\operatorname{div} q, \operatorname{div} \Pi q) \geq C \|\operatorname{div} q\|_0^2, \quad \forall q \in H_{\mathcal{T}}(\operatorname{div}), \forall \mathcal{T} \in \mathcal{U}$$

## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions (coefficient D)

Estimation of  $\|\operatorname{div} \Pi p\|_{0,K}$  for  $K \in \mathcal{T}^2$

$$p = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i} \varphi_{K,i} \text{ in } K \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div} p = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i}$$

$$\text{thus } \|\operatorname{div} p\|_{0,K}^2 = \frac{1}{|K|} \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i} \right)^2$$

$$\Pi p = \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i} \varphi_{K,i}^* \text{ in } K \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{div} \Pi p = \delta_K(x) \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i}$$

$$\|\operatorname{div} \Pi p\|_{0,K}^2 = \int_K \delta_K^2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 p_{K,i} \right)^2 dx$$

$$\|\operatorname{div} \Pi p\|_{0,K}^2 = |K| \left( \int_K \delta_K^2 dx \right) \|\operatorname{div} p\|_{0,K}^2$$



## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions [D, (ii)]

Estimation of  $I \equiv |K| \left( \int_K \delta_K^2 dx \right)$

with  $\delta_K$  satisfying the condition  $\int_K \delta_K(x) dx = 1$  and  
 $\int_K \delta_K |x - A|^2 dx = 0$  for each vertex  $A$  of the triangle  $K$ .

After a formal calculus,  $I \leq \frac{8 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 23}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\tan \theta_*} \right)^4 \equiv \nu$

and  $\|\operatorname{div} \Pi q\|_0 \leq D \|\operatorname{div} q\|_0$  with  $D = \sqrt{\nu}$ .

Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions (coefficient  $A$ )Minoration of  $(q, \Pi q)$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 (q, \Pi q) &= \sum_{a,b \in \mathcal{T}^1} q_a q_b (\varphi_a, \varphi_b^*) \\
 &= \sum_{a \in \mathcal{T}^1} q_a^2 (\varphi_a, \varphi_a^*) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^2} (q, \Pi q)_{0K}
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 (q, \Pi q)_{0K} &\equiv \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_{K,j}^2 (\varphi_{K,j}, \varphi_{K,j}^*) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} \cotan \theta_j q_j^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \cotan \theta^* \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_j^2 \\
 (q, \Pi q)_{0K} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \cotan \theta^* \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_j^2
 \end{aligned}$$

## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions [A, (ii)]

We majorate  $\|q\|_{0K}^2$  by some constant multiplied by  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_j^2$

$$\|q\|_{0K}^2 = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq 3} q_i q_j (\varphi_{K,j}, \varphi_{K,j}) \leq \frac{5}{4 \tan \theta_\star} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 3} q_j^2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (q, \Pi q)_{0K} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \cotan \theta_\star \sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_j^2 \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \cotan \theta_\star \frac{4}{5} \tan \theta_\star \|q\|_{0K}^2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $(q, \Pi q) \geq A \|q\|_0^2$  with  $A = \frac{2}{5} \cotan \theta_\star \tan \theta_\star$ .

## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions (coefficient B)

Majoration of the  $L^2$  norm  $\|\Pi q\|_0$ 

$$\|\Pi q\|_0^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}^2} \|\Pi q\|_{0K}^2 \leq 3 \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 3} q_{K,j}^2 \|\varphi_{K,j}^*\|_{0K}^2$$

Dual basis function  $\varphi_{K,j}^*(x) = \frac{1}{\det(dF_{K,a})} dF_{K,a} \bullet \widehat{\nabla} \zeta_K$ ,Neumann problem  $-\Delta \zeta_K = \widetilde{\delta}_K$  in  $\widehat{K}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \zeta_K}{\partial n} = \widetilde{g}$  on  $\partial \widehat{K}$ solution  $\zeta_K \in H^2(\widehat{K})$  such that  $\|\zeta_K\|_{2,\widehat{K}} \leq C_{\widehat{K}} \left( \|\widetilde{\delta}_K\|_{0,\widehat{K}} + \|\widetilde{g}\|_{1/2,\partial \widehat{K}} \right)$ 

$$\|\widetilde{\delta}_K\|_{0,\widehat{K}}^2 = \int_{\widehat{K}} \widetilde{\delta}_K^2 d\widehat{x} = \int_K (2|K|\delta_K)^2 \frac{d\widehat{x}}{dx} dx = 2|K| \int_K \delta_K^2 dx \leq 2\nu$$

