

**EE750**  
**Advanced Engineering Electromagnetics**  
**Lecture 17**

## 2D FEM

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- We consider a 2D differential equation of the form

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \alpha_x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \alpha_y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) + \beta \varphi = f, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega$$

subject to  $\varphi = p$  on  $\Gamma_1$

$$\left( \alpha_x \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \alpha_y \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} + \gamma \varphi = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2$$

where  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  is the contour enclosing the domain  $\Omega$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit outward normal

- Notice that the boundary conditions may be a Dirichlet, Neuman or mixed Dirichlet and Neuman.
- $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_y$  and  $\beta$  are functions associated with the physical parameters and  $f$  is the excitation

## 2D FEM (Cont'd)

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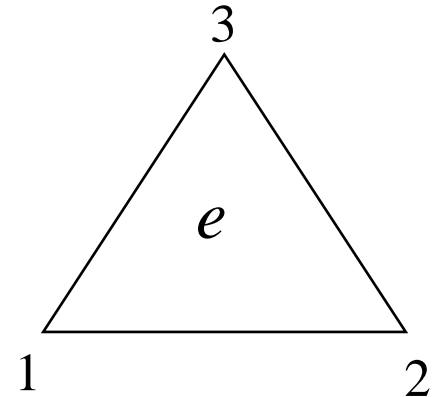
- The functional associated with this problem is

$$F(\varphi) = 0.5 \iint_{\Omega} \left[ \alpha_x \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \alpha_y \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \beta \varphi^2 \right] d\Omega$$
$$- \iint_{\Omega} f \varphi d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_2} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \varphi^2 - q \varphi \right] d\Gamma$$

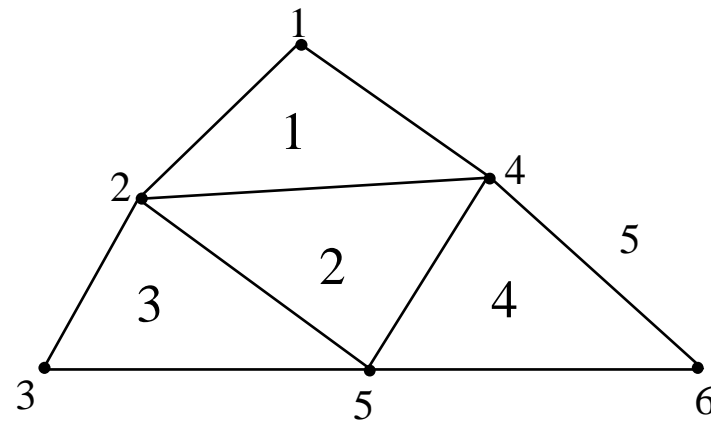
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# 2D FEM Analysis

- The computational domain is divided into triangles (elements)
- Each node has both a local and a global index
- A connectivity array  $n(i,e)$ ,  $i=1, 2, 3$  and  $e=1, 2, \dots, M$  stores the global indices of the nodes

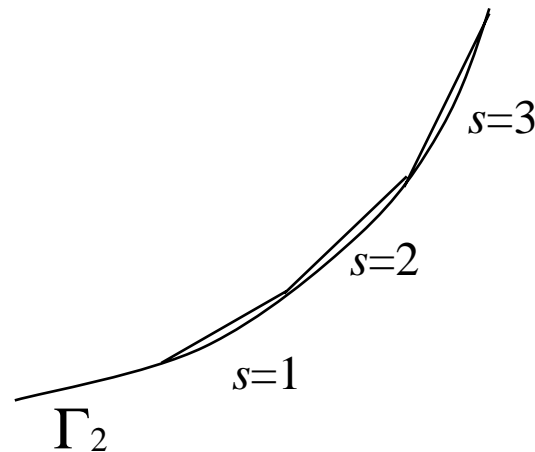


| $e \backslash i$ | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 2                | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 3                | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| 4                | 5 | 6 | 4 |



## 2D FEM Analysis (Cont'd)

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- We assume that there are  $M_s$  line segments on  $\Gamma_2$
- We store the index array  $n_s(i,s)$ ,  $i=1, 2$  and  $s=1, 2, \dots, M_s$  of global indices of nodes on  $\Gamma_2$

