

# Homogenization

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## Overview (wishful thinking!):

- Formal approach
  - Asymptotic expansions (composite, perforated materials)
  - Flow in porous media
  - Reactive porous media flow models
  - Double porosity models
- Mathematical techniques: IAM students
  - Energy methods
  - Two-scale convergence

### Accompanying material:

U. Hornung, *Homogenization and Porous Media*, Springer, 1997

D. Cioranescu, P. Donato, *An Introduction to Homogenization*, Oxford University Press, 2000

Lecture notes (under development)

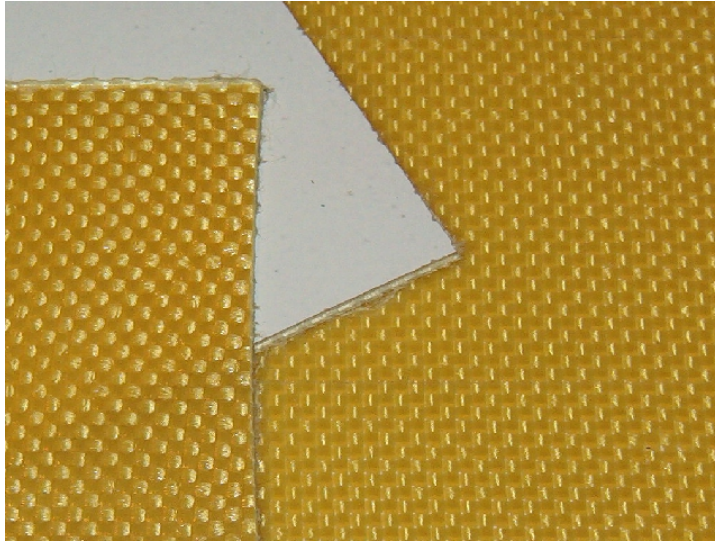
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2 hours/week (lectures) & 2 hours/week (lecture + exercises)

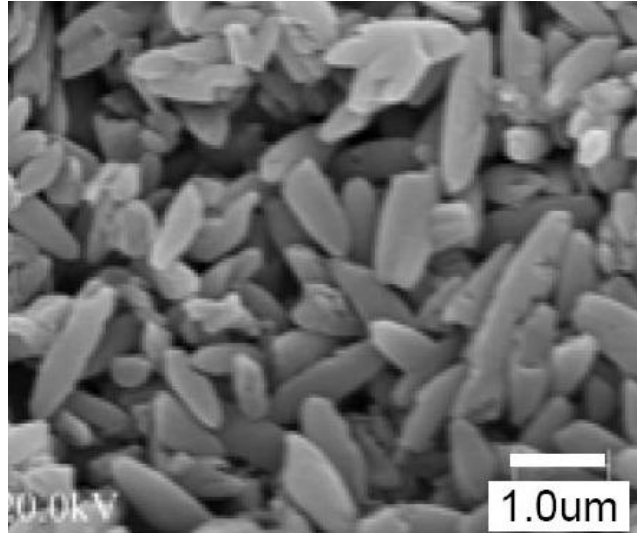
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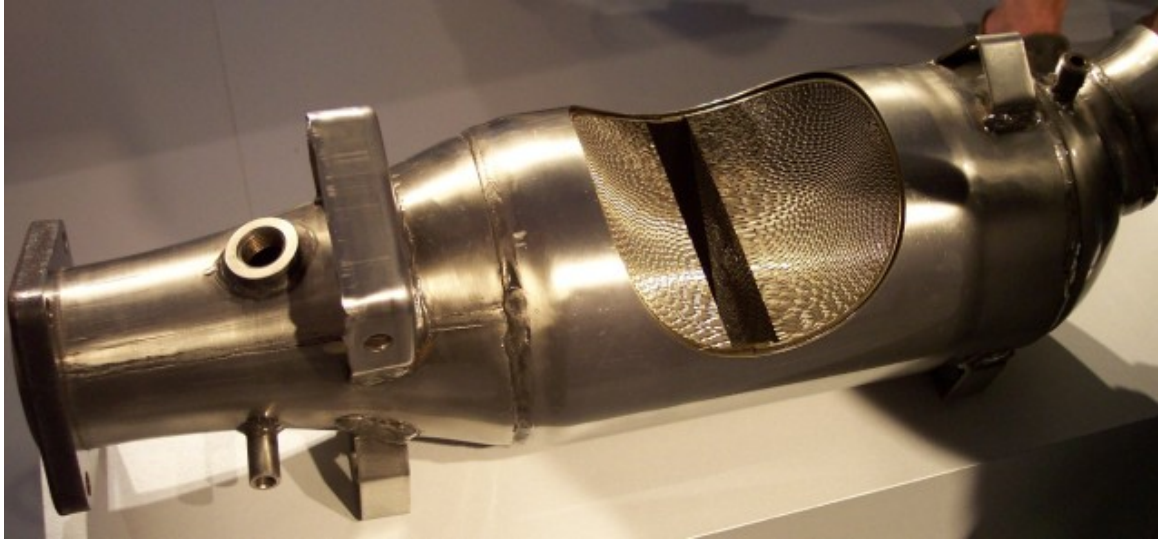
# 1. Introduction & Basic idea





