

# NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS OF HIGHER-ORDER APPROXIMATE SOLUTIONS OF NEUMANN PROBLEMS

ノイマン問題に対する高精度近似解の数値実験

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## 1. Introduction

Recently the author has considered a higher-order approximate procedure for the Neumann problem using the isoparametric finite element method with the relevant lumping operator and he has obtained the optimal order of convergence [1]. The present paper is a report of the numerical experiments on such a problem. For Poisson's equation with inhomogeneous Neumann boundary condition in a domain with a curved boundary, several finite-element procedures are constructed by using piecewise linear or piecewise quadratic basis functions and some relevant lumping operators. For each procedure a series of approximate solutions are obtained by subdividing the domain and its convergence order is compared with the theoretical one.

## 2. Notations and Theoretical Results

Let  $\Omega$  denote a bounded domain in  $R^2$  with boundary  $\Gamma$ , which is sufficiently smooth. Let  $H^m(\Omega)$  be the usual Sobolev space and its norm is given by

$$\|u\|_{m, \Omega} = \left\{ \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \int_{\Omega} |D^{\alpha} u|^2 \, dx dy \right\}^{1/2},$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are non-negative integers,

$$|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \quad \text{and} \quad D^{\alpha} u = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}}$$

$H^0(\Omega)$  is usually expressed as  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Throughout the present paper the following notations are used,

$$(f, v) = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v \, dx dy \quad \text{for } f, v \in L^2(\Omega), \quad (1)$$

$$a(u, v) = (\partial u / \partial x, \partial v / \partial x) + (\partial u / \partial y, \partial v / \partial y) \quad \text{for } u, v \in H^1(\Omega), \quad (2)$$

and

$$[g, v] = \int_{\Gamma} g \cdot v \, dt \quad \text{for } g, v \in L^2(\Gamma). \quad (3)$$

We consider the following problem,

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ du/dn = g & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Here  $\Delta = \partial^2 / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 / \partial y^2$  and  $n$  refers to the outer normal to  $\Gamma$ . In order that a solution exists it is necessary that the inhomogeneous data,  $f$  and  $g$ , satisfy the condition

$$(f, 1) + [g, 1] = 0. \quad (5)$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  have appropriate smoothness, a solution exists in  $H^m(\Omega)$  uniquely under the condition

$$(u, 1) = 0, \quad (6)$$

for some  $m$ .

We triangulate  $\Omega$  so that all the angles of the triangles are greater than some positive number. Let  $T_0$  be a closed fundamental triangle with vertices  $A_1(0, 1)$ ,  $A_2(0, 0)$  and  $A_3(1, 0)$ . In  $T_0$  there exist  $k$  fundamental nodal points,  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^k$ , including three vertices. Let  $\Psi = \{\hat{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be the set of the fundamental basis functions corresponding to  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^k$  such that

$$\hat{\psi}_i(A_j) = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, k,$$

and  $\hat{\psi}_i = 0$  on any side which does not contain  $A_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Required points are added in  $\bar{\Omega}$  so that there exist  $k$  nodal points in the neighbourhood of each triangle. (Three of them are vertices of its triangle, and most of them are shared with the neighbouring triangles.) Let  $N$  be the total number of all the nodal points in  $\bar{\Omega}$  and  $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^N$  be the set of the numbered nodal points. Let  $\{B_i^j\}_{i=1}^N$  be the set of nodal points for the  $j$ -th triangle. ( $B_1^j, B_2^j$  and  $B_3^j$  are vertices.) Then  $F_j = \sum_{i=1}^N B_i^j \hat{\psi}_i \in \Psi \otimes \Psi$ , which satisfies

$$F_j(A_i) = B_i^j \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, k,$$

determines an isoparametric finite element  $K_j$  as

$$K_j = F_j(T_0).$$

Let  $\Omega_h$  be the interior of the union of all the iso-

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parametric finite elements and  $\Gamma_h$  be its boundary. We define the trial function space  $S(\Omega_h)$ , as a  $N$  dimensional subspace of  $H^1(\Omega_h)$  spanned by  $\{\hat{\phi}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ . Here

