

# **Symbolic-Numerical Algorithms for Solving Elliptic Boundary-Value Problems Using Multivariate Simplex Lagrange Elements**

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**Abstract.** We propose new symbolic-numerical algorithms implemented in Maple-Fortran environment for solving the self-adjoint elliptic boundary-value problem in a d-dimensional polyhedral finite domain, using the high-accuracy finite element method with multivariate Lagrange elements in the simplexes. The high-order fully symmetric PI-type Gaussian quadratures with positive weights and no points outside the simplex are calculated by means of the new symbolic-numerical algorithms implemented in Maple. Quadrature rules up to order 8 on the simplexes with dimension  $d = 3 - 6$  are presented. We demonstrate the efficiency of algorithms and programs by benchmark calculations of a low part of spectra of exactly solvable Helmholtz problems for a cube and a hypercube.

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### **1 Introduction**

The progress of modern computing power offers more possibilities for setting and numerical solution of multidimensional elliptic boundary-value problems (BVPs) with high accuracy. 3D BVPs have wide applications in such areas as vibrating membrane, electromagnetic radiation, motion of thermal neutrons in the reactor, seismology, and acoustics, see, e.g., [\[4](#page-15-0)], while multidimensional BVPs have applications in nuclear physics, see, e.g., [\[7\]](#page-15-1). For this purpose, novel numerical methods of high accuracy order are being developed. When reducing the boundary value problem to an algebraic one in the finite element method (FEM) of the order  $p$ , one of the problems is the calculation of integrals on a finite element (we consider only simplicial finite elements) containing the products of two basis functions of Lagrange or Hermite interpolation polynomials of the order  $p$  by the coefficients for the unknown functions  $[5,9]$  $[5,9]$ . There are three possible ways to calculate the integrals:

- (i) using analytical calculation, which is possible for a limited number of cases;
- (ii) using quadrature formulas with products of two basic functions used as a weight function;
- (iii) using quadrature formulas with a single weight function.

It is well known [\[20\]](#page-16-1) that as a result of applying the pth order FEM to the solution of the discrete spectrum problem for the elliptic (Schrödinger) equation, the eigenfunction and the eigenvalue are determined with an accuracy of the order  $p + 1$  and  $2p$  provided that all intermediate quantities are calculated with sufficient accuracy. It follows that for the realization of the FEM of the order  $p$  in the third case, the integrals must be computed at least with an accuracy of the order 2p, depending on the problem considered. The most economical calculation of such integrals is achieved using the quadratures of Gaussian type. In the one-dimensional case, the nodes and the quadrature Gaussian weights are expressed analytically; in the two-, three- and four-dimensional case, the high-order quadrature formulas are determined numerically [\[2](#page-15-3),[6,](#page-15-4)[8,](#page-15-5)[10](#page-16-2)[,17](#page-16-3)[–19,](#page-16-4)[21\]](#page-16-5). Note that for multidimensional integrals, numerous quadrature formulas of the Newton–Cotes and third-order Gaussian type are known, too (see Ref. [\[1](#page-15-6)]).

The paper presents a new method for constructing fully symmetric multidimensional Gaussian-type quadratures on a standard simplex. The main idea of the method is replacing the coordinates of nodes with their symmetric combinations obtained using the Vieta theorem, which simplifies the system of nonlinear algebraic equations. The construction of the desired systems of equations is performed analytically using an original algorithm implemented in Maple [\[13](#page-16-6)]. The derived systems up to the sixth order are solved using the built-in procedure PolynomialSystem, implementing the technique of Gröbner bases, and the systems of higher order are solved using the developed symbolic-numerical algorithm based on numerical methods, implemented in Maple-Fortran environment. We demonstrate the efficiency of algorithms and programs by benchmark calculations of the lower part of spectra in exactly solvable Helmholtz problems for a cube and a hypercube.

The paper is structured as follows. In Sects. [2](#page-2-0) and [3,](#page-3-0) the FEM schemes and algorithms for solving the d-dimensional BVP are presented. In Sect. [4,](#page-9-0) the algorithms for constructing the d-dimensional fully symmetric Gaussian quadratures are presented. In Sect. [5,](#page-12-0) the benchmark calculations of the exactly solvable Helmholtz problems for the cube and hypercube are presented. In Conclusion, we discuss the results and perspectives.

#### <span id="page-2-0"></span>**2 Setting of the Problem**

Consider a self-adjoint boundary-value problem for the elliptic differential equation of the second order:

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
(D - E)\Phi(z) \equiv \left(-\frac{1}{g_0(z)}\sum_{ij=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} g_{ij}(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} + V(z) - E\right)\Phi(z) = 0. \tag{1}
$$

For the principal part coefficients of Eq.  $(1)$ , the condition of uniform ellipticity holds in the bounded domain  $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_d) \in \Omega$  of the Euclidean space  $\mathcal{R}^d$ , i.e., the constants  $\mu > 0$ ,  $\nu > 0$  exist such that  $\mu \xi^2 \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^d g_{ij}(z)\xi_i\xi_j \leq \nu \xi^2$ ,  $\xi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^d \xi_i^2, \forall \xi_i \in \mathcal{R}$ . The left-hand side of this inequality expresses the requirement of ellipticity, while the right-hand side expresses the boundedness of the coefficients  $g_{ij}(z)$ . It is also assumed that  $g_0(z) > 0$ ,  $g_{ji}(z) = g_{ij}(z)$  and  $V(z)$ are real-valued functions, continuous together with their generalized derivatives to a given order in the domain  $z \in \overline{\Omega} = \Omega \cup \partial \Omega$  with the piecewise continuous boundary  $S = \partial \Omega$ , which provides the existence of nontrivial solutions obeying the boundary conditions [\[5](#page-15-2)] of the first kind

$$
\Phi(z)|_S = 0,\t\t(2)
$$

or the second kind

$$
\frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial n_D}\Big|_S = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial n_D} = \sum_{ij=1}^d (\hat{n}, \hat{e}_i) g_{ij}(z) \frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial z_j}, \tag{3}
$$

where  $\frac{\partial \Phi_m(z)}{\partial n_D}$  is the derivative along the conformal direction,  $\hat{n}$  is the outer normal to the boundary of the domain  $S = \partial \Omega$ ,  $\hat{e}_i$  is the unit vector of  $z = \nabla^d$  $\sum_{i=1}^{d} \hat{e}_i z_i$ , and  $(\hat{n}, \hat{e}_i)$  is the scalar product in  $\mathcal{R}^d$ .

