

# Virtual Elements for magneto-static problems

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# The continuous problem

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  (polygonal) computational domain

given  $j \in L^2(\Omega)$  (with  $\int_{\Omega} j = 0$ ), and  $\mu = \mu(x) \geq \mu_0 > 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \mathbf{H} \in H(\text{rot}; \Omega) \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \in H(\text{div}; \Omega) \text{ such that:} \\ \text{rot } \mathbf{H} = j \text{ and } \text{div } \mathbf{B} = 0, \text{ with } \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \text{ in } \Omega \\ \text{with the boundary conditions } \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{rot } \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y}, \quad \text{rot } q = \left( \frac{\partial q}{\partial y}, -\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} \right)^T$$

and

$$H_0(\text{rot}; \Omega) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in [L^2(\Omega)]^2 \text{ with } \text{rot } \mathbf{v} \in L^2(\Omega), \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{t} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}.$$

# Variational formulation

Among the various formulations we chose (see [Kikuchi 89](#))

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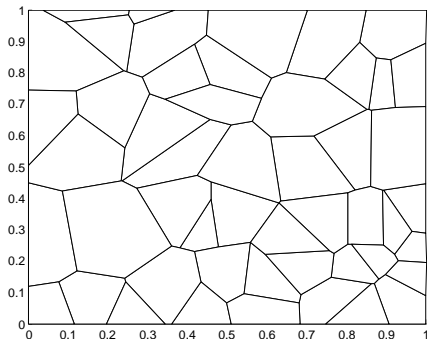
Unique solution  $(\mathbf{H}, p)$  with  $p \equiv 0$ ,  $\text{rot} \mathbf{H} = j$ ,  $\text{div} \mu \mathbf{H} = 0$ .

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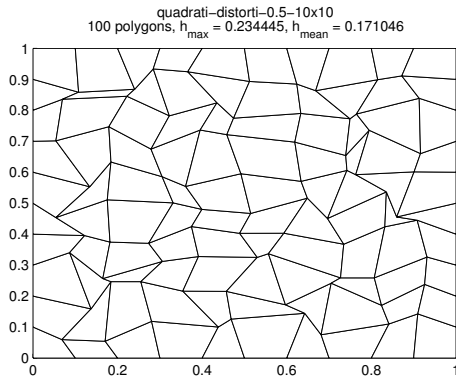
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degrees of freedom:

- the nodal values  $q(\nu)$  at all vertexes  $\nu$  of  $E$ , (1)

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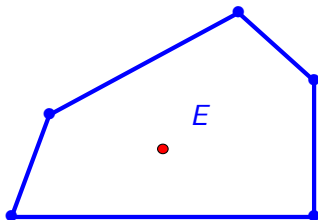
- $\int_E (\nabla q \cdot \mathbf{x}_E) p_{k-1} dE \quad \forall p_{k-1} \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(E)$ , (3)

where  $\mathbf{x}_E = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}_E$ , with  $\mathbf{b}_E =$  barycenter of  $E$ . The d.o.f. are unisolvent, and are computationally equivalent to the moments  $\int_E q p_{k-1} dE$ .

# Example of d.o.f. for $k = 1$

$$V_1^n(E) := \left\{ q \in C^0(\bar{E}) : q|_e \in \mathbb{P}_1(e) \forall e \in \partial E, \Delta q \in \mathbb{P}_0(E) \right\}$$

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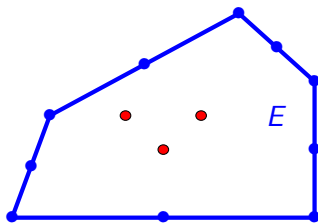


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- $\int_E \operatorname{rot} \mathbf{v} p_{k-1}^0 dE \quad \forall p_{k-1}^0 \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}^0(E)$ , (6)

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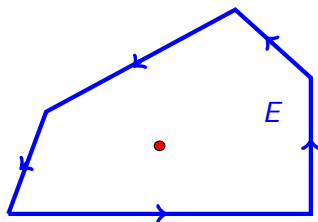
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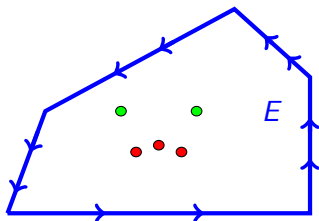


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Problem: for functions  $q \in V_k^n$  we do not know  $\nabla q|_E$ .

Similarly, vectors  $\mathbf{v} \in V_{k-1}^e$  are not known inside the elements.