## Input Data to the 2D FEM Analysis

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- The coordinates of the nodes  $\mathbf{r}_i=(x_i,y_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, N$ , where  $N$  is the total number of nodes
- The values of  $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_y$ ,  $\beta$  and  $f$  for each element
- The value of  $p$  for each node residing on  $\Gamma_1$
- The value of  $\gamma$  and  $q$  for each segment with nodes on  $\Gamma_2$
- The two arrays  $n(i,e)$ ,  $i=1, 2, 3$  and  $e=1, 2, \dots, M$  and  $n_s(i,s)$ ,  $i=1, 2$  and  $s=1, 2, \dots, M_s$

# Elemental Interpolation

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- Over the  $e$ th element we utilize the linear approximation

$$\varphi^e(x, y) = a^e + b^e x + c^e y, \quad (x, y) \in \Omega_e$$

- The three nodes of the  $e$ th element must satisfy the linear interpolation relation

$$\varphi_1^e = a^e + b^e x_1^e + c^e y_1^e, \quad \varphi_2^e = a^e + b^e x_2^e + c^e y_2^e,$$

$$\varphi_3^e = a^e + b^e x_3^e + c^e y_3^e$$

- Solving for  $a^e$ ,  $b^e$  and  $c^e$  we obtain  $\varphi^e(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^3 N_j^e(x, y) \varphi_j^e$

$$\text{where } N_j^e(x, y) = \frac{1}{2A_e} (a_j^e + b_j^e x + c_j^e y), \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$a_1^e = x_2^e y_3^e - y_2^e x_3^e, \quad b_1^e = y_2^e - y_3^e, \quad c_1^e = x_3^e - x_2^e$$

$$a_2^e = x_3^e y_1^e - y_3^e x_1^e, \quad b_2^e = y_3^e - y_1^e, \quad c_2^e = x_1^e - x_3^e$$

$$a_3^e = x_1^e y_2^e - y_1^e x_2^e, \quad b_3^e = y_1^e - y_2^e, \quad c_3^e = x_2^e - x_1^e$$

## Elemental Interpolation (Cont'd)

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- $A_e$  is the area of the  $e$ th element and is given by

$$A_e = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1^e & y_1^e \\ 1 & x_2^e & y_2^e \\ 1 & x_3^e & y_3^e \end{vmatrix}$$

- The interpolation functions satisfy

$$N_i^e(x_j^e, y_j^e) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$



## The Homogenous Neuman BC case

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- We first consider the case ( $\gamma = q = 0$ )
- The functional is expressed as a sum of elemental subfunctions

$$F(\varphi) = \sum_{e=1}^M F^e(\varphi^e)$$

where

$$F^e(\varphi^e) = 0.5 \iint_{\Omega_e} \alpha_x \left( \frac{d\varphi^e}{dx} \right)^2 + \alpha_y \left( \frac{d\varphi^e}{dy} \right)^2 + \beta (\varphi^e)^2 d\Omega - \iint_{\Omega_e} f \varphi^e d\Omega$$

- Substituting with the linear interpolation expression, we write

## The Homogenous Neuman BC case

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$$F^e(\varphi^e) = 0.5 \iint_{\Omega_e} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 \alpha_x \varphi_i^e \frac{dN_i^e}{dx} \frac{dN_j^e}{dx} \varphi_j^e + \alpha_y \varphi_i^e \frac{dN_i^e}{dy} \frac{dN_j^e}{dy} \varphi_j^e d\Omega$$

$$+ \iint_{\Omega_e} \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta \varphi_i^e N_i^e N_j^e \varphi_j^e d\Omega - \iint_{\Omega_e} f \sum_{i=1}^3 N_i^e \varphi_i^e d\Omega$$

$$\frac{\partial F^e}{\partial \varphi_i^e} = \sum_{j=1}^3 \varphi_j^e \left( \iint_{\Omega_e} \alpha_x \frac{dN_i^e}{dx} \frac{dN_j^e}{dx} + \alpha_y \frac{dN_i^e}{dy} \frac{dN_j^e}{dy} + \beta N_i^e N_j^e d\Omega \right)$$

$$- \iint_{\Omega_e} f N_i^e d\Omega \quad i=1, 2, 3$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial F^e}{\partial \varphi^e} \right\}_{3 \times 1} = [K^e]_{3 \times 3} [\varphi^e]_{3 \times 1} - [b^e]_{3 \times 1}$$