For a discrete spectrum problem, the functions  $\Phi_m(z)$  from the Sobolev space  $H_2^{s\geq 1}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Phi_m(z) \in H_2^{s\geq 1}(\Omega)$ , corresponding to the real eigenvalues  $E: E_1 \leq$  $E_2 \leq \ldots \leq E_m \leq \ldots$  satisfy the conditions of normalization and orthogonality

<span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
\langle \Phi_m(z)|\Phi_{m'}(z)\rangle = \int_{\Omega} dz g_0(z)\Phi_m(z)\Phi_{m'}(z) = \delta_{mm'}, \quad dz = dz_1 \dots dz_d. \tag{4}
$$

The FEM solution of the boundary-value problems  $(1)$ – $(4)$  is reduced to the determination of stationary points of the variational functional [\[3](#page-15-7),[5\]](#page-15-2)

<span id="page-2-3"></span>
$$
\Xi(\Phi_m, E_m) \equiv \int_{\Omega} dz g_0(z) \Phi_m(z) (D - E_m) \Phi(z) = \Pi(\Phi_m, E_m), \tag{5}
$$

where  $\Pi(\Phi, E)$  is the symmetric quadratic functional

$$
\Pi(\Phi, E) = \int_{\Omega} dz \left[ \sum_{ij=1}^{d} g_{ij}(z) \frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial \Phi(z)}{\partial z_j} + g_0(z) \Phi(z) (V(z) - E) \Phi(z) \right].
$$

#### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 FEM Calculation Scheme**

In FEM, the domain  $\Omega = \Omega_h(z) = \bigcup_{q=1}^Q \Delta_q$ , specified as a polyhedral domain, is covered with finite elements, in the present case, the simplexes  $\Delta_q$  with  $d+1$ vertices  $\hat{z}_i = (\hat{z}_{i1}, \hat{z}_{i2}, \dots, \hat{z}_{id}), i = 0, \dots, d$ . Each edge of the simplex  $\Delta_q$  is divided into p equal parts, and the families of parallel hyperplanes  $H(i, k)$  are drawn, numbered with the integers  $k = 0, \ldots, p$ , starting from the corresponding face (see also [\[5](#page-15-2)]). The equation of the hyperplane is  $H(i,k)$ :  $H(i;z) - k/p = 0$ , where  $H(i; z)$  is a linear function of z.

The node points of hyperplanes crossing  $A_r$  are enumerated with the sets of integers  $[n_0, ..., n_d]$ ,  $n_i \geq 0$ ,  $n_0 + ... + n_d = p$ , where  $n_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, ..., d$  are the numbers of hyperplanes, parallel to the simplex face, not containing the ith vertex  $\hat{z}_i = (\hat{z}_{i1},...,\hat{z}_{id})$ . The coordinates  $\xi_r = (\xi_{r1},...,\xi_{rd})$  of the node point  $A_r \in \Delta_q$  are calculated using the formula

$$
(\xi_{r1},\ldots,\xi_{rd})=(\hat{z}_{01},\ldots,\hat{z}_{0d})\frac{n_0}{p}+(\hat{z}_{11},\ldots,\hat{z}_{1d})\frac{n_1}{p}+\ldots+(\hat{z}_{d1},\ldots,\hat{z}_{dd})\frac{n_d}{p}(6)
$$

from the coordinates of the vertices  $\hat{z}_j = (\hat{z}_{j1}, \dots, \hat{z}_{jd})$ . Then the Lagrange interpolation polynomials (LIP)  $\varphi_r^p(z)$  are equal to one at the point  $A_r$  with the coordinates  $\xi_r = (\xi_{r1}, \ldots, \xi_{rd})$ , characterized by the numbers  $[n_0, n_1, \ldots, n_d]$ , and equal to zero at the remaining points  $\xi_{r'}$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_r^p(\xi_{r'}) = \delta_{rr'}$ , have the form

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
\varphi_r^p(z) = \prod_{i=0}^d \prod_{n'_i=0}^{n_i-1} \frac{H(i;z) - n'_i/p}{H(i;\xi_r) - n'_i/p}.\tag{7}
$$

As shape functions in the simplex  $\Delta_q$  we use the multivariate Lagrange interpolation polynomials  $\varphi_l^p(z)$  of the order p that satisfy the condition  $\varphi_l^p(x_{1l'}, x_{2l'})$  $= \delta_{ll'}$ , i.e., equal 1 at one of the points  $A_l$  and zero at the other points. In this method, the piecewise polynomial functions  $N_l^p(z)$  in the domain  $\Omega$  are constructed by joining the shape functions  $\varphi_l^p(z)$  in the simplex  $\Delta_q$ :

$$
N_l^p(z) = \{ \varphi_l^p(z), A_l \in \Delta_q; 0, A_l \notin \Delta_q \}
$$

and possess the following properties: the functions  $N_l^p(z)$  are continuous in the domain  $\Omega$ ; the functions  $N_l^p(z)$  equal 1 at one of the points  $A_l$  and zero at the rest of the points;  $N_l^p(z_{l'}) = \delta_{ll'}$  in the entire domain  $\Omega$ . Here l takes the values  $l=1,\ldots,N.$ 