$$\hat{\phi}_i = \sum_{j=1}^k \delta(P_i, B_j^i) \hat{\psi}_i(F_j^{-1}) \text{ in each } K_j,$$

where  $\delta(P_i, B_j^i) = 1$  if  $P_i = B_j^i$  and  $=0$  otherwise. Let  $P$  be an interpolating operator from  $C(\bar{\Omega}_h)$  into  $S(\Omega_h)$  such that

$$Pu = \sum_{i=1}^N u(P_i) \hat{\phi}_i,$$

where  $C(\bar{\Omega}_h)$  consists of all the continuous functions in  $\bar{\Omega}_h$ . We consider  $\{\bar{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^k$  in  $T_0$ , which is associative with  $\{\hat{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^k$ . (Some conditions are imposed on  $\{\bar{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^k$ . See [1].) Then  $Q$ , a lumping operator from  $C(\bar{\Omega}_h)$  into  $L^2(\Omega_h)$ , is defined similarly to  $P$  replacing  $\hat{\psi}_i$  by  $\bar{\psi}_i$ .

The finite element solution of (4) and (6), which we consider, is  $\hat{u} \in S(\Omega_h)$  such that

$$a_h(\hat{u}, \hat{\phi}) = (f, Q\hat{\phi})_h + [g_\Lambda, \hat{\phi}]_h \text{ for any } \hat{\phi} \in S(\Omega_h), \tag{7}$$

and

$$(\hat{u}, 1)_h = 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $f_1 = Pf - k_2$ ,  $g_\Lambda = Pg$ ,  $k_2 = \{(Pf, 1)_h + [Pg, 1]_h\} / \text{mes}(\Omega_h)$ , and  $(f, v)_h$ ,  $a_h(u, v)$  and  $[g, v]_h$  are defined by replacing  $\Omega$  and  $\Gamma$  with  $\Omega_h$  and  $\Gamma_h$  in (1), (2) and (3).

Remark 1 : It should be noted that  $Pg$  on  $\Gamma_h$  is determined only by the nodal values of  $g$  on  $\Gamma$ . (See the definition of  $\Psi$ .)

Remark 2 : (7) forms  $N$  linear equations, but they are linearly dependent in virtue of  $k_2$ .

Now let us consider some concrete examples of  $P$  and  $Q$  which are used in numerical experiments. Example 1.

$k=3$  and  $\{\hat{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^3$  is as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\psi}_1 &= \eta, \\ \hat{\psi}_2 &= 1 - \xi - \eta, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\hat{\psi}_3 = \xi.$$

This is the usual piecewise linear basis. Then three kinds of  $Q$  are considered. In the first case  $\{\bar{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^3$  is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}_1 &= 1 \text{ in } S_1 \quad \text{and} = 0 \text{ otherwise,} \\ \bar{\psi}_2 &= 1 \text{ in } S_2 \quad \text{and} = 0 \text{ otherwise,} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}_3 = 1 \text{ in } S_3 \quad \text{and} = 0 \text{ otherwise,}$$

where  $S_1$  is a quadrilateral with vertices  $A_1, A_4, G$  and  $A_6$ , and  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  are taken similarly. (See Fig. 1.)

In the second case,

$$\bar{\psi}_1 = \bar{\psi}_2 = \bar{\psi}_3 = 1/3.$$

In the third case,

$$\bar{\psi}_i = \bar{\psi}_1 \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, 3.$$

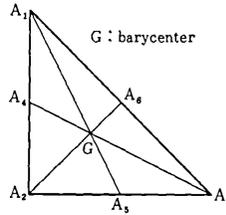


Fig. 1 Fundamental triangle

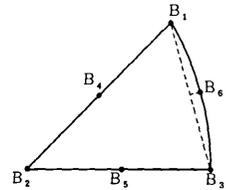


Fig. 2 Curved element

Example 2.