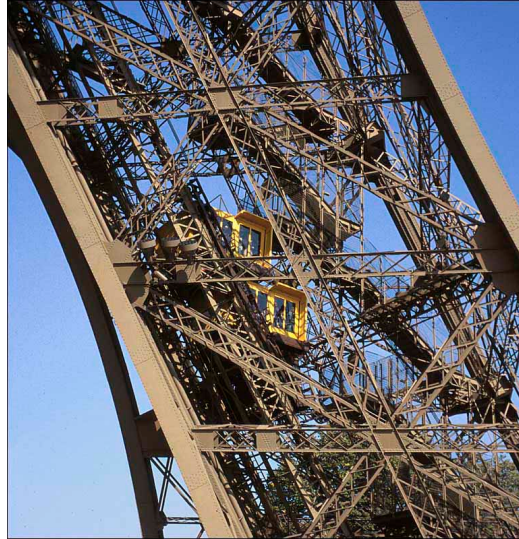


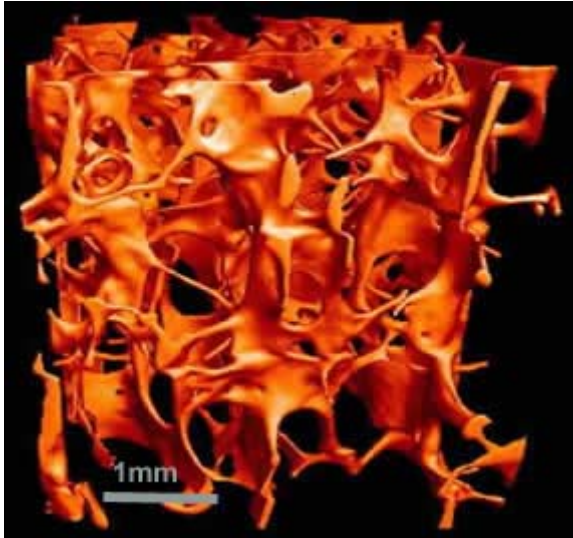


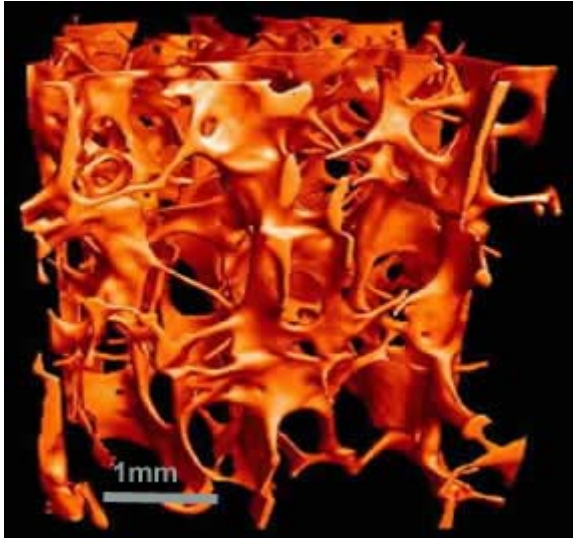








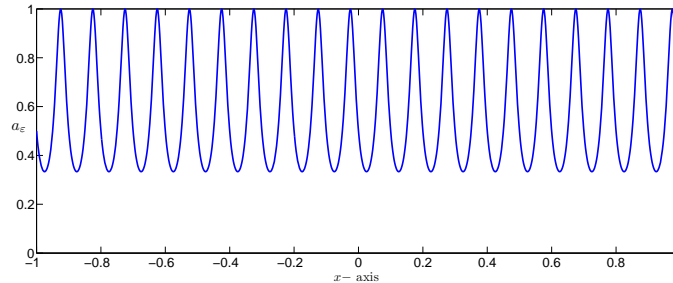








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