The functions  $N_l^p(z)$  form a basis in the space of polynomials of the pth order. Now, the function  $\Phi(z) \in \mathcal{H}^1(\Omega)$  is approximated by a finite sum of piecewise basis functions  $N_l^p(z)$ :

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\Phi^h(z) = \sum_{l=1}^N \Phi_l^h N_l^p(z).
$$
 (8)

$d=3$		$d=4$		$d=5$				$d=6$			
Orbits Perm.		Orbits Perm.		Orbits Perm.		Orbits	Perm.	Orbits   Perm.		Orbits	Perm.
$S_4$	1	$S_5$	1	$S_6$	1	$S_{3111}$	120	$S_7$	1	$S_{4111}$	210
$S_{31}$	4	$S_{41}$	5	$S_{51}$	6	$S_{2211}$	180	$S_{61}$	7	$S_{3211}$	420
$S_{22}$	6	$S_{32}$	10	$S_{42}$	15	$S_{21111}$	360	$S_{52}$	21	$S_{2221}$	630
$S_{211}$	12	$S_{311}$	20	$S_{33}$	20	$S_{111111}$	720	$S_{43}$	35	$S_{31111}$	840
$S_{1111}$	24	$S_{221}$	30	$S_{411}$	30			$S_{511}$	42	$S_{22111}$	1260
		$S_{2111}$	60	$S_{321}$	60			$S_{421}$	105	$S_{211111}$	2520
		$S_{11111}$	120	$S_{222}$	90			$S_{331}$	140	$S_{1111111}$	5040
								$S_{322}$	210		

<span id="page-4-2"></span>**Table 1.** The orbits and their number of permutations for  $d = 3, 4, 5, 6$ .

After substituting expansion  $(8)$  into the variational functional  $(5)$  and minimizing it [\[3,](#page-15-7)[20\]](#page-16-1), we obtain the generalized eigenvalue problem

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
\mathbf{A}^p \boldsymbol{\Phi}^h = \varepsilon^h \mathbf{B}^p \boldsymbol{\Phi}^h. \tag{9}
$$

Here  $\mathbf{A}^p$  is the symmetric stiffness matrix;  $\mathbf{B}^p$  is the symmetric positive definite mass matrix;  $\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\tilde{h}}$  is the vector approximating the solution on the finite-element grid; and  $\varepsilon^h$  is the corresponding eigenvalue. The matrices  $\mathbf{A}^p$  and  $\mathbf{B}^p$  have the form:

$$
\mathbf{A}^p = \{a_{ll'}^p\}_{ll'=1}^N, \mathbf{B}^p = \{b_{ll'}^p\}_{ll'=1}^N,\tag{10}
$$

where the matrix elements  $a_{ll'}^p$  and  $b_{ll'}^p$  are calculated for simplex elements as

$$
a_{ll'}^p = \sum_{ij=1}^d \int_{\Delta_q} g_{ij}(z) \frac{\partial \varphi_l^p(z)}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial \varphi_l^p(z)}{\partial z_j} dz + \int_{\Delta_q} g_0(z) \varphi_l^p(z) \varphi_{l'}^p(z) V(z) dz,
$$
  
\n
$$
b_{ll'}^p = \int_{\Delta_q} g_0(z) \varphi_l^p(z) \varphi_{l'}^p(z) dz.
$$
\n(11)

The economical implementation of FEM is the following.

The calculations, including those of FEM integrals for mass and stiffness matrices at each subdomain  $\Delta_q$  are performed in the local (reference) system of  $\alpha$  coordinates  $x$ , in which the coordinates of the simplex vertices are the following:  $\hat{x}_j = (\hat{x}_{j1}, \dots, \hat{x}_{jd}), \hat{x}_{jk} = \delta_{jk}, j = 0, \dots, d, k = 1, \dots, d.$ 

Let us construct the Lagrange interpolation polynomial (LIP) on an arbitrary d-dimensional simplex  $\Delta_q$  with vertices  $\hat{z}_i = (\hat{z}_{i1}, \hat{z}_{i2}, \dots, \hat{z}_{id}), i = 0, \dots, d$ . For this purpose, we introduce the local system of coordinates  $x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d) \in$  $\mathcal{R}^d$ , in which the coordinates of the simplex vertices are  $\hat{x}_i$ . The relation between the coordinates is given by the formula:

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
z_i = \hat{z}_{0i} + \sum_{j=1}^d \hat{J}_{ij} x_j, \quad \hat{J}_{ij} = \hat{z}_{ji} - \hat{z}_{0i}, \quad i = 1, ..., d.
$$
 (12)

Orbit	Weight	Abscissas			
14-points 4-order rule					
$S_{31}$	0.0801186758957551214557967806191	0.0963721076152827180679867982109			
$S_{31}$	0.1243674424942431317471251193937	0.3123064218132941261147265437508			
$S_{22}$	0.0303425877400011645313853999915	0.0274707886853344957750132954191			
14-points 5-order rule					
$S_{31}$	0.0734930431163619495437102054863	0.0927352503108912264023239137370			
$S_{31}$	0.1126879257180158507991856523333	0.3108859192633006097973457337635			
$\mathcal{S}_{22}$	0.0425460207770814664380694281203	0.0455037041256496494918805262793			
24-points 6-order rule					
$S_{31}$	0.0399227502581674920996906275575	0.2146028712591520292888392193863			
$S_{31}$	0.0100772110553206429480132374459	0.0406739585346113531155794489564			
$S_{31}$	0.0553571815436547220951532778537	0.3223378901422755103439944707625			
$S_{211}$	0.0482142857142857142857142857143	0.0636610018750175252992355276057 0.6030056647916491413674311390609			
35-points 7-order rule					
$S_4$	0.0954852894641308488605784361172	0.25000000000000000000000000000000			
$S_{31}$	0.0423295812099670290762861707986	0.3157011497782027994234299995933			
$S_{22}$	0.0318969278328575799342748240829	0.0504898225983963687630538229866			
$S_{211}$	0.0372071307283346213696155611915	0.1888338310260010477364311038546 0.5751716375870000234832415770223			
$\mathcal{S}_{211}$	0.0081107708299033415661034334911	0.0212654725414832459888361014998 0.8108302410985485611181053798482			
46-points 8-order rule					
$S_{31}$	0.0063972777406656176515049738764	0.0396757518582111225277078936298			
$S_{31}$	0.0401906214382288067038698161802	0.3144877686588789672386516888007			
$S_{31}$	0.0243081692121760770795396363192	0.1019873469010702748038937565346			
$S_{31}$	0.0548586277637264928464254253584	0.1842037697228154771186065671874			
$S_{22}$	0.0357196747563309013579348149829	0.0634363951662790318385035375295			
$S_{211}$	0.0071831862652404057248973769332	0.0216901288123494021982001218658 0.7199316530057482532021892796203			
$S_{211}$	0.0163720776383284788356885983306	0.2044800362678728018101543629799 0.5805775568740886759781950895673			