## The Homogenous Neuman BC case (Cont'd)

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$$K_{ij}^e = \iint_{\Omega_e} \alpha_x \frac{d N_i^e}{dx} \frac{d N_j^e}{dx} + \alpha_y \frac{d N_i^e}{dy} \frac{d N_j^e}{dy} + \beta N_i^e N_j^e d\Omega$$

$$b_i^e = \iint_{\Omega_e} f N_i^e d\Omega \quad i=1, 2, 3 \text{ and } j=1, 2, 3$$

- If  $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_y$ ,  $\beta$  and  $f$  are taken as constants over each element, and utilizing the property

$$\iint_{\Omega_e} (N_1^e)^l (N_2^e)^m (N_3^e)^n d\Omega = 2 A_e \frac{l!m!n!}{l!+m!+n!}$$

we get

$$K_{ij}^e = \frac{1}{4 A_e} (\alpha_x^e b_i^e b_j^e + \alpha_y^e c_i^e c_j^e) + \frac{A_e}{12} \beta^e (1 + \delta_{ij})$$
$$b_i^e = \frac{A_e}{3} f^e$$

# The Process of Assembly

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- The process of assembly involves storing the local elemental components into their proper location in the global system of equations

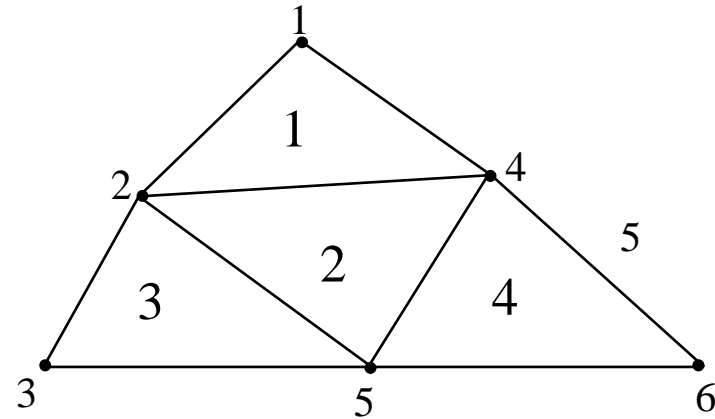
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad [\mathbf{K}]_{N \times N} [\boldsymbol{\varphi}]_{N \times 1} = [\mathbf{b}]_{N \times 1}$$

- The element  $K_{ij}^e$  is added to  $K_{n(i,e),n(j,e)}$
- The element  $b_i^e$  is added to  $b_{n(i,e)}$

# An Assembly Example

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- There are six nodes  $\implies \mathbf{K} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6 \times 6}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathfrak{R}^{6 \times 1}$
- We initialize  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  with zeros
- Evaluate  $\mathbf{K}^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{b}^{(1)}$  and add them to the proper locations to get

## An Assembly Example (Cont'd)

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$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{33}^{(1)} & K_{31}^{(1)} & 0 & K_{32}^{(1)} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{13}^{(1)} & K_{11}^{(1)} & 0 & K_{12}^{(1)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{23}^{(1)} & K_{21}^{(1)} & 0 & K_{22}^{(1)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_3^{(1)} \\ b_1^{(1)} \\ 0 \\ b_2^{(1)} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Evaluate  $\mathbf{K}^{(2)}$  and  $\mathbf{b}^{(2)}$  and add them to the proper locations

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{33}^{(1)} & K_{31}^{(1)} & 0 & K_{32}^{(1)} & 0 & 0 \\ K_{13}^{(1)} & K_{11}^{(1)} + K_{33}^{(2)} & 0 & K_{12}^{(1)} + K_{32}^{(2)} & K_{31}^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{23}^{(1)} & K_{21}^{(1)} + K_{23}^{(2)} & 0 & K_{22}^{(1)} + K_{22}^{(2)} & K_{21}^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & K_{13}^{(2)} & 0 & K_{12}^{(2)} & K_{11}^{(2)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_3^{(1)} \\ b_1^{(1)} + b_3^{(2)} \\ 0 \\ b_2^{(1)} + b_2^{(2)} \\ b_1^{(2)} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Repeat the same steps for all elements