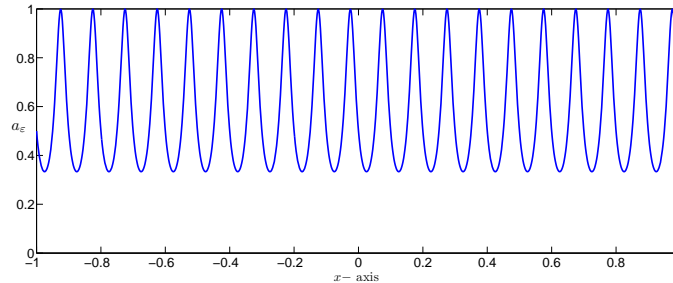
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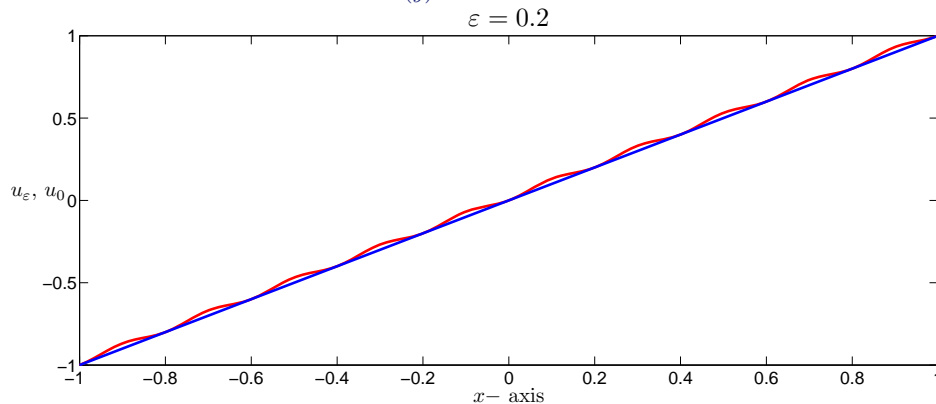
**Rem:** Alternatively, find an upscaled/averaged equation satisfied by  $u^*$ .