$k=6$ . We take  $A_4, A_5$  and  $A_6$  at the midpoints of  $A_1A_2, A_2A_3$  and  $A_3A_1$  respectively.  $\{\hat{\psi}_i\}_{i=1}^6$  is as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\psi}_1 &= \eta(2\eta - 1), \\ \hat{\psi}_2 &= (1 - \xi - \eta) \{ 1 - 2(\xi + \eta) \}, \\ \hat{\psi}_3 &= \xi(2\xi - 1), \\ \hat{\psi}_4 &= 4\eta(1 - \xi - \eta), \\ \hat{\psi}_5 &= 4\xi(1 - \xi - \eta), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\hat{\psi}_6 = 4\xi\eta.$$

This is the usual piecewise quadratic basis. For the interior element  $K_j$ , at least two vertices of which are in the interior of  $\Omega$ ,  $B_i^j$  ( $i=4, 5, 6$ ) is taken at the midpoint of each side. For the boundary element  $K_j$ , two vertices of which,  $B_1^j$  and  $B_3^j$ , are on the boundary  $\Gamma$ ,  $B_2^j$  is taken at an intersecting point of the boundary and a perpendicular bisector of the side  $B_1^jB_3^j$ .  $B_4^j$  and  $B_5^j$  are taken at the midpoints of  $B_1^jB_2^j$  and  $B_2^jB_3^j$  respectively. Four kinds of  $Q$  are considered. In the first case,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}_1 &= \bar{\psi}_2 = \bar{\psi}_3 = 0, \\ \bar{\psi}_4 &= 1 \text{ in } S_4 \text{ and } = 0 \text{ otherwise,} \\ \bar{\psi}_5 &= 1 \text{ in } S_5 \text{ and } = 0 \text{ otherwise,} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}_6 = 1 \text{ in } S_6 \text{ and } = 0 \text{ otherwise,}$$

where  $S_4$  is a triangle with vertices  $A_1, A_2$  and  $G$ ,

and  $S_5$  and  $S_6$  are taken similarly.

In the second case,

$$\bar{\psi}_1 = \bar{\psi}_2 = \bar{\psi}_3 = 0,$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}_4 = \bar{\psi}_5 = \bar{\psi}_6 = 1/3.$$

In the third case,

$$\bar{\psi}_1 = -1/5 + 3/5 \eta,$$

$$\bar{\psi}_2 = 2/5 - 3/5 \xi - 3/5 \eta,$$

$$\bar{\psi}_3 = -1/5 + 3/5 \xi,$$

$$\bar{\psi}_4 = 3/5 - 4/5 \xi,$$

$$\bar{\psi}_5 = 3/5 - 4/5 \eta,$$

and

$$\bar{\psi}_6 = -1/5 + 4/5 \xi + 4/5 \eta.$$

In the fourth case,

$$\bar{\psi}_i = \bar{\psi}_i \quad \text{for } i=1, \dots, 6.$$

We conclude this section by stating theoretical results in [1].

Theorem 1.

For each example, (7) and (8) have unique solution  $\hat{u} \in S(\Omega_h)$  and the order of its convergence to the exact solution  $u$  of (4) and (6) is shown in Table 1.

Here  $\tilde{u}$  is a continuous extension of  $u$  from  $H^m(\Omega)$  into  $H^m(\Omega \cup \Omega_h)$  and  $h$  is a maximum length of all the sides of the triangles.

### 3. Numerical Experiments and Their Results

In the first place we consider the following

domain,

$$\Omega = \{(x, y); \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 1\}.$$

As the domain is symmetric with respect to the  $x$ -axis and the  $y$ -axis, it is sufficient to solve the equation only in a quarter part of it. (Inhomogeneous data  $f$  and  $g$  are assumed symmetric with respect to both the  $x$ -axis and the  $y$ -axis.) Its subdivisions and  $\Omega_h$  are illustrated in Fig. 3, where the upper row corresponds to Example 1 and the lower one corresponds to Example 2. We consider two problems, whose solutions are

$$u = \log(300 - x^2 - 2y^2) - c \tag{9}$$

and

$$u = x^6 - 2y^4 - c, \tag{10}$$

where each  $c$  is a constant which is determined from (6). In Figs. 4 and 5, the left graphs show the results in  $H^1$ -norm and the right ones in  $L^2$

