

Basic Principles of Mixed Virtual Element Methods

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A brand new method

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VEM vs. FEM in few words

- **Similarities:**
same starting point, i.e., variational formulation of the given problem;
spaces of polynomials of a given degree are included.
- **Differences:**
grids made of polygons of arbitrary shape can be used;
easy to construct high-regularity approximations.

Polygonal and polyhedral grids

There is a wide literature on Polygonal and Polyhedral Elements

- [Rational Polynomials](#) (Wachspress, 1975, 2010)
- [Voronoi tassellations](#) (Sibson, 1980; Hiyoshi-Sugihara, 1999; Sukumar et als, 2001)
- [Mean Value Coord.](#) (Floater, 2003)
- [Metric Coord.](#) (Malsch-Lin-Dasgupta, 2005)
- [Maximum Entropy](#) (Arroyo-Ortiz, 2006; Hormann-Sukumar, 2008)
- [Harmonic Coord.](#) (Joshi et als 2007; Martin et als, 2008; Bishop 2013)

Why Polygonal/Polyhedral Elements

There are several types of problems where Polygonal and Polyhedral elements are used:

- Crack propagation and Fractured materials (e.g. T. Belytschko, N. Sukumar)
- Topology Optimization (e.g. O. Sigmund, G.H. Paulino)
- Computer Graphics (e.g. M.S. Floater)
- Fluid-Structure Interaction (e.g. W.A. Wall)
- Complex Microstructures (e.g. N. Moes)
- Two-phase flows (e.g. J. Chessa)

- 1 Model problem - Reminders on Virtual Element Methods
- 2 Model problem - Mixed FEM and VEM
- 3 Numerical Results

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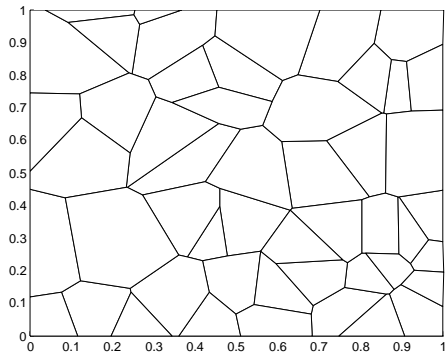
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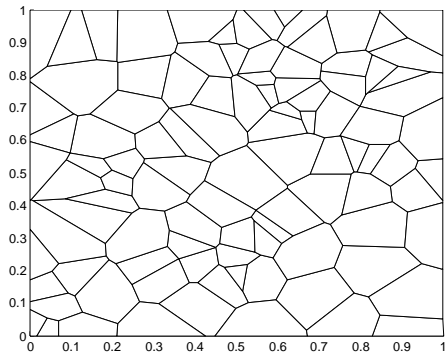
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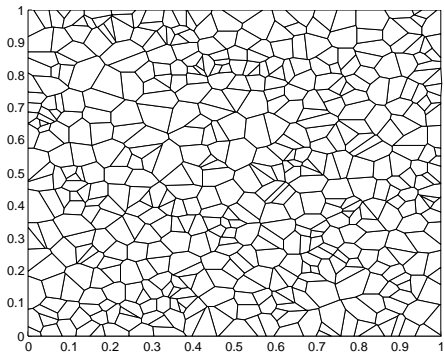
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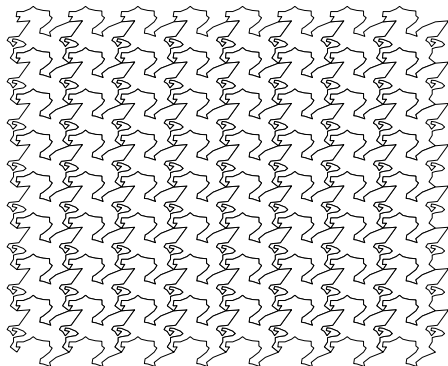
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Reminders on continuous VEM-General Assumptions

We fix an integer $k \geq 1$ (our order of accuracy).

For all h , and for all E in \mathcal{T}_h :

H1- $\forall p_k \in \mathbb{P}_k, \forall q_h \in Q_h$

$$a_h^E(p_k, q_h) = a^E(p_k, q_h) \quad k - \text{Consistency}$$

H2- \exists two positive constants α_* and α^* , independent of h and of E , such that

$$\forall q_h \in Q_h \quad \alpha_* a^E(q_h, q_h) \leq a_h^E(q_h, q_h) \leq \alpha^* a^E(q_h, q_h) \quad \text{Stability}$$

Convergence

Under these assumptions we have:

Theorem

The discrete problem: Find $p_h \in Q_h$ such that

$$a_h(p_h, q_h) = (f_h, q_h), \quad \forall q_h \in Q_h$$

has a unique solution p_h . Moreover, for every approximation p_I of p in Q_h and for every approximation p_π of p that is piecewise in \mathbb{P}_k , we have

$$\|p - p_h\|_Q \leq C \left(\|p - p_I\|_Q + \|p - p_\pi\|_{h,Q} + \|f - f_h\|_{Q'} \right)$$

where C is a constant independent of h .