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Note 2:  $\nabla V_k^n \equiv \{\mathbf{v} \in V_{k-1}^e \text{ such that } \mathbf{rot} \mathbf{v} = 0\}$ .

# Scalar product

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}]_{e,E} := (\Pi_{k-1}^0 \mathbf{v}, \Pi_{k-1}^0 \mathbf{w})_{0,E} + S_E((I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{v}, (I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{w})$$

where  $S_E$  is such that

$$\alpha_*(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})_{0,E} \leq [\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}]_{e,E} \leq \alpha^*(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v})_{0,E} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{k-1}^e(E).$$

Example:

$$S_E((I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{v}, (I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{w}) = h_E \int_{\partial E} [(I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{v}] \cdot \mathbf{t} [(I - \Pi_{k-1}^0) \mathbf{w}] \cdot \mathbf{t}$$

Consistency holds:

$$[\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_{k-1}]_{e,E} \equiv (\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{p}_{k-1})_{0,E} \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in V_{k-1}^e(E), \forall \mathbf{p}_{k-1} \in [P_{k-1}(E)]^2.$$

# The discrete problem

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## Theorem

*The problem has a unique solution ( $p_h = 0$ ) and the following estimate holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_h)\|_{0,\Omega} &\leq C \left( \|\mu(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_I)\|_{0,\Omega} + \|\mu(\mathbf{H} - \Pi_{k-1}^0 \mathbf{H})\|_{0,\Omega} \right), \\ \|\text{rot}(\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}_h)\|_{0,\Omega} &= \|j - \Pi_{k-1}^0 j\|_{0,\Omega}, \end{aligned}$$



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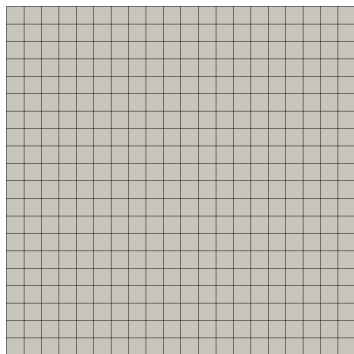


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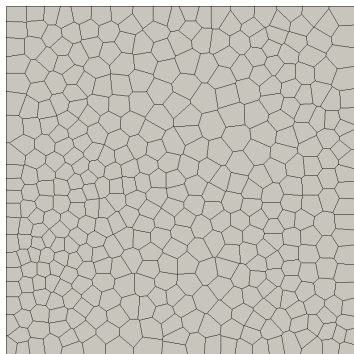


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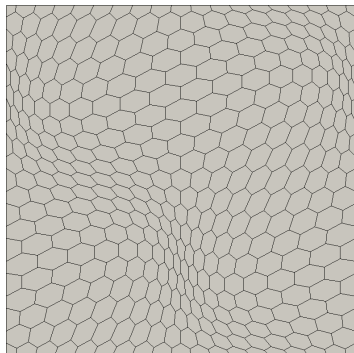
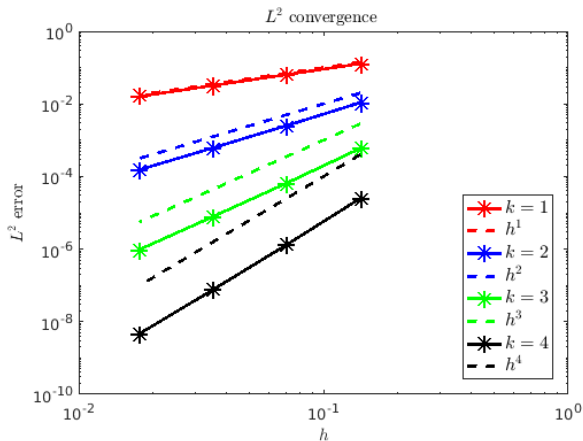