$$\|\widehat{\nabla} \zeta_K\|_{0,\widehat{K}} \leq C_{\widehat{K}} \left( \sqrt{2\nu} + \|\widetilde{g}\|_{1/2,\partial \widehat{K}} \right)$$

$$\|\varphi_{K,j}^*\|_{0K}^2 \leq \left( \frac{1}{2|K|} \right)^2 \left( \frac{8|K|}{\sin \theta_*} \right) \|\widehat{\nabla} \zeta_K\|_{0,\widehat{K}}^2 (2|K|)$$

$$\|\varphi_{K,j}^*\|_{0K} \leq \mu_* \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{\sin \theta_*}} C_{\widehat{K}} \left( \sqrt{2\nu} + \|\widetilde{g}\|_{1/2,\partial \widehat{K}} \right)$$

## Satisfy the sufficient stability conditions [B, (ii)]

$$\| \Pi q \|_{0K}^2 \leq 3 \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 3} q_{K,j}^2 \| \varphi_{K,j}^* \|_{0K}^2 \leq 3 \mu_*^2 \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 3} q_{K,j}^2$$

We minorate  $\| q \|_{0K}^2$  by some constant multiplied by  $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq 3} q_j^2$

Local Raviart-Thomas mass matrix (Gram)

$$G_K \equiv (\varphi_{K,i}, \varphi_{K,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq 3} \quad \text{for } K \in \mathcal{T}^2$$

Smallest eigenvalue of the Gram matrix

$$\lambda_* \geq \frac{\tan^2 \theta_*}{48}$$

Final estimate

$$\| \Pi q \|_{0K}^2 \leq 3 \mu_* \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 3} q_{K,j}^2 \leq 3 \mu_*^2 \frac{1}{\lambda_*} \| q \|_{0K}^2$$

and  $\| \Pi q \|_0 \leq B \| q \|_0$  with  $B = \frac{12 \mu_*}{\tan \theta_*}$ . ouf !

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# Conclusion

- Reformulation of finite volumes for Poisson equation  
with **mixed finite elements of Petrov-Galerkin type**
- Explicitation of **dual test functions**  
of the **low degree Raviart-Thomas** finite element
- Specific constraints for the dual test functions enforce **stability**
- The convergence is established with the  
**usual methods** of mixed finite elements
- Analysis for the Laplace equation is also *a priori* valid in 3D
- Extension to equations with tensorial coefficients...
- The **stability of the “butterfly” scheme** is still open...

Thank you for your attention !



# Finite volumes for elliptic problems

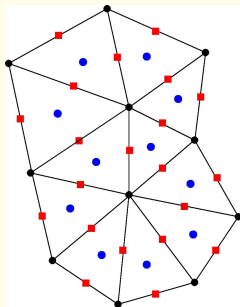
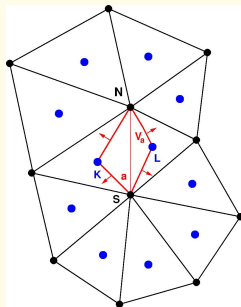
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Noh scheme

Convergence theorem of Coudière, Vila and Villedieu (1999)

The [affine compatibility of the nodal interpolation](#)

is an essential hypothesis

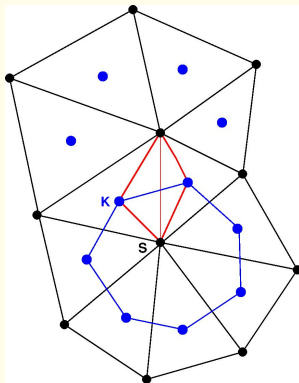


Other method: “footbridge” of Ghidaglia and Pascal (1999)



# Finite volumes for elliptic problems (ii)

Radical solution: Hermeline (2000), Domelevo and Omnes (2005)  
 modify the set of degrees of freedom!



Degrees of freedom: nodal values  $\bar{u}_S$  for  $S \in \mathcal{T}^0$   
 and volumic values  $u_K$  for  $K \in \mathcal{T}^2$

## Finite volumes for elliptic problems (iii)

Petrov-Galerkin mixed formulation of Thomas and Trujillo (1994)

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= \nabla u, \\
 \operatorname{div} p + f &= 0, \\
 u &\in H_0^1, \\
 p &\in H(\operatorname{div})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (p - \nabla u) \cdot q \, dx = 0$$

for each vector field  $q$  constant in the Noh's cell  $V_a$ ,  $a \in \mathcal{T}^1$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} p + f) v \, dx = 0$$

for any scalar field  $v$  constant in each "Inria cell" around the vertices ( $E \in \mathcal{T}^0$ )