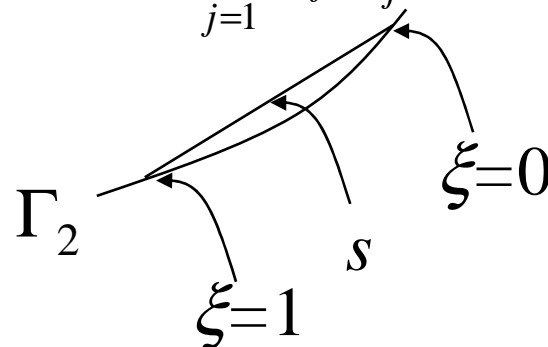
## Incorporating a Boundary Condition of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kind

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- In this case  $\gamma$  and  $q$  are not zeroes
- The extra subfunctional  $F_b(\varphi) = \int_{\Gamma_2} \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \varphi^2 - q\varphi \right] d\Gamma$  is added to the functional  $F$
- Because  $\Gamma_2$  is comprised of  $M_s$  line segments, we may write

$$F_b(\varphi) = \sum_{s=1}^{M_s} F_b^s(\varphi^s)$$

- We approximate the function  $\varphi$  over the segment  $s$  by the linear expression  $\varphi^s = \sum_{j=1}^2 N_j^s \varphi_j^s$ ,  $N_1^s = 1 - \xi$ ,  $N_2^s = \xi$



- $\xi$  is the normalized distance from node 1 to node 2

## Incorporating a 3<sup>rd</sup> Kind BC (Cont'd)

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$$F_b^s(\varphi) = \int_s \left[ \frac{\gamma}{2} \varphi^2 - q\varphi \right] d\Gamma$$

↓ Use the expansion

$$F_b^s(\varphi) = \int_s \left( \frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 \varphi_i^s N_i^s N_j^s \varphi_j^s - q \sum_{i=1}^2 N_i^s \varphi_i^s \right) d\Gamma$$

↓ Differentiate and use  $d\Gamma = l^s d\xi$

$$\frac{\partial F_b^s}{\partial \varphi_i^s} = \sum_{j=1}^2 \varphi_j^s \int_0^1 \gamma N_i^s N_j^s l^s d\xi - \int_0^1 q N_i^s l^s d\xi, \quad i = 1, 2$$

in matrix form  $\frac{\partial F_b^s}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varphi}^s} = [\mathbf{K}^s]_{2 \times 2} [\boldsymbol{\varphi}^s]_{2 \times 1} - [\mathbf{b}^s]_{2 \times 1}$

$$K_{ij}^s = \int_0^1 \gamma N_i^s N_j^s l^s d\xi, \quad b_i^s = \int_0^1 q N_i^s l^s d\xi, \quad i = 1, 2 \text{ and } j = 1, 2$$

- Assembly is then applied to store these coefficients

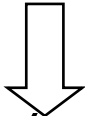


# The Dirichlet Boundary Condition

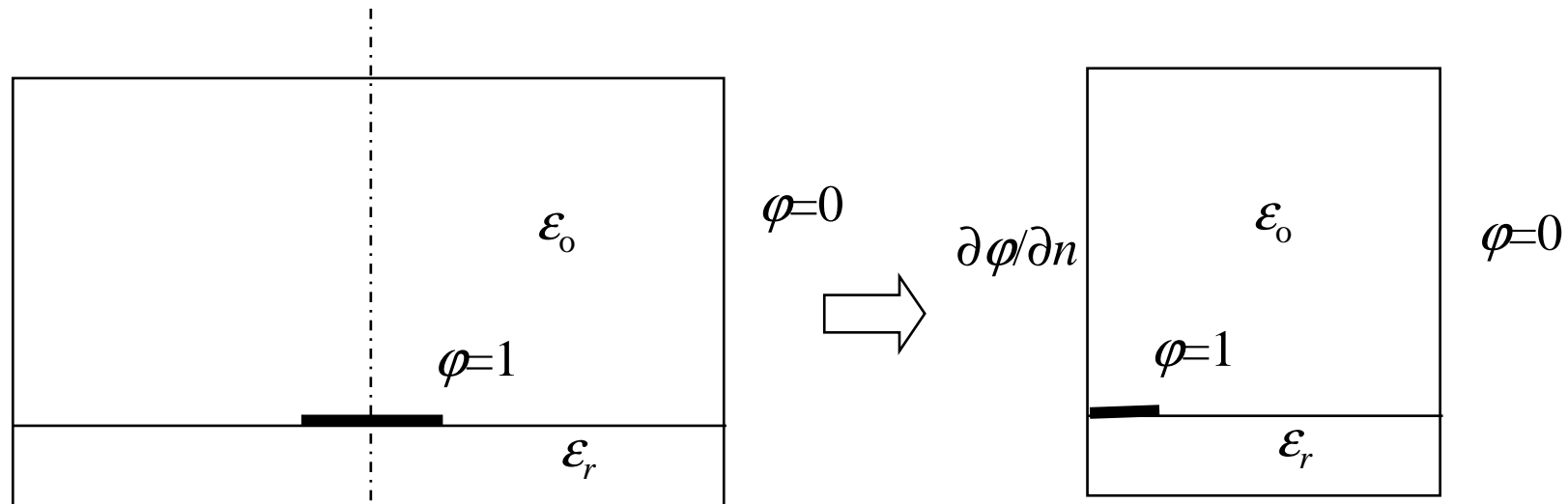
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- The Dirichlet boundary conditions are imposed by eliminating the known nodes by substituting for their values