Table 1 Order of convergence

	Ex. 1-1, 1-2, 1-3	Ex. 2-1, 2-2	Ex. 2-3, 2-4
$\ \hat{u} - \tilde{u}\ _{1, \Omega_h}$	$h$	$h^2$	$h^2$
$\ \hat{u} - \tilde{u}\ _{0, \Omega_h}$	$h^2$	$h^2$	$h^3$

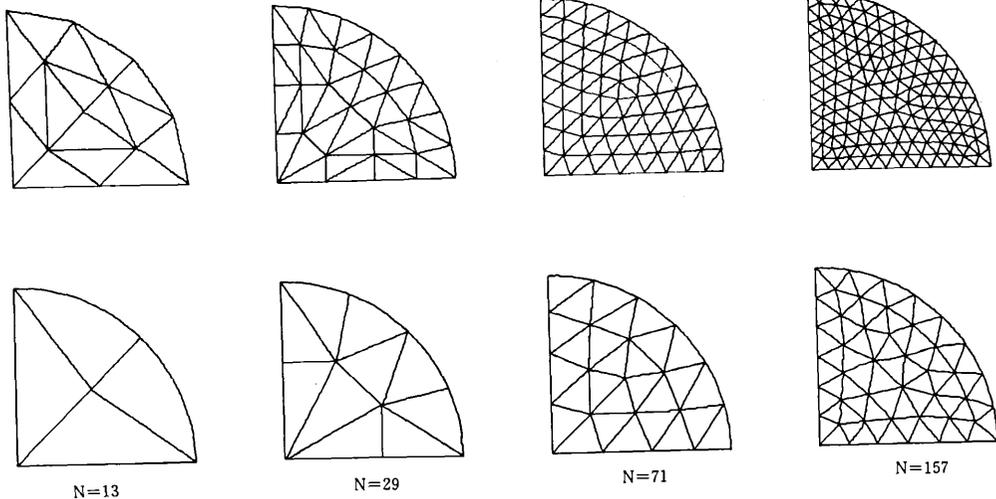


Fig. 3 Subdivisions of the domain

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 -norm. And  $\sqrt{N}$ , which is measured by the abscissa, is proportional to  $h^{-1}$  since subdivisions may be regarded uniform on the whole. Figs. 4 and 5 are concerned with (9) and (10) respectively. As the results of Examples 1-3 and 2-4 lie close to the ones of Examples 1-1 and 2-3 respectively, they are omitted in Figs. 4 and 5.

In the second place we take the following domain,

$$\Omega = \{(x, y); 4 < \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 10\}.$$

Its subdivisions and  $\Omega_h$  are shown in Fig. 6. We take (9) and (10) as the solutions; of course,  $c$  takes different value from the former one. Their results are represented in Figs. 7 and 8.

In computing the right hand side of (7), the integral in  $K_j$  is converted into one in  $T_0$  by the transformation  $F_j^{-1}$  for each  $j$ . Tables 2 and 3 give

the values of  $(\bar{\varphi}_h, \bar{\psi}_h)_T$ .

From Theorem 1, the plotted lines in the above graphs should take the following slopes:

- 1 in  $H^1$ -norm for Examples 1-1 and 1-2,
- 2 in  $H^1$ -norm for Examples 2-1, 2-2 and 2-3,
- 2 in  $L^2$ -norm for Examples 1-1, 1-2, 2-1 and 2-2,
- 3 in  $L^2$ -norm for Example 2-3.

It can be seen that the slopes of the plotted lines are nearly equal to these values in each graph. The results of Examples 1-1 and 1-2 are not so different from each other. Although the theoretical convergence order of Examples 2-1 is the same as one of Example 2-2, each graph shows that the former gives better approximate solutions than the latter. But it is clear from Table 3 that the former needs more computation than the latter in determining the right hand side of (7).