<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Table 2.** Quadrature rule on tetrahedra.

The inverse transformation and the relation between the differentiation operators are given by the formulas

$$
x_i = \sum_{j=1}^d (\hat{J}^{-1})_{ij} (z_j - \hat{z}_{0j}), \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^d \hat{J}_{ji} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} = \sum_{j=1}^d (\hat{J}^{-1})_{ji} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}.
$$

	Orbit   Weight	Abscissas				
	20-points 4-order rule					
$S_{41}$	0.0379539224206539610831511760634	0.0784224645320084412701860095372				
$S_{41}$	0.0681384495140965073072374189421	0.2449925002516506829747267241998				
$S_{32}$	0.0469538140326247658048057024973	0.0657807054017604429326659923627				
	30-points 5-order rule					
$S_{41}$	0.0492516801753157409383956672833	0.0853466308308594082516329452526				
$S_{41}$	0.0325114606587393649369493738878	0.2369600116614607056460832163398				
$S_{32}$	0.0175327109958004508766635908927	0.0412980141318484010482052159450				
$S_{32}$	0.0415857185871719961856638885218	0.2997443384790352862963354895649				
	56-points 6-order rule					
$S_5$	0.0732792367435547721884408088550	0.2000000000000000000000000000000				
$S_{41}$	0.0047429121713183739117905941798	0.0417033817484816144703679735243				
$S_{32}$	0.0371671124025330069869448829255	0.2956227971470980491911963343462				
$S_{311}$	0.0133362480184817717166547744056	0.1543949248731168427369921195673				
		0.5227506462276968325151584695712				
$S_{311}$	0.0132305059002443927025030951440	0.0478156751378274921515148624255				
		0.2819739419928806028716278777811				
	76-points 7-order rule					
$S_5$	0.0282727667597935101461654674137	0.2000000000000000000000000000000				
$S_{41}$	0.0171637920155537955591265968365	0.2494020893093779695674000557470				
$S_{32}$	0.0084262904177368737487641566458	0.0390279956601069690478223468028				
$S_{32}$	0.0151633627560453145809862914879	0.1283114044638121921594658569279				
$S_{311}$	0.0041099348414815560204478025486	0.0338474709865642635279969618386				
		0.7462624286813390611020624803775				
$S_{221}$	0.0189271014864994836117247005365	0.0448337964557961849763900084527				
		0.2098710857162324764262981778162				
110-points 8-order rule						
$S_{41}$	0.0209889631062033488284471858741	0.1064160632601420588468274348524				
$S_{41}$	0.0025569304299619087111133529054	0.0405432824126613113549340882657				
$S_{32}$	0.0153364140237452308225281532013	0.0553205204859791157778648564000				
$S_{32}$	0.0143413703554045577679712361587	0.1329849247207488765271172398305				
$S_{32}$	0.0219839063571691797013874119590	0.2921649623679039933512390863408				
$S_{311}$	0.0036998351176104420717284969383	0.0333398788668747287190327986033				
		0.6960284779140254845117282473257				
$S_{311}$	0.0102875153954967332446050836803	0.1749055465990825034189472406388 0.4713583394803434080155451322627				
$S_{221}$	0.0028635538231280174352219226847	0.2139955562978852147651302856947				
		0.0055794471455235244097015787040				

<span id="page-6-0"></span>**Table 3.** Quadrature rule on  $d = 4$  dimensional simplex.