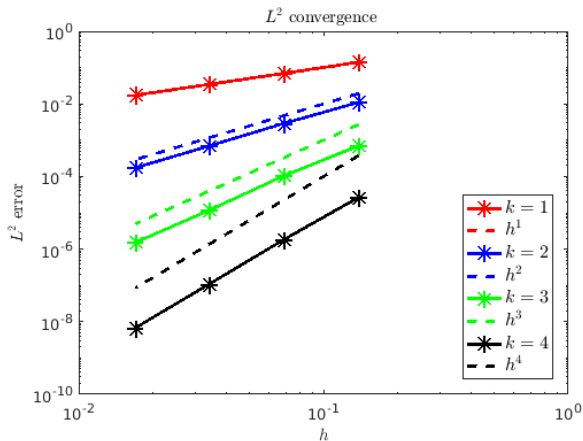
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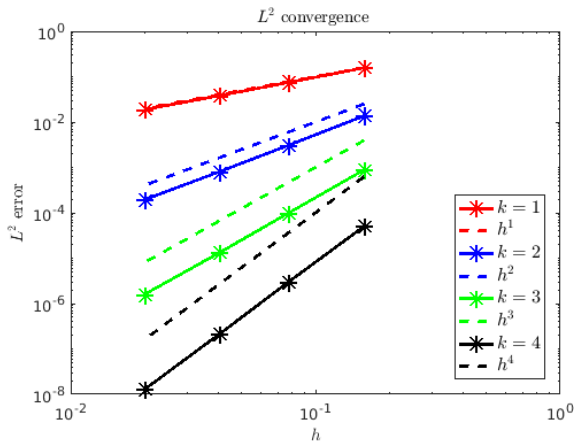
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# Serendipity spaces

The Serendipity procedure is, as in Finite Elements, a way of reducing the degrees of freedom by changing the space. (The most famous example is the 8-node square)

Aim:

- we want to keep the boundary d.o.f. to preserve conformity:  $H^1$  for nodal VEMs, and  $\mathbf{H}(\text{rot})$  for edge VEMs
- we try to eliminate as many internal d.o.f. as we can, keeping only those needed for the expected accuracy

**NOTE: When dealing with 3D problems, this allows to eliminate d.o.f. on the faces, otherwise impossible (or extremely hard) with static condensation**



# Serendipity nodal spaces (simplest case)

Define a projection  $\Pi_S^n : V_k^n(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k(E)$  by

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# Serendipity edge spaces (simplest case)

Define a projection  $\Pi_S^e : V_{k-1}^e(E) \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}_{k-1}(E))^2$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial E} [(\mathbf{v} - \Pi_S^e \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t}] [\nabla p \cdot \mathbf{t}] ds &= 0 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}(E), \\ \int_{\partial E} (\mathbf{v} - \Pi_S^e \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{t} ds &= 0, \\ \int_E \text{rot}(\mathbf{v} - \Pi_S^e \mathbf{v}) p_{k-1}^0 dE &= 0 \quad \forall p_{k-1}^0 \in \mathbb{P}_{k-1}^0(E). \end{aligned}$$

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# Coupling of Nodal and Edge Serendipity spaces

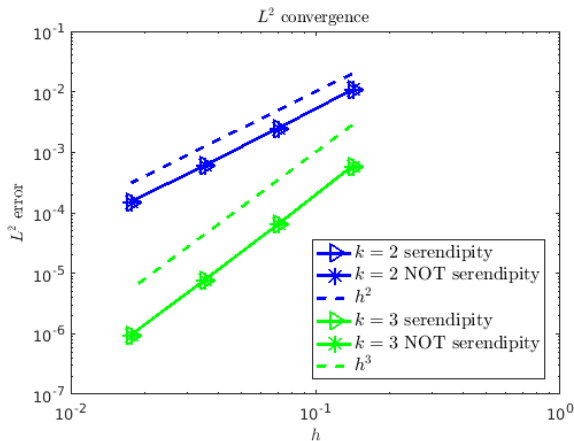
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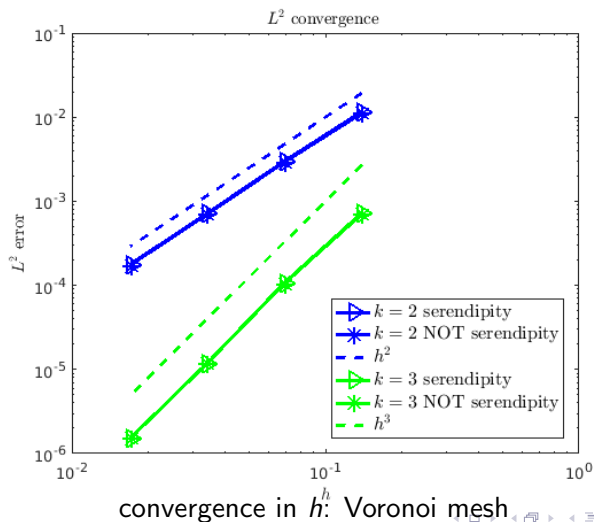
Unique solution and same error estimates as before.