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{pp} & \mathbf{K}_{pu} \\ \mathbf{K}_{up} & \mathbf{K}_{uu} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_p \\ \boldsymbol{\varphi}_u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_p \\ \mathbf{b}_u \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Original system}$$


$$\mathbf{K}_{uu} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_u = (\mathbf{b}_u - \mathbf{K}_{up} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_p) \quad \text{Reduced system}$$

## An Example: A Shielded Microstrip Line



- The microstrip is kept at potential  $\varphi=1$  while the external shielding box is kept at potential  $\varphi=0$
- Symmetry may be employed to reduce the computational domain by one half
- The governing BVP is

## An Example: A Shielded Microstrip Line (Cont'd)

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$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \epsilon_r \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \epsilon_r \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\rho_c}{\epsilon_0}$$

with  $\varphi = 0$  on the outer conductor,  $\varphi = 1$  on the microstrip and  $\partial\varphi/\partial n = 0$  on the plane of symmetry

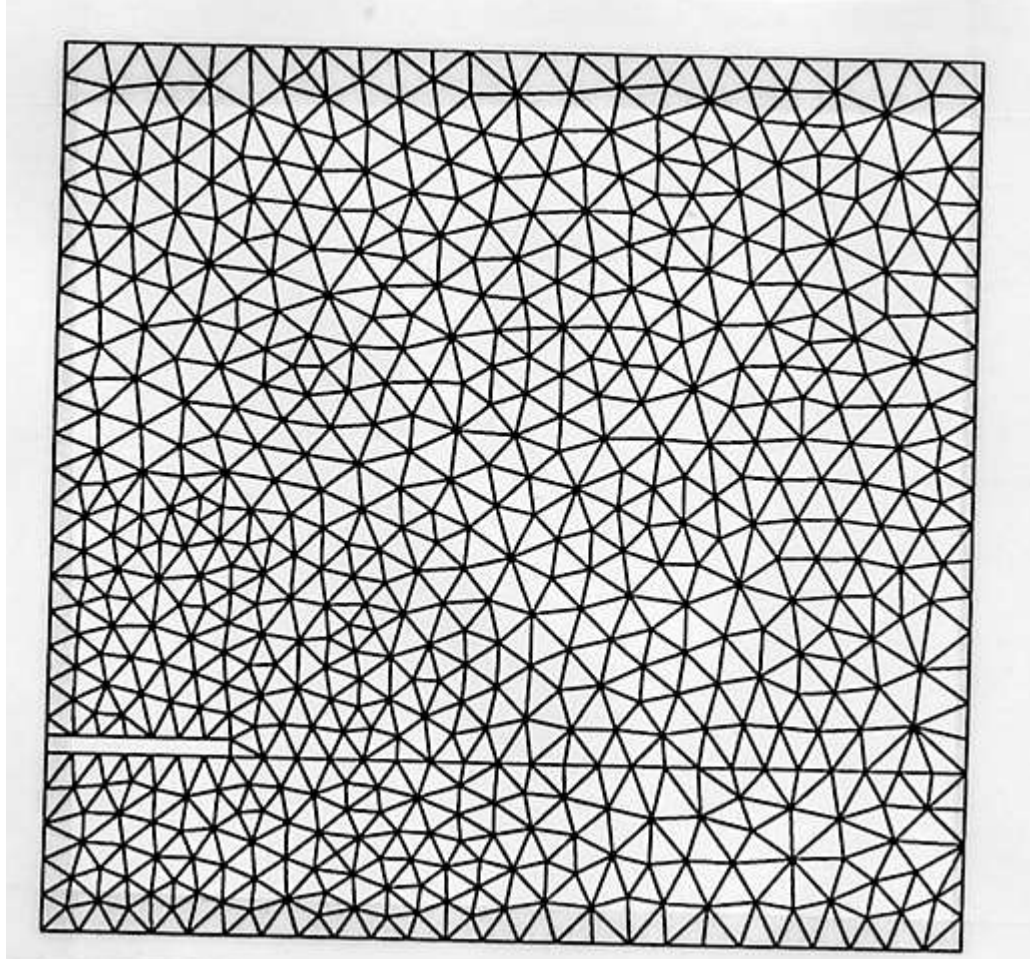
- It follows that we have  $\alpha_x = \alpha_y = \epsilon_r$ ,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $f = 0$
- The electric field is obtained through  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\varphi$ . But  $\varphi$  over each element is approximated by

