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IGA has been proposed by structural engineers:

- Isoparametric paradigm: push-forward of splines/NURBS basis functions on the computational domain Ω to approximate the solution of the PDE.
- Finite Element kind method (splines etc. replace piecewise polynomials)



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Isoparametric construction

The unknown written w.r.t. the parametric variables $(\widehat{\mathbf{u}} : \widehat{\Omega} \to \Omega_{deformed})$ is represented by the same fuctions that are used for the geometry parametrization $\mathbf{F} : \widehat{\Omega} \to \Omega_{initial}$



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- $\mathbf{u}(x, y) = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$ is in any isoparametric space since $\widehat{\mathbf{u}}(\xi, \eta) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} F_1(\xi, \eta) \\ F_2(\xi, \eta) \end{bmatrix}$ is a vector field whose components are linear combination of the parametrization components $F_1(\xi, \eta)$ and $F_2(\xi, \eta)$, and then is represented in the same basis $\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{E}$



The isoparametric space contains any rigid body motion

$$\mathbf{u}(x,y) = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{R} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

that form the kernel of the internal elastic energy

IGA main side-effect

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Isogeometric spaces are smooth

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