	Orbit   Weight	Abscissas			
27-points 4-order rule					
$S_6$	0.2380952380952380952380952380952	0.166666666666666666666666666667			
$S_{51}$	0.0476190476190476190476190476190	0.0833333333333333333333333333333			
$S_{33}$	0.0238095238095238095238095238095	0.3110042339640731077939538617922			
	37-points 5-order rule				
$S_6$	0.1537202203084293617727126367247	0.166666666666666666666666666667			
$S_{51}$	0.0289106224493151615615928162885	0.07500000000000000000000000000000			
$S_{42}$	0.0272301053298578547025239158396	0.0620931177937680448262436473512			
$S_{42}$	0.0176242976698541232213247818634	0.2494113069849930171206590075161			
102-points 6-order rule					
$S_{51}$	0.0220609777699918416385171809216	0.0936784796657907179507883184494			
$S_{51}$	0.0010288939840293747752001192602	0.0270566434340766625713558698570			
$S_{42}$	0.0156264172618719457418380080610	0.0653950986037339179722692404805			
$S_{42}$	0.0278282494445825546266341924031	0.2298844181626658901051213339390			
$S_{321}$	0.0034940128146509199331768865324	0.0182868036924305667708203585711 0.1963426392615138866458359282858			
137-points 7-order rule					
$S_{51}$	0.0251079912995851246690568379932	0.1962505998027202386302784835916			
$S_{51}$	0.0268181773072546325688248594140	0.1073064529494792948889112833415			
$S_{42}$	0.0088856106397381008037487732556	0.0499693465734168548516130660759			
$S_{33}$	0.0155965105537609568596496409074	0.2812294050576655725449341659515			
$\mathcal{S}_{411}$	0.0013215130252633881273492640567	0.0287356582492413683812555969369			
		0.7243025794534749187969716773294			
$S_{321}$	0.0033930537821628193917167912812	0.1573270862326151676898601262299			
		0.0036548286115748769147071291765			
	257-points 8-order rule				
$S_{51}$	0.0176303711895221798359615170829	0.1062079269440531427851821818230			
$S_{51}$	0.0022261212103870366035563829745	0.0445128753938546747539305403018			
$S_{42}$	0.0166747305797216127029493671085	0.2215271654487921945556436076078			
$S_{33}$	0.0039660204626209654516270279365	0.0287362439702382298273521354305			
$S_{411}$	0.0013712761289024193505102030670	0.0302807316628161184245512327246			
		0.5742625240747101119061964222732			
$S_{321}$	0.0009261971752463936292941257741	0.0178653742410041824343316617132 0.1599485035546596050768099856676			
$S_{321}$	0.0048311921097760693226621205033	0.0971175464224689537586197747871			
		0.3509135920039025566598219642999			
$S_{321}$	0.0027473006113980140692238444274	0.1542598417836536904457879818959			
		0.0175301902661063495789625995714			

<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Table 4.** Quadrature rule on  $d = 5$  dimensional simplex.



<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Table 5.** Quadrature rule on  $d = 6$  dimensional simplex.

The integrals that enter the variational functional [\(5\)](#page-2-3) on the domain  $\Omega_h(z)$  $\bigcup_{q=1}^{Q} \Delta_q$ , are expressed via the integrals, calculated on the element  $\Delta_q$ , and recalculated to the local coordinates x on the element  $\Delta$ ,

<span id="page-9-1"></span>
$$
\int_{\Delta_q} dz g_0(z) \varphi_r^p(z) \varphi_{r'}^p(z) V(z) = J \int_{\Delta} dx g_0(z(x)) \varphi_r^p(x) \varphi_{r'}^p(x) V(z(x)), \quad (13)
$$
\n
$$
\int_{\Delta_q} dz g_{s_1 s_2}(z) \frac{\partial \varphi_r^p(z)}{\partial z_{s_1}} \frac{\partial \varphi_{r'}^p(z)}{\partial z_{s_2}}
$$
\n
$$
= J \sum_{t_1, t_2=1}^d \hat{J}_{s_1 s_2; t_1 t_2}^{-1} \int_{\Delta} dx g_{s_1 s_2}(z(x)) \frac{\partial \varphi_r^p(x)}{\partial x_{t_1}} \frac{\partial \varphi_{r'}^p(x)}{\partial x_{t_2}},
$$

where  $J = \det \hat{J} > 0$  is the determinant of the matrix  $\hat{J}$  from Eq. [\(12\)](#page-4-0),  $\hat{J}^{-1}_{s_1,s_2;t_1;t_2}$  $(\hat{J}^{-1})_{t_1s_1}(\hat{J}^{-1})_{t_2s_2}, dx = dx_1 \dots dx_d.$ 

In the local coordinates, the LIP  $\varphi_r^p(x)$  is equal to one at the node point  $\xi_r$ characterized by the numbers  $[n_0, n_1, \ldots, n_d]$ , and zero at the remaining node points  $\xi'_r$ , i.e.,  $\varphi_r(\xi'_r) = \delta_{rr}$  are determined by Eq. [\(7\)](#page-3-2) at  $H(0; x) = 1 - x_1 - \ldots$  $x_d$ ,  $H(i; z) = x_i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, d$ :

$$
\varphi_r(x) = \prod_{i=1}^d \prod_{n_i=0}^{n_i-1} \frac{x_i - n_i/p}{n_i/p - n_i/p} \prod_{n_0=0}^{n_0-1} \frac{1 - x_1 - \ldots - x_d - n_0/p}{n_0/p - n_0/p}.
$$
 (14)

Integrals [\(13\)](#page-9-1) are evaluated using the Gaussian quadrature of the order 2p.

Let  $\varepsilon_m$  and  $\Phi_m(z)$  be exact solutions of Eq. [\(9\)](#page-4-1) and  $\varepsilon_m^h$  and  $\Phi_m^h$  be the corresponding numerical solutions. Then the following estimations are valid [\[20\]](#page-16-1)

<span id="page-9-3"></span>
$$
|\varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_m^h| \le c_1 |\varepsilon_m| h^{2p}, \quad \|\Phi_m(z) - \Phi_m^h\|_0 \le c_2 |E_m| h^{p+1}, \tag{15}
$$

where  $||a(z)||_0^2 = \langle a(z)|a(z)\rangle$ , h is the maximal step of the finite-element grid, m is the number of the corresponding solution, and the positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  do not depend on the step h.

To solve the generalized eigenvalue problem [\(9\)](#page-4-1), we choose the subspace iteration method [\[3,](#page-15-7)[20\]](#page-16-1) elaborated by Bathe [\[3](#page-15-7)] for the solution of large symmetric banded-matrix eigenvalue problems. This method uses the skyline storage mode which stores the components of the matrix column vectors within the banded region of the matrix, and is ideally suited for banded finite-element matrices.

### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**4 Construction of the** *d***-dimensional Quadrature Formulas**

Let us construct the d-dimensional p-ordered quadrature formula

<span id="page-9-2"></span>
$$
\int_{\Delta_q} dz V(z) = |\Delta_q| \sum_{j=1}^{n_t} w_j V(z_j), \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_d), \quad dz = dz_1 \dots dz_d, \tag{16}
$$

for integration over the d-dimensional simplex  $\Delta_q$  with vertices  $\hat{z}_i = (\hat{z}_{i1}, \hat{z}_{i2}, \dots,$  $\hat{z}_{id}$ ,  $i = 0, \ldots, d$ , which is exact for all polynomials of the variables  $z_1, \ldots, z_d$ of degree not exceeding p, where  $n_t$  is the number of nodes that is determined during the calculation process. In Eq. [\(16\)](#page-9-2),  $w_j$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, n_t$  are the weights and  $z_j = (z_{j1}, z_{j2}, \ldots, z_{jd})$  are the coordinates of nodes.  $|\Delta_q|$  denotes the volume of  $\Delta_q$ . For each node  $z_j$ , instead of sets of d coordinates we use the sets of  $d+1$ barycentric coordinates (BC)  $(x_{j0}, x_{j1},...,x_{id})$ :

$$
z_j = x_{j0}\hat{z}_0 + \dots + x_{jd}\hat{z}_d, \quad x_{j0} + \dots + x_{jd} = 1.
$$
 (17)

For this purpose, we introduce the local coordinate system  $x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_d)$ and  $(12)$ . Therefore, without loss of generality, we construct the d-dimensional p-ordered quadrature formula [\(16\)](#page-9-2) on the standard simplex  $\Delta$  with vertices  $\hat{x}_j = (\hat{x}_{j1},...,\hat{x}_{jd}), \hat{x}_{jk} = \delta_{jk}, j = 0,...,d, k = 1,...,d$ , which is exact for all polynomials of the variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_d$  of degree not exceeding p:

$$
\int_{\Delta} dx V(x) = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{j=1}^{n_t} w_j V(x_{j0}, \dots, x_{jd}).
$$
\n(18)

Since the following formula is valid for all permutations  $(l_0,\ldots,l_d)$  of  $(k_0,\ldots,k_d)$ :

$$
\int_{\Delta} dx x_1^{l_1} \dots x_d^{l_d} (1 - x_1 - \dots - x_d)^{l_0} = \frac{\prod_{i=0}^d k_i!}{\left(d + \sum_{i=0}^d k_i\right)!},
$$

we consider the fully symmetric Gaussian quadratures

<span id="page-10-0"></span>
$$
\int_{\Delta} dx V(x) = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{j=1}^{a} w_j \sum_{j_0, \dots, j_d} V(x_{j_0 0}, x_{j_1 1}, \dots, x_{j_d d}),
$$
\n(19)

where the internal summation by  $j_0,\ldots,j_d$  is carried out over the different permutations of  $(x_{i0}, x_{i1},...,x_{id})$  $(x_{i0}, x_{i1},...,x_{id})$  $(x_{i0}, x_{i1},...,x_{id})$ . Table 1 presents the orbits and the corresponding number of different permutations for  $d = 3, 4, 5, 6$ . Here, for example, the orbit  $S_{331}$  at  $d = 6$  contains BC  $(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \beta, \beta, \beta, \gamma), \alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma, \alpha \neq \gamma, 3\alpha + 3\beta + \gamma = 1$ and their different 140 permutations.

Substituting a monomial of the order not exceeding  $p$  in Eq. [\(19\)](#page-10-0) instead of  $V(x)$ , we arrive at a system of nonlinear algebraic equations, that using the Vieta theorem reduces to the form:

<span id="page-10-2"></span>
$$
\int_{\Delta} dx s_2^{l_2} s_3^{l_3} \times \ldots \times s_{d+1}^{l_{d+1}} = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{j=1}^a w_j Q_j s_{j2}^{l_2} s_{j3}^{l_3} \times \ldots \times s_{jd+1}^{l_{d+1}},\tag{20}
$$

$$
2l_2 + 3l_3 + \ldots + (d+1)l_{d+1} \le p,\tag{21}
$$

where

<span id="page-10-1"></span>
$$
s_2 = \sum_{i=0,j\neq i}^{d} x_i x_j, \quad \dots, \quad s_{d+1} = \prod_{i=0}^{d} x_i,
$$
 (22)

 $s_{ii}$ ,  $i = 2, \ldots, d+1$ , are their values in the BC  $(x_{i0}, x_{i1}, \ldots, x_{id})$ , and  $Q_i$  is the number of different permutation of the BC. As in Ref. [\[15](#page-16-7)], instead of Eq. [\(22\)](#page-10-1), we can use

$$
s_j = \sum_{i=0}^d x_i^j, \quad j = 2, \dots, d+1.
$$
 (23)

The number of all  $l_i \geq 0$  solutions of Eq. [\(21\)](#page-10-2) provides the minimal number of independent nonlinear equations for the quadrature formula of the order p. It means that we can obtain a set of independent polynomials by adding new polynomials when increasing the order  $p$ . Below the first few independent polynomials of the order not exceeding  $p \leq 6$  for  $d \geq 5$  are presented:

$$
V_1(x) = s_1, \tfor p = 1,\nV_2(x) = s_2, \tfor p = 2,\nV_3(x) = s_3, \tfor p = 3,\nV_4(x) = s_22, V_5(x) = s_4, \tfor p = 4,\nV_6(x) = s_2s_3, V_7(x) = s_5, \tfor p = 5,\nV_8(x) = s_23, V_9(x) = s_32, V_{10}(x) = s_2s_4, V_{11}(x) = s_6, \tfor p = 6.
$$
\n(24)

We consider fully symmetric rules with positive weights, and no points are outside the simplex (the so-called PI-type).