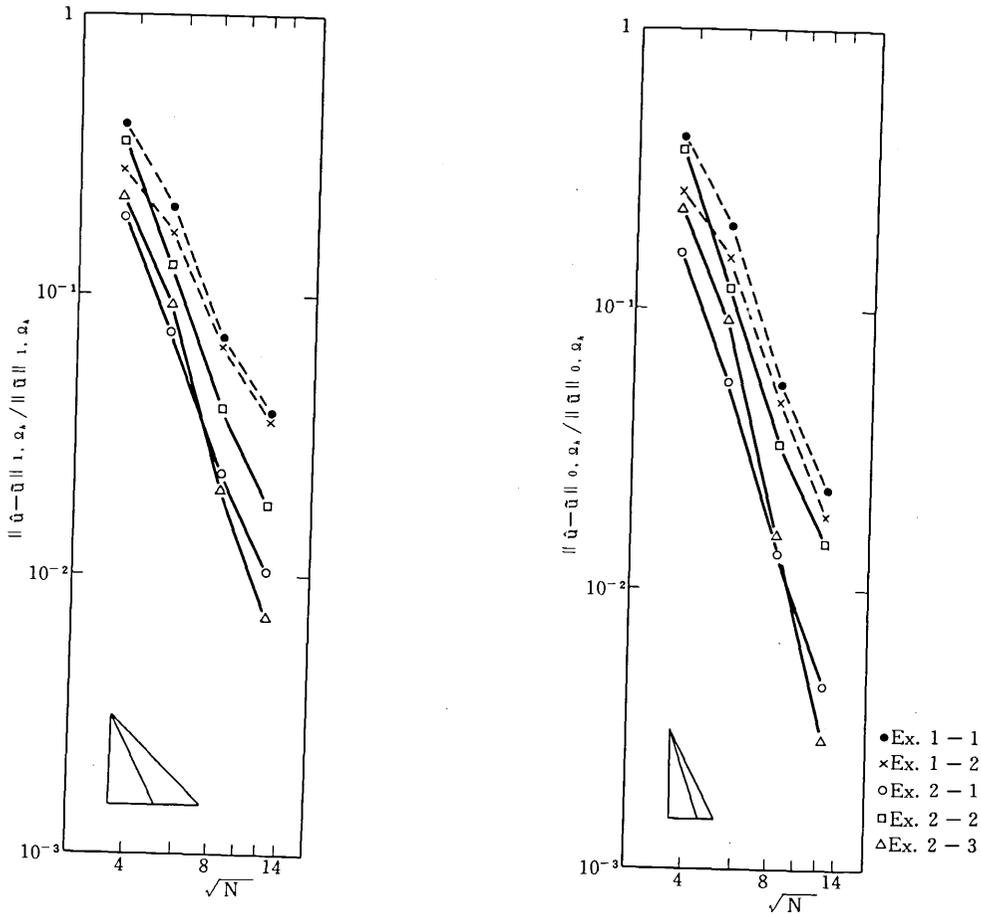


Fig. 4 Relative errors of the approximate solutions

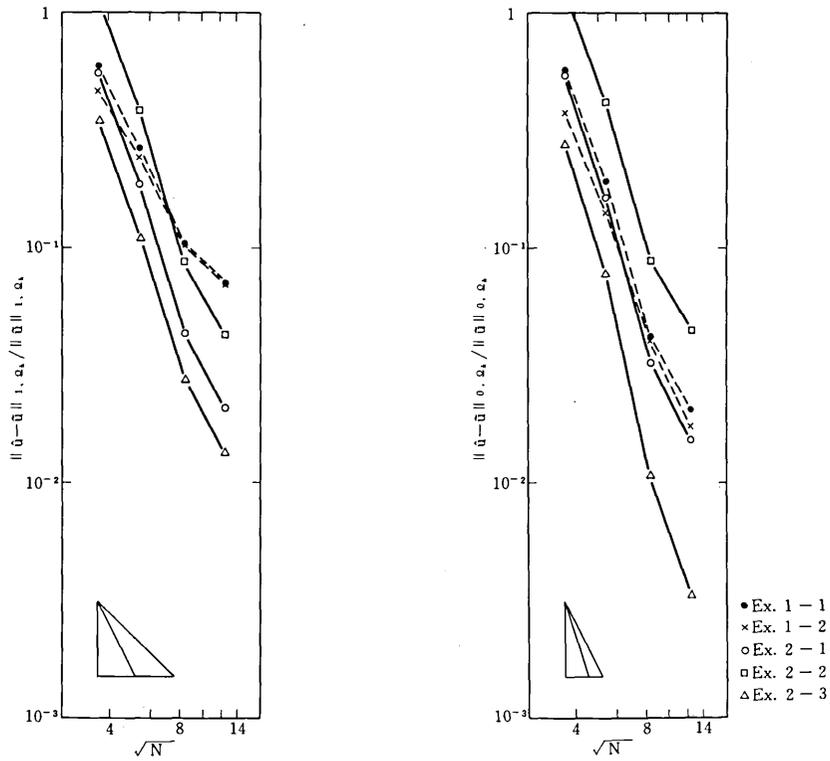


Fig. 5 Relative errors of the approximate solutions

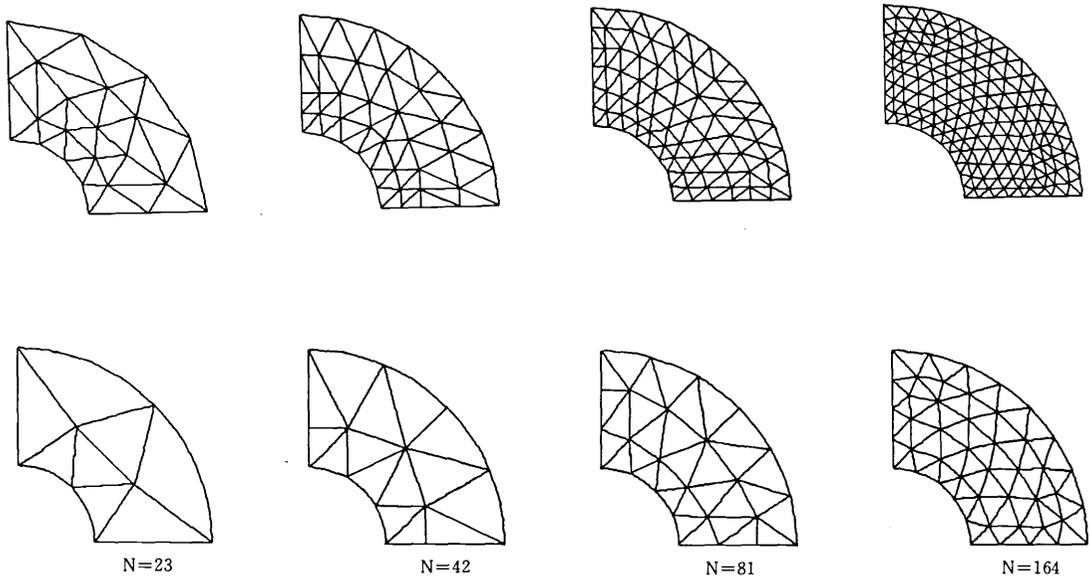


Fig. 6 Subdivisions of the domain

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Table 2 Components of  $(\hat{\psi}_i, \hat{\psi}_j)_T$  in Example 1

		Ex. 1-1		
i \ j	1	2	3	
1	22	7	7	
2		22	7	$\times 1/216$
3	SYM.	7		

		Ex. 1-2		
i \ j	1	2	3	
1	1	1	1	
2		1	1	$\times 1/18$
3	SYM.	1		

		Ex. 1-3		
i \ j	1	2	3	
1	2	1	1	
2		2	1	$\times 1/24$
3	SYM.	2		

Table 3 Non-zero components of  $(\hat{\psi}_i, \hat{\psi}_j)_T$  in Example 2

		Ex. 2-1		
i \ j	2	4	6	
1	1	-2	1	
2	17	5	5	
3	1	1	-2	
4	5	17	5	$\times 1/162$
5	-2	1	1	
6	5	5	17	

		Ex. 2-2					
i \ j	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	6	4	-3	-8	-3	4	
2		44	4	28	-8	28	
3			6	4	-3	-8	
4				44	4	28	$\times 1/600$
5	SYM.				6	4	
6						44	

		Ex. 2-4					
i \ j	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	6	0	-1	-4	-1	0	
2		32	0	16	-4	16	
3			6	0	-1	-4	
4				32	0	16	$\times 1/360$
5	SYM.				6	0	
6						32	