$$\varphi^e(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^3 N_j^e(x, y) \varphi_j^e, \quad N_j^e(x, y) = \frac{1}{2A_e} (a_j^e + b_j^e x + c_j^e y), \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} - \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} = -\frac{1}{2A_e} \sum_{j=1}^3 (b_j^e \mathbf{i} + c_j^e \mathbf{j}) \varphi_j^e \quad \text{Over the } e\text{th element}$$

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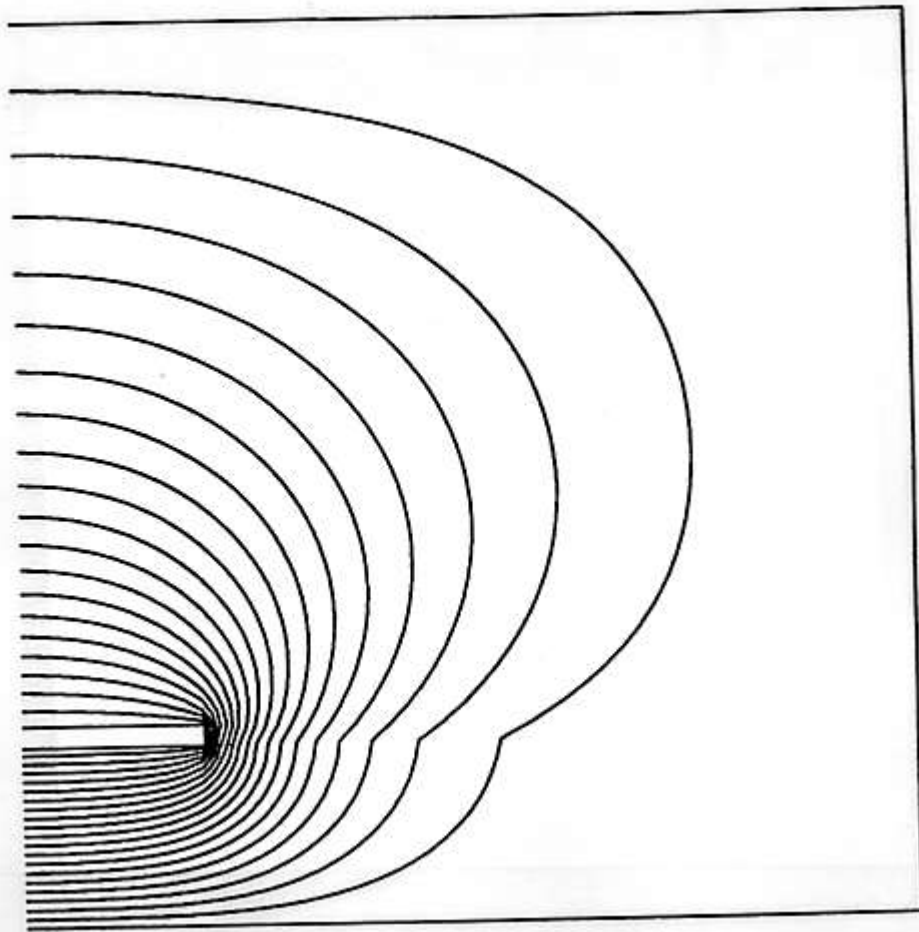
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The equi-potential lines