The  $n_p$ -points p-order quadrature rules are constructed with Algorithm 1 [\[21](#page-16-5)] implemented by us in Maple and Fortran:

– **for** each decomposition  $n_p$  **do** 

#### **repeat**

- **1.** Randomly choose an initial guess for the unknowns  $n_t$ .
- **2.** Find a least square solution to Eqs. [\(20\)](#page-10-2), [\(21\)](#page-10-2) using a quasi-Newton algorithm.
- **3.** If a PI-type solution is found satisfying Eqs. [\(20\)](#page-10-2), [\(21\)](#page-10-2), with sufficient accuracy, go to Step 4.
- **until** maximum number of initial guesses tried.
- **end for**
- **Stop.**
- 4. Minimize the nonlinear equation for unknowns  $n_t$  using the Levenberg– Marquardt algorithm with high accuracy [\[12](#page-16-8),[14\]](#page-16-9).

#### **The Levenberg–Marquardt Algorithm 2:**

Let  $f(\mathbf{x})$  be twice differentiable with respect to the variable  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ . We consider the minimization

$$
\min_{\mathbf{x} \in R^n} f(\mathbf{x}).\tag{25}
$$

1. Start with an initial value  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , in S, an initial damping parameter  $\lambda_0$ , and a scaling parameter  $\rho$ . For  $k \geq 0$  do the following:

2. Determine a trial iterate **y**, using

<span id="page-12-1"></span>
$$
\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}_k - (H_f(\mathbf{x}_k) + \lambda \operatorname{diag}(H_f(\mathbf{x}_k)))^{-1} \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k),
$$
 (26)

with  $\lambda = \lambda_k \rho^{-1}$ .

- 3. If  $f(\mathbf{y}) < f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ , where **y** is determined in Step 2, then set  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}$  and  $\lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k \rho^{-1}$ . Return to Step 2, replace k with  $k+1$ , and compute a new trial iterate.
- 4. If  $f(\mathbf{y}) \geq f(\mathbf{x}_k)$  in Step 3, determine a new trial iterate, **y**, using [\(26\)](#page-12-1) with  $\lambda = \lambda_k$ .
- 5. If  $f(\mathbf{y}) < f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ , where **y** is determined in Step 4, then set  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}$  and  $\lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k$ . Return to Step 2, replace k with  $k+1$ , and compute a new trial iterate.
- 6. If  $f(\mathbf{y}) \ge f(\mathbf{x}_k)$  in Step 5, then determine the smallest value of m so that when a trial iterate **y** is computed using [\(26\)](#page-12-1) with  $\lambda = \lambda_k \rho^m$ , then  $f(\mathbf{y}) < f(\mathbf{x}_k)$ . Set  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{y}$  and  $\lambda_{k+1} = \lambda_k \rho^m$ . Return to Step 2, replace k with  $k+1$ , and compute a new trial iterate.
- 7. Terminate the algorithm when  $\|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_k)\| < \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the specified tolerance.

In the above Algorithm 2,  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $H_f(\mathbf{x})$  are the gradient vector and the Hessian matrix functions of  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , respectively. diag( $H_f(\mathbf{x})$ ) is the diagonal matrix of the Hessian matrix function  $H_f(\mathbf{x})$ .

The weights  $(W)$  and the BC of PI-type rules of order p are presented in Tables [2,](#page-5-0) [3,](#page-6-0) [4](#page-7-0) and [5.](#page-8-0) Here, for example, for the orbit  $S_{421}$  at  $d = 6$  contains the BC  $(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \beta, \beta, \gamma)$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$ ,  $\alpha \neq \gamma$  and their different 105 permutations. We present  $\alpha$  in the first line and  $\beta$  in the second line, since  $\gamma$  is expressed in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , i.e.,  $\gamma = 1 - 4\alpha - 2\beta$ . The rules of the fifth and sixth order on tetrahedra coincide with the results of Ref. [\[2](#page-15-3)]. We believe that at least some of the rules presented in this paper are new. But we can not guarantee that the presented numbers of points of high-order quadrature rules are minimal. Note that up to the order  $p = 6$  W and BC were calculated using Maple with 32 significant digits. For  $p > 6$ , W and BC were calculated using Fortran with 10 significant digits (the first three steps of Algorithm 1). These calculations were performed using the Central Information and Computer Complex, and HybriLIT heterogeneous computing cluster at JINR. Starting from the approximate values found with the Fortran code, W and BC were then calculated in Maple with 32 significant digits.

### <span id="page-12-0"></span>**5 BVP for Helmholtz Equation in a** *d***-dimensional Hypercube**

For benchmark calculations, we use the BVP for the Helmholtz equation (HEQ) with the boundary condition  $(II)$  in a d-dimensional hypercube with the edge length  $\pi$ . Since the variables are separated, the eigenvalues  $E_m = E_{m_1,...,m_d}$  are sums of squared integers,  $E_m = E_{m_1,...,m_d} = m_1^2 + ... + m_d^2$ ,  $m_k = 0, 1, ...,$  $k=1,\ldots,d.$ 



<span id="page-13-0"></span>**Fig. 1.** (a) Division of a 3D cube into  $3! = 6$  equal tetrahedrons  $(T1, \ldots, T6)$ . (b) The error  $\Delta\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3) = |\Phi_8^h(z_1, z_2, z_3) - \Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)|$  for the eighth eigenfunction  $\Phi_8^h(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  at fixed  $z_3 = \pi/9$ , calculated using FEM with third-order LIPs versus the exact eigenfunction  $\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $E_8 = 3$ . Here the cube is divided into  $2<sup>3</sup>$  cubes, each comprised of 6 tetrahedrons. The isolines marked 1 correspond to the values of  $\Delta\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \Delta\Phi_8^{\text{max}}/10$ , the isolines marked 2 correspond to the values of  $\Delta\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3) = 2\Delta\Phi_8^{\text{max}}/10, \dots$ , at  $\Delta\Phi_8^{\text{max}} \approx 0.018$ .