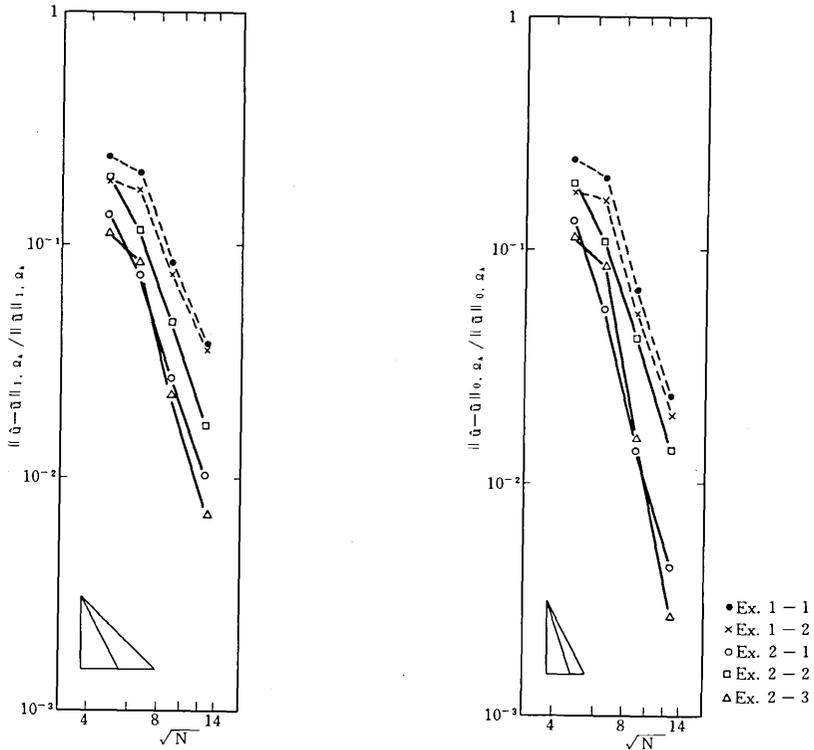


Fig. 7 Relative errors of the approximate solutions

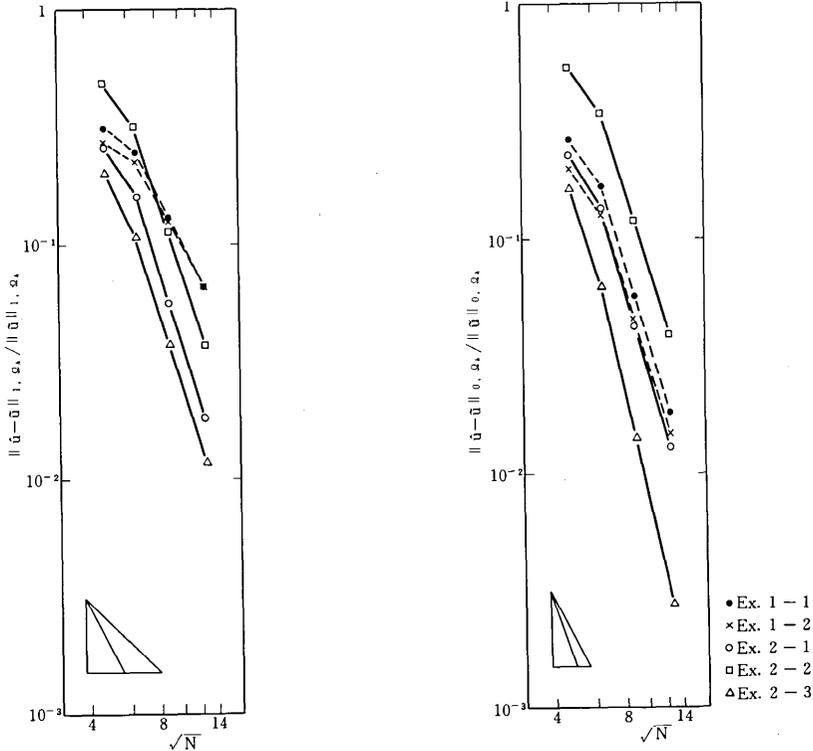


Fig.8 Relative errors of the approximate solutions

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