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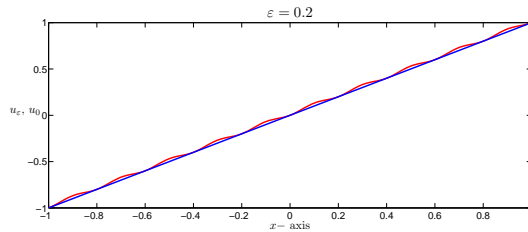
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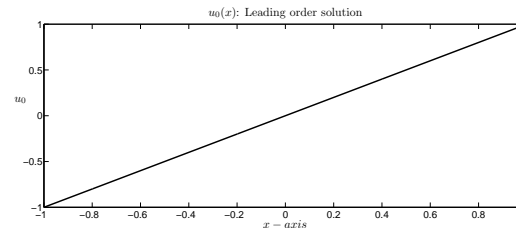
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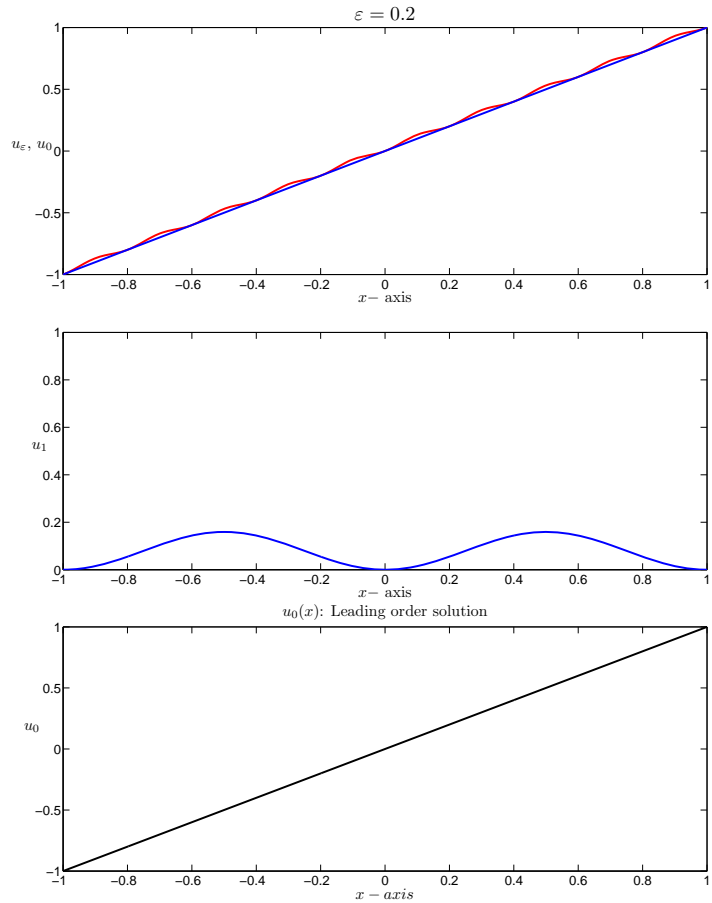
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Then:

$$\begin{aligned} u^\varepsilon(x) &= \varepsilon a^* \int_0^{\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{a(y)} dy \\ &= x + \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{x}{\varepsilon}} \left( \frac{a^*}{a(y)} - 1 \right) dy = u^*(x) + \varepsilon u_1\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right), \quad \text{with } u_1(s) = \int_0^s \left( \frac{a^*}{a(y)} - 1 \right) dy. \end{aligned}$$

**Note:**  $u^*$  - effective approximation,  $u_1$  - corrector (bounded!)

$$|u^\varepsilon(x) - u^*(x)| \leq C\varepsilon$$



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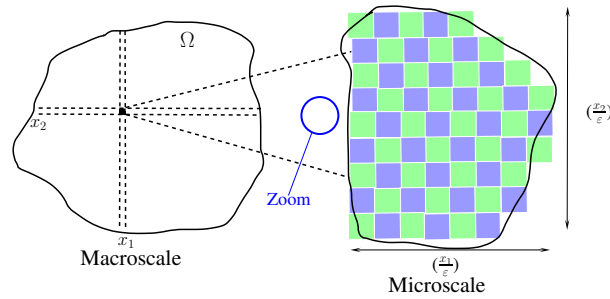
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*Idea:* Multiple scales!