► [Proof of convergence](#)

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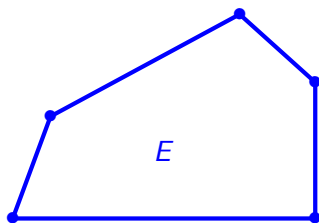
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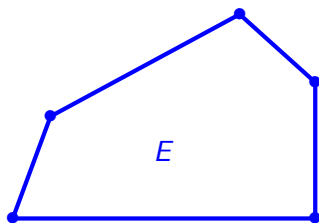
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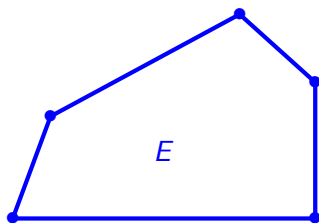
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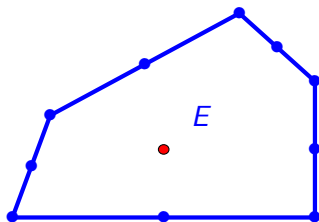
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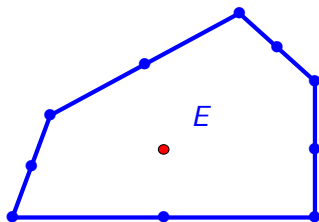


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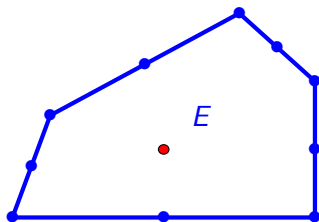
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► Consistency and Stability

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spaces: $V := \{\mathbf{v} \in H(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma\}$, $Q := L^2(\Omega)/\mathbb{R}$,

norms: $\|\mathbf{v}\|_V^2 = \int_{\Omega} |\mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} |\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}|^2 \, d\Omega$, $\|q\|_Q^2 = \int_{\Omega} |q|^2 \, d\Omega$,

bilinear forms:

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \int_{\Omega} \mathbb{K}^{-1} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad b(\mathbf{v}, q) := \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \, q \, d\Omega$$

Find $(\mathbf{u}, p) \in V \times Q$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) - b(\mathbf{v}, p) = 0 & \forall \mathbf{v} \in V, \\ b(\mathbf{u}, q) = (f, q) & \forall q \in Q. \end{cases}$$

Mixed Finite Elements

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▶ [Proof of unisolvence](#)

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Corollary

The following estimates hold:

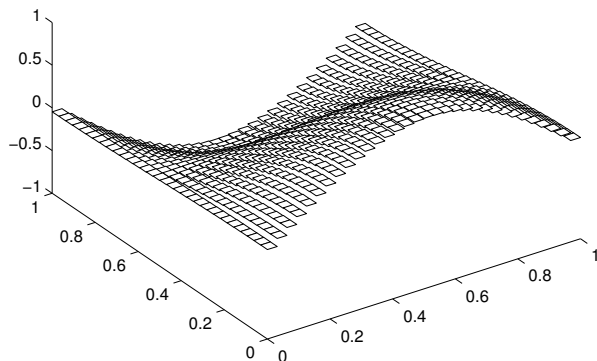
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Numerical results

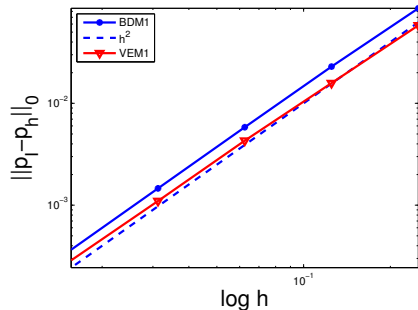
Mesh of squares: 4×4 , 8×8 ,, 64×64

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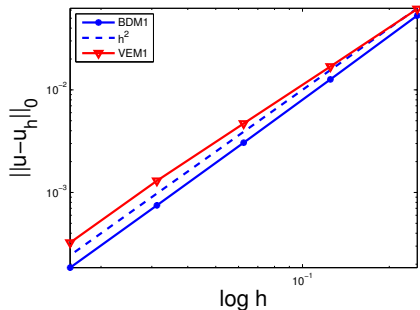