**Assertion** (see also [\[16\]](#page-16-10))**.** The hypercube is divided into d! equal simplices. The vertices of each simplex are located on broken lines composed of d mutually perpendicular edges, and the extreme vertices of all polygons are located on one of the diagonals of the hypercube (for  $d = 3$  see Fig. [1a](#page-13-0)).

#### **Algorithm 3.**

*Input.* A single d-dimensional hypercube with vertices the coordinates of which are either 0 or 1 in the Euclidean space  $\mathcal{R}^d$ . The chosen diagonal of the hypercube connects the vertices with the coordinates  $(0,\ldots,0)$  and  $(1,\ldots,1)$ .

*Output.*  $z_k^{(i)} = (z_{k1}^{(i)}, \ldots, z_{kd}^{(i)})$ , the coordinates of the *i*th simplex.

*Local.* The coordinates of the vertices of the polygonal line are  $z_k = (z_{k1}, \ldots, z_{k1})$  $z_{kd}$ ,  $k = 0, \ldots, d$ .

**1.** For all  $i = (i_1, \ldots, i_d)$ , the permutations of the numbers  $(1, \ldots, d)$ :

**1.1.** For all  $k = 0, ..., d$  and  $s = 1, ..., d$ :  $z_{k,s}^{(i)} = \{1, i_s \leq k, ; 0, i_s > k\}$ **1.2.** If det $(z_{ks}^{(i)})_{ks=1}^d = -1$  then  $z_{kd}^{(i)} \leftrightarrow z_{kd-1}^{(i)}$ .

*3D HEQ for the cube.* In Fig. [1b](#page-13-0), we show the error  $\Delta \Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  for the eighth eigenfunction  $\Phi_8^h(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  at fixed  $z_3 = \pi/9$ , calculated using FEM with third-order LIPs versus the exact eigenfunction  $\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $E_8 = 3$ . In Fig. [2a](#page-14-0), we also show the maximal error  $\Delta \Phi_8^{\text{max}}$  for the exact eighth eigenfunction  $\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  calculated using FEM with LIPs of the orders  $p = 3, 4, 5$  versus the number N of piecewise basis functions  $N_l^p(z)$ in the expansion [\(8\)](#page-3-1). In Fig. [2b](#page-14-0), we show the error of eigenvalues of the 3D BVP for the HEQ at  $d = 3$  with the boundary condition (II) using the FEM scheme with 3D LIP of the order  $p = 6$ . As seen from Fig. [2,](#page-14-0) the errors of the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues lie on parallel lines in the double logarithmic scale



<span id="page-14-0"></span>**Fig. 2.** (a) The maximal error  $\Delta \Phi_8^{\text{max}} = \max_{z_1} \in (0, \pi), z_2 \in (0, \pi), z_3 \in (0, \pi)$  $\Phi_8^h(z_1, z_2, z_3) - \Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  for the exact eighth eigenfunction  $\Phi_8(z_1, z_2, z_3)$  calculated using FEM with LIPs of the orders  $p = 3, 4, 5$  versus the number N of piecewise basis functions  $N_l^p(z)$  in the expansion [\(8\)](#page-3-1). (b) The error  $\Delta E_m = E_m^h - E_m$  calculated using FEM with sixth-order LIPs versus the exact eigenvalue E*m*. Squares: the cube divided into 6 tetrahedrons. Circles: the cube divided into  $2^3$  cubes, each comprised of 6 tetrahedrons. Solid circles: the cube divided into  $4<sup>3</sup>$  cubes, each comprised of 6 tetrahedrons.



<span id="page-14-1"></span>

which agrees with the theoretical error estimates [\(15\)](#page-9-3) for the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues depending on the maximal size of the finite element. For a cube with the edge  $\pi$  divided into  $4^3$  cubes, each of them comprising 6 tetrahedrons, the matrices **A** and **B** had the dimension  $15625 \times 15625$ . The matrices **A** and **B** were calculated in two ways: analytically or with Gaussian quadratures from Sect. [4](#page-9-0) using Maple 2015, 2x 8-core Xeon E5-2667 v2 3.3 GHz, 512 GB RAM, GPU Tesla 2075. For the considered task, the values of matrix elements agree with Gaussian quadratures up to the order 10 with given accuracy. The generalized algebraic eigenvalue problem [\(9\)](#page-4-1) was solved during 20 min using Intel Fortran.

6D HEQ for the hypercube. We solved HEQ at  $d = 6$  with the boundary condition (II) using FEM scheme with 6D LIP of the order  $p = 3$ . The 6D hypercube having the edge  $\pi$  was divided into  $n = d! = 6! = 720$  simplexes

(the size of the finite element being equal to  $\pi$ ). On each of them  $N_1(p)$  =  $(p+d)!/(d!p!) = 84$  third-order LIPs were used. The matrices **A** and **B** had the dimension  $4096 \times 4096$ . The lower part of the spectrum  $E_m$  is shown in Table [6.](#page-14-1) The errors of the second, the third, and the fourth degenerate eigenvalue are equal to 0.0003, 0.05, and 0.15, respectively. Note that applying the third-order scheme for solving the BVPs of smaller dimension  $d$ , we obtained errors of the same order. The calculation time was 9234.46 s using Maple 2015.

### **6 Conclusion**

We have elaborated new calculation schemes, algorithms, and programs for solving the multidimensional elliptic BVP using the high-accuracy FEM with simplex elements. The elaborated symbolic-numerical algorithms and programs implemented in Maple-Fortran environment calculate multivariate finite elements in the simplex and the fully symmetric PI Gaussian quadrature rules. We demonstrated the efficiency of the proposed finite element schemes, algorithms, and codes by benchmark calculations of BVPs for Helmholtz equation of cube and hypercube. The developed approach is aimed at calculations of the spectral characteristics of nuclei models and electromagnetic transitions [\[7,](#page-15-1)[11\]](#page-16-11). This will be done in our next publications.

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