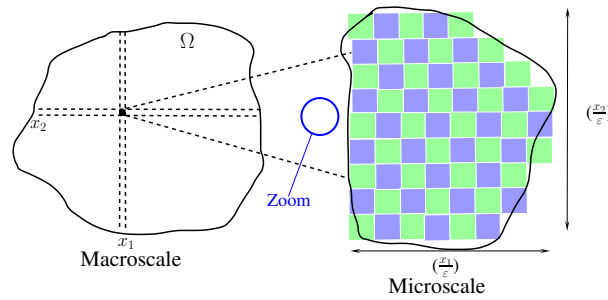
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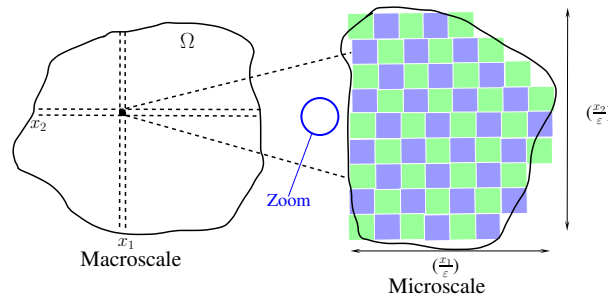
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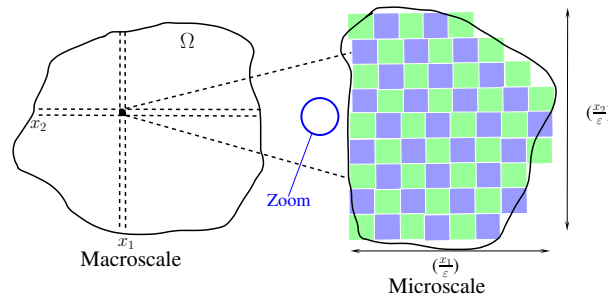
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**Note:** (1)  $u_0 = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} u^\varepsilon$ ,  $u_1 = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} (u^\varepsilon - u_0)$ , etc.



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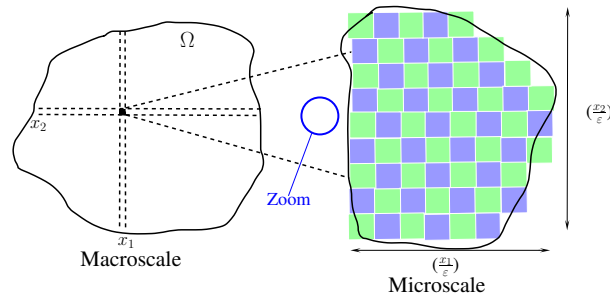
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**Note:** (2) In fact, for any function  $f$  we can define  $\tilde{f}(x) := f(x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) = f(x, y)$ , implying that

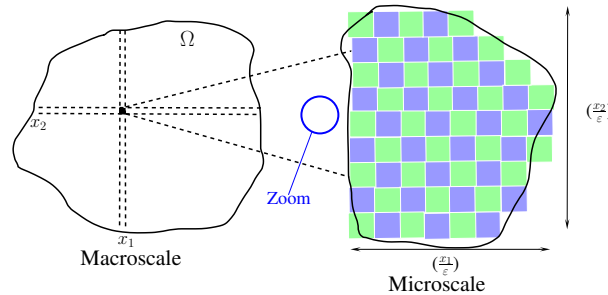
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Next: equate terms of the same  $\varepsilon$  order



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**Gives:**  $u_0(x, y) = u_0(x)$  and thus  $\nabla_y u_0(x, y) = 0$  for all  $y \in Y$ .

**Q:**  $u_0(x) = ?$

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**Suggestion:** solve first the *cell problems* with  $\mathbf{e}_j$  replacing  $\nabla_x u_0(x)$ !

