

What is libCEED

~ C library for performance portable finite element (FE) discretization

↑ Write your code once, runs on different hardware

• Hardware compatibility selected @ runtime

~ Divided into:

Front-end

- Where user writes code
- Where physics is

Backend

- Handles execution of front-end code
- Differs per hardware

~ Based FE Operator decomposition

~ Center for Efficient Exascale Discretizations

~ Geared higher-order FE

- More per DoF (error vs. problem)
- More computationally efficient (for GPUs)

FE Operator

- Takes solution on FE space and does something with it

↑ Represented as coefficients per DoF

- Often represented as a matrix (stiffness, mass, etc.)

$Ax=b$ type problems ($M\dot{x} + Ax=b$)

- For non-linear problems, we define a residual operator

- G_A is a residual operator

~ it takes solution $\tilde{u}$, and outputs residual

Example: Laplacian

$$\begin{aligned} -u_{,ii} &= 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \end{aligned} \Rightarrow -\int_{\Omega} v u_{,ii} = 0$$

IBP:

$$\int_{\Omega} v_{,i} u_{,i} - \int_{\Gamma} v u_{,i} \hat{n}_i = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} v_{,i} u_{,i} = 0$$

Choose shape functions to approximate $u + v$, discard v_D :

$$\int_{\Omega} N_{B,i} \sum_A N_{A,i} u_A = 0$$

$$\sum_B v_B \int_{\Omega} N_{B,i} \sum_A N_{A,i} u_A = 0$$

Discretize domain into elements ($\Omega \approx \bigcup_e \Omega^e$) and integrate on parent element:

$$\bigwedge_e \int_{\Omega^e} N_{b,i}^e \xi_{i,j} \left[\sum_a N_{a,i}^e \xi_{i,j} u_a \right] \mathcal{D} = 0$$

Approximate integrals with quadrature:

$$\bigwedge_e \sum_q N_{b,i}^e(\xi^q) \xi_{i,j} \xi_{i,j} \left[\sum_a N_{a,i}^e(\xi^q) u_a \right] \mathcal{D} w^q = 0$$

② (over the second $\xi_{i,j}$)
① (under the bracketed sum)
③ (under the entire sum over q)

⑤ Move from Global Domain to Local Domain (not shown, $A \rightarrow a$, $B \rightarrow b$)

① Evaluate solution (and derivatives) @ quadrature points

② Compute residual @ quad points, Parent $\rightarrow$ physical corrections, quad weights

③ Multiply by shape functions (weight function), sum over quad points

④ Assemble element matrices Local Domain $\rightarrow$ Global Domain

Aside Linear Operator (Map)

Mapping from input space to output space such that it is closed
by scalar multiplication and vector addition

Given $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow S$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $v, w \in V$:

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha v + \beta w) = \alpha \mathcal{L}(v) + \beta \mathcal{L}(w)$$

For finite input + output spaces $V^h + S^h$,

Any linear operator can be expressed as a matrix

Takeaway: Linear operator $\Leftrightarrow$ Matrix

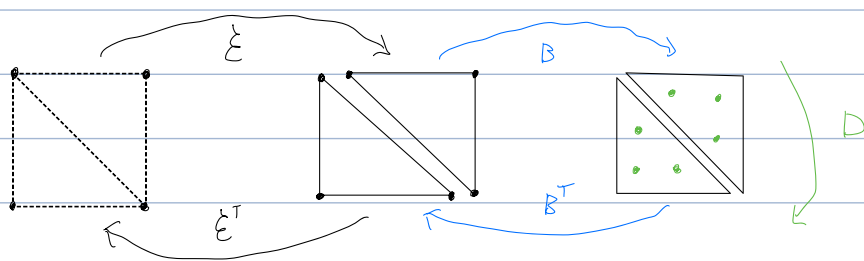
Transpose (adjoint)

Given $\mathcal{L}: V \rightarrow S$, define $\mathcal{L}^T: S \rightarrow V$ such that:

$$\text{For } v \in V, u \in S \quad \langle \mathcal{L}v, u \rangle = \langle v, \mathcal{L}^T u \rangle \quad \leftarrow \text{inner product}$$

Takeaway: Transpose reverses the input + output spaces

FE Operator Decomposition



Given FE Operator A , we can decompose it as:

$$A = E^T B^T D B E$$

In action, with solution u_A :

$$A u_A = E^T B^T D B E u_A$$

E Element Restriction

(6x4) matrix size: $\tilde{E}_{u_A} = u_a$ (with arrows pointing to 4 and 6)

- Maps from Global DoFs $\rightarrow$ Local DoFs
- Dependent on mesh connectivity
- In matrix form, duplicates shared nodes per element
- E^T is element assembly

B Basis Evaluator

(6.2 x 6): $B u_a = u_i(\xi^q)$

- Maps Local DoFs $\rightarrow$ quadrature points
- Dependent on basis choice and quadrature points (locations)
- B^T handles weight function + sum over quadrature points
- B is defined in parent space

D, Quadrature evaluation

(6.2 x 6.2): $D_{u,i}(\xi^a) = R_i(\xi^a)$

- Maps quadrature points to " "
- Evaluates the "action" of the FE operator (@ quadrature points)
- This is where the physics is
- Handles quadrature weights and parent $\rightarrow$ physical mapping

$$B^T R_i(\xi^a) = R_a$$