

Electromagnetic scattering I (53919, 5 cr)

Exercise 4: FEM

1. Consider the wave equation in a bounded source free region Ω with the PEC boundary condition on the boundary $\partial\Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mu_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} - k^2 \epsilon_r \mathbf{E} &= 0, \text{ in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E} &= 0, \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Derive the corresponding weak formulation in $H_{0,\text{curl}}$.

2. Discretize the derived weak equation using the lowest order curl-conforming edge-elements as basis \mathbf{b}_n and testing \mathbf{t}_m functions. Write a code that computes the required stiffness and mass matrices

$$S_{mn} = \langle \nabla \times \mathbf{t}_m, \mu_r^{-1} \nabla \times \mathbf{b}_n \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (2)$$

$$M_{mn} = \langle \mathbf{t}_m, \epsilon_r \mathbf{b}_n \rangle_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad (3)$$

and solve the corresponding generalized eigenvalue problem

$$S_{mn} c_n = \omega^2 M_{mn} c_n. \quad (4)$$

“cube170.mat”-file contains the data structures for the tetrahedral mesh (a unit cube discretized with 170 tetrahedra), and the Gaussian quadrature points $P0(\xi; \eta; \zeta)$ and weights $w0$ for the reference tetrahedron. The generalized eigenvalue problem can be solved with Matlab’s EIG(S,M) function. Find a few lowest (e.g. 50) non-zero eigenvalues and compare them with the exact eigenvalues $k^2 = \pi^2(l^2 + m^2 + n^2)$ $l, m, n = 0, 1, \dots$ st. $lm + ln + mn > 0$. Try different discretization densities (“cube638.mat”, “cube2433.mat”) What can you say about the accuracy of the FEM solution?

Pseudo-code for the problem 2

Algorithm 1 FEM matrix assembly

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1: Calculate shape functions  $N_0$  and their gradients  $dN_0$  in the reference element
2:  $[N_{01}; N_{02}; N_{03}; N_{04}] = \dots$ 
3:  $[dN_{01}; dN_{02}; dN_{03}; dN_{04}] = \dots$ 
4: Allocate sparse matrices  $S(N_e, N_e)$   $M(N_e, N_e)$ 
5:  $S = \text{spare}(N_e, N_e)$ ;  $M = \text{spare}(N_e, N_e)$ ;
6:
7: //Loop over elements
8: for  $k = 1$  to  $N_k$  do
9:   // Compute mapping and Jacobian
10:   $\mathcal{F}_k = \dots$ ;  $J_{\mathcal{F}_k} = \dots$ 
11:  // Compute gradients of shape functions
12:   $dN = [\nabla N_1, \nabla N_2, \nabla N_3, \nabla N_4]$ 
13:  //Compute integral
14:  for  $i = 1$  to 4 do
15:    for  $j = 1$  to 4 do
16:       $I(i, j) \leftarrow \int_{T_k} N_i N_j dV$ 
17:    end for
18:  end for
19:  // Loop over edges of tetrahedron  $k$ 
20:  for  $et = 1$  to 6 do
21:     $m = \text{mesh.etopol2}(et, k)$  //global index of testing function
22:     $tk = \dots$ , // local index for node1 [1]
23:     $t1 = \dots$ , // local index for node2
24:     $sign_t = \dots$  [2]
25:    for  $eb = 1$  to 6 do
26:       $n = \text{mesh.etopol2}(eb, k)$  //global index of basis function
27:       $bk = \dots$ , // local index for node1
28:       $b1 = \dots$ , // local index for node2
29:       $sign_b = \dots$  [2]
30:      // Calculate matrix elements
31:       $S(m, n) = S(m, n) + sign_t * sign_b * \dots$  [3]
32:       $M(m, n) = M(m, n) + sign_t * sign_b * \dots$  [4]
33:    end for
34:  end for
35:
36: end for
37: Enforce the PEC boundary condition

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1. Local nodal indices are defined as

<i>localedge</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>node1</i>	1	1	1	2	2	3
<i>node2</i>	2	3	4	3	4	4

2. If the global and local edge have the same orientation ($\text{mesh.edges}(1, m) = \text{mesh.etopol}(tk, k)$) the sign of the testing/basis function should be positive and negative otherwise

3. Lecture notes: equation (68)

4. Lecture notes: equation (69)

5. Remove rows and columns of matrices S and M associated with the boundary edges