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$$\nabla_x u_0(x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_j \partial_{x_j} u_0(x).$$

**Suggestion:** solve first the *cell problems* with  $\mathbf{e}_j$  replacing  $\nabla_x u_0(x)$ ! For all  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , consider:

$$(\text{Problem } P_j^{-1}) \quad \begin{cases} -\nabla_y \cdot (a(y) \nabla_y w^j(y)) = \nabla_y \cdot (a(y) \mathbf{e}_j), & \text{for all } y \in Y, \\ w^j(y) \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic,} \\ \int_Y w^j(y) dy = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \nabla_y \cdot (a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \{ \nabla_x \cdot [a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)] + \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x, y) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y))] \} \\
& - \{ \nabla_x \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x, y) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y))] + \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] \} - O(\varepsilon) = f.
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This gives ( $\tilde{u}_1(x)$  plays actually no role)

$$u_1(x, y) = \tilde{u}_1(x) + \sum_{j=1}^d w^j(y) \partial_{x_j} u_0(x),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \nabla_y \cdot (a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \{ \nabla_x \cdot [a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)] + \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x, y) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y))] \} \\
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\end{aligned}$$

$$(\textit{Problem } P^0) \quad \begin{cases} -\nabla_x \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y))] - \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] = f, \\ u_2(x, y) \text{ is } Y\text{-periodic.} \end{cases}$$

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**Option:** Find  $u_2$  in terms of  $u_0$  and  $u_1$ ... still gives no  $u_0$ !



$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \nabla_y \cdot (a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)) - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \{ \nabla_x \cdot [a(y) \nabla_y u_0(x, y)] + \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x, y) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y))] \} \\
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\end{aligned}$$

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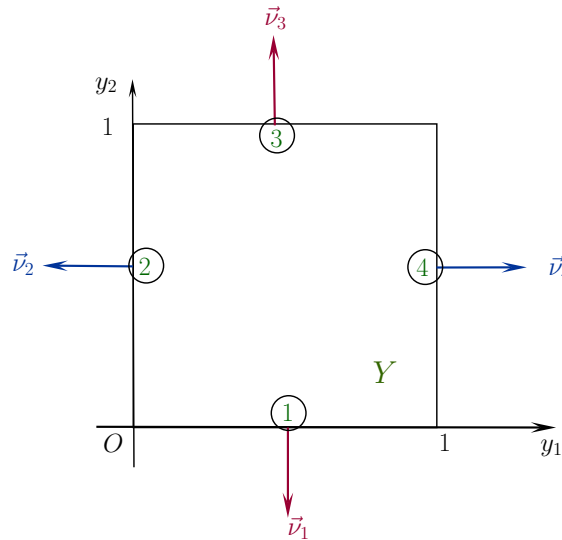
**Alternative: Eliminate  $u_2$  by integration!**

$$-\nabla_x \cdot \left[ \int_Y a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y)) dy \right] - \int_Y \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] dy = f(x),$$

$$-\nabla_x \cdot \left[ \int_Y a(y) (\nabla_x u_0(x) + \nabla_y u_1(x, y)) dy \right] - \int_Y \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] dy = f(x)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Y \nabla_y \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] dy &= \int_{\partial Y} \nu \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] d\sigma_y, \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^4 \int_{\partial Y_k} \nu_k \cdot [a(y) (\nabla_x u_1(x, y) + \nabla_y u_2(x, y))] d\sigma_y = 0 \end{aligned}$$



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Since

$$\nabla_y u_1(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_{x_j} u_0(x) \nabla_y w^j(y),$$

we have

$$-\nabla_x \cdot \left[ \int_Y a(y) \left( \nabla_x u_0(x) + \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_{x_j} u_0(x) \nabla_y w^j(y) \right) dy \right] = f(x).$$

or, equivalently,

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (A^* \nabla U) = f, & \text{for all } x \in \Omega, \\ U = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

with  $A^* \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $a_{ij}^* = \int_Y a(y) (\delta_{ij} + \partial_{y_i} w^j(y)) dy = \int_Y a(y) (\mathbf{e}_j + \nabla_y w^j(y)) \mathbf{e}_i dy$

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**Lemma**

- a)  $A^*$  is symmetric, i.e.  $a_{ij}^* = a_{ji}^*$  for all  $i, j = 1, \dots, d$ .
- b)  $A^*$  is positive definite, i.e. there exist a constant  $C > 0$  s.t. for all (column vectors)  $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $z^T (A^* z) \geq C (z^T z)$ .