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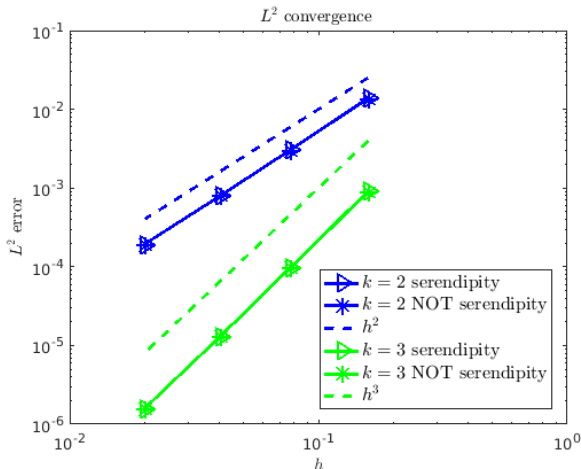


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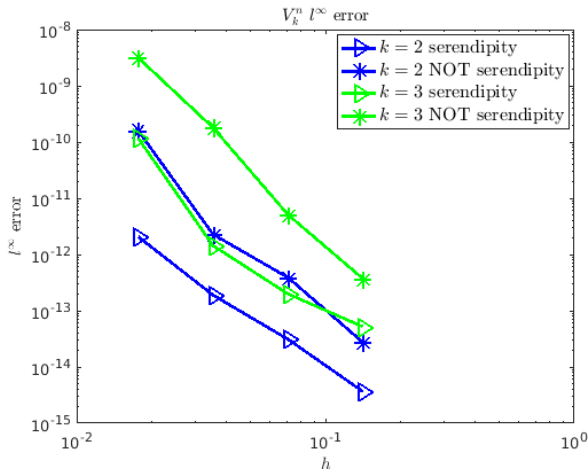
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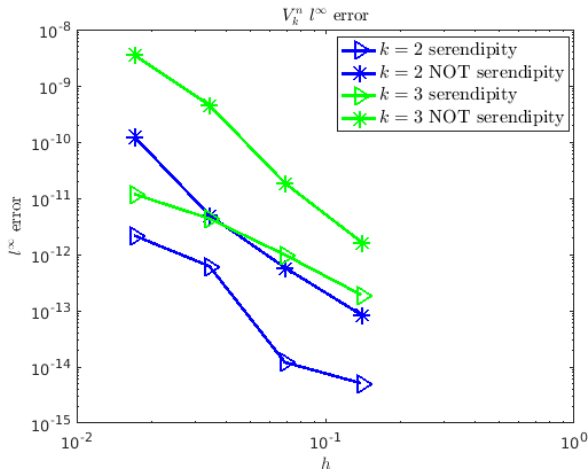
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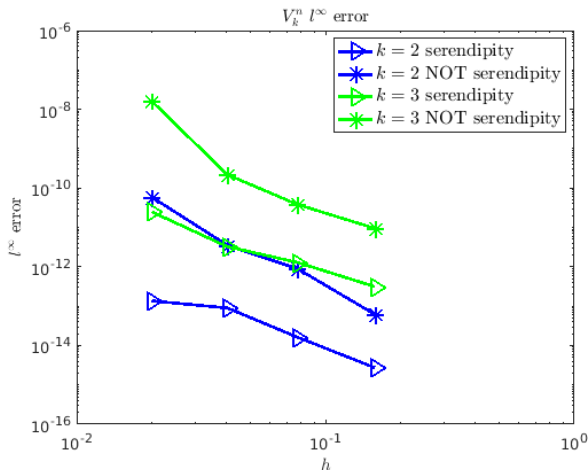
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quad6400		71041	58241	18%
voro100	2	1505	1305	13%
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voro1600		24005	20805	13%
voro6400		96005	83205	13%
hexa94	2	1415	1227	13%
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$32^3$	140,481	444,609	241,857

	dofs $k=3$		
Mesh	VEM $S_3$	VEM $_3$	$Q_3$
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$32^3$	245,025	853,281	650,529

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$8^3$	8,289	23,841	22,113
$16^3$	59,585	177,089	164,033
$32^3$	450,945	1,363,329	1,261,953

	dofs $k=5$		
Mesh	$VEM\mathcal{S}_5$	$VEM_5$	$Q_5$
$8^3$	15,417	34,425	36,153
$16^3$	112,625	256,241	269,297
$32^3$	859,617	1,974,753	2,076,129

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