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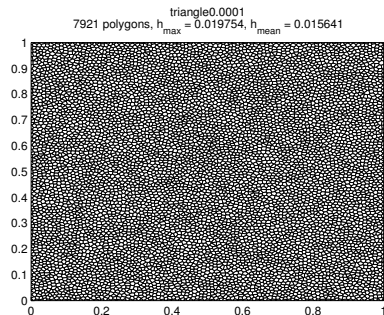
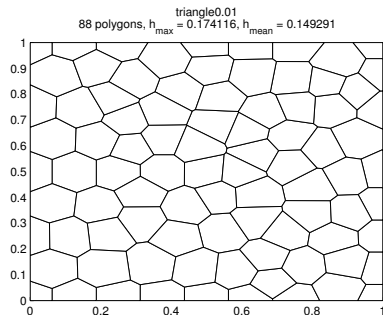
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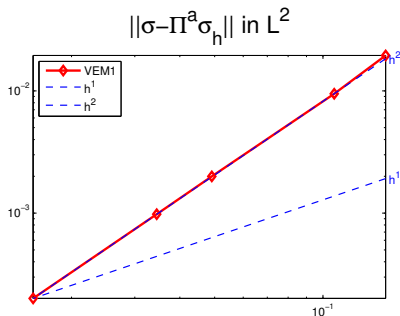
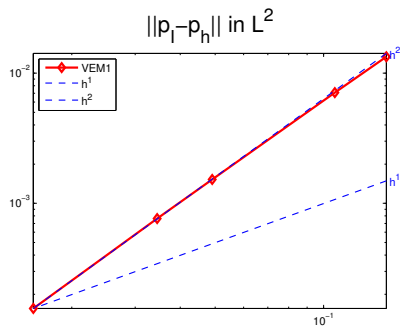
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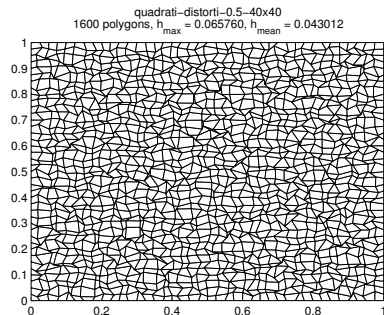
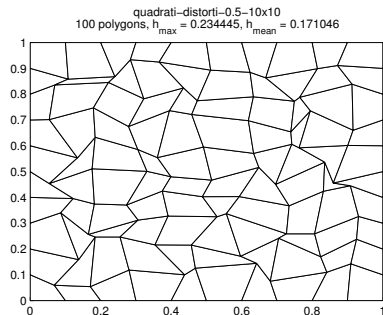
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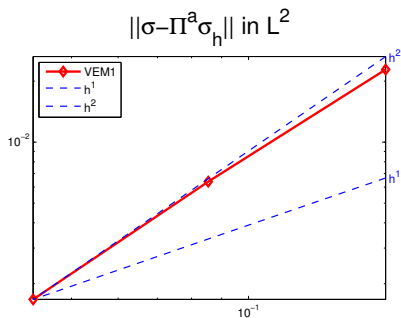
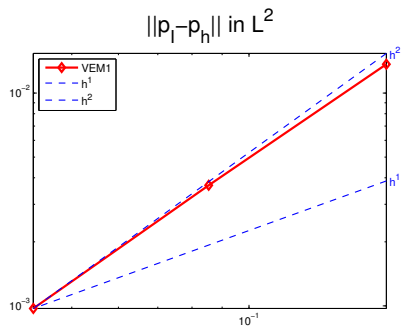
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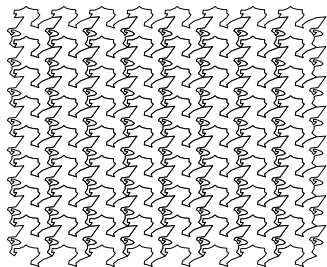
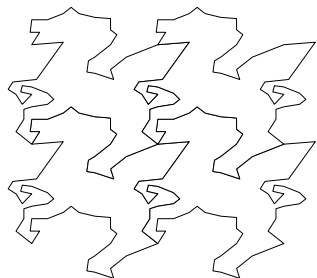
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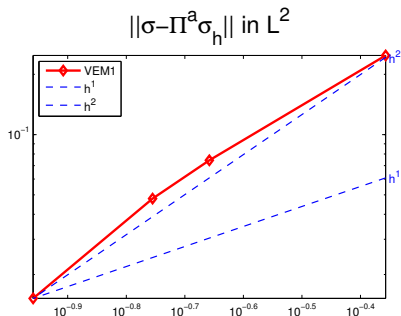
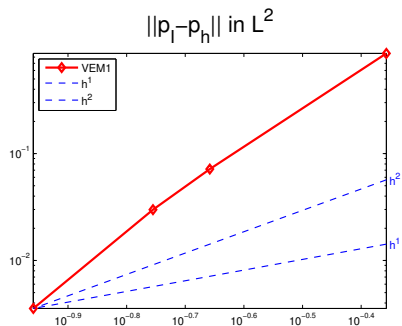
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Exact solution: $p = \sin(2x) \cos(3y)$



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