



# meshtools Octave package, User's Guide\*

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## Abstract

The experimental `meshtools` Octave package contains some meshes provided by `gmsh` when exporting the built mesh as a `.m` file. These meshes can be easily used in other Octave codes for debugging or testing purpose.

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## 1 Introduction

A mesh is given by its vertices/nodes array `q` and connectivity arrays, one by For demonstration purpose, some quadrangular and triangular/simplicial meshes are given in this package and stored in the

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+`fc_meshtools/data` directory. They can be load by using the function `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_f_file`. Here are the kind of elements which can be found in the meshes present in this package:

- entity dimension  $d = 0$ , point,
- entity dimension  $d = 1$ , line,
- entity dimension  $d = 2$ , triangle, quadrangle,
- entity dimension  $d = 3$ , tetrahedron,hexahedron,prism,pyramid.

This package was only tested on Ubuntu 24.04.1 with Octave 9.3.0.

## 2 Installation

### 2.1 Installation automatic, all in one (recommanded)

For this method, one just have to get/download the install file

```
ofc_meshtools_install.m
```

or get it on the dedicated web page. Thereafter, one run it under Octave. This command download, extract and configure the `fc_meshtools` and the required `fc_tools` package in the current directory.

For example, to install this package in `~/Octave` directory, one have to copy the file `ofc_meshtools_install.m` in the `~/Octave` directory. Then in a Octave terminal run the following commands to install the `fc_meshtools` package

```
>> cd ~/Octave
>> ofc_meshtools_install
```

There is the output of the `ofc_meshtools_install` command on a Linux computer:

```
Parts of the <fc_meshtools> Octave package.
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1- Downloading and extracting the packages
2- Setting the <fc_meshtools> package
Write in ~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_meshtools-0.2.0/configure_loc.m ...
3- Using packages :
  ->          fc_tools : 0.1.0
  ->          fc_bench : 0.1.4
  ->          fc_amat : 0.1.4
with          fc_meshtools : 0.2.0
*** Using instructions
To use the <fc_meshtools> package:
addpath('~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_meshtools-0.2.0')
fc_meshtools.init()

See ~/Octave/ofc_meshtools_set.m
```

The complete package (which included the `fc_tools` package) is stored in the directory `~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full` and, for each Octave session, one have to set the package by:

```
>> addpath('~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_meshtools-0.2.0')
>> fc_meshtools.init()
```

If it's the first time the `fc_meshtools.init()` function is used, then its output is

```
Try to use default parameters!
Use fc_tools.configure to configure.
Write in ~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_tools-0.1.0/configure_loc.m ...
Try to use default parameters!
Use fc_bench.configure to configure.
Write in ~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_bench-0.1.4/configure_loc.m ...
Try to use default parameters!
Use fc_amat.configure to configure.
Write in ~/Octave/fc_meshtools-full/fc_amat-0.1.4/configure_loc.m ...
Using fc_meshtools[0.2.0] with fc_tools[0.1.0], fc_bench[0.1.4], fc_amat[0.1.4].
```

Otherwise, the output of the `fc_meshtools.init()` function is

For **uninstalling**, one just have to delete directory

```
~/Octave/fc-meshtools-full
```

## 3 Functions

### 3.1 function `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file`

reads a `.m` file generated by GMSH and stored in the `data` directory of the package.

#### Syntaxe

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file.read_data_m_file(Key, Value ,  
...)
```

#### Description

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file.read_data_m_file(Key, Value, ...)
```

Optional key/value pairs could be used. The keys are:

- `'dim'` : to specify space dimension (2 or 3). Default 2.
- `'d'` : to specify the dimension of mesh elements (2 or 3 with  $d \leq \text{dim}$ ). Default 2.
- `'quad'` : if `true` select a quadrangular mesh otherwise a triangular mesh. Default `false`.
- `'small'` : if `true` select the small mesh otherwise a biggest mesh. Default `true`.
- `'verbose'` : if `true` display `.m` mesh file to be read. Default `true`.

Returns `msh` a structure with certain fields depending on the type of elements present in the mesh. Here are the fields always present in the `msh` structure:

- `nbNod` : number of nodes,
- `POS` : `nbNod`-by-`dim` nodes array.
- `MIN` : [`xmin,ymin`] in 2D or [`xmin,ymin,zmin`] in 3D.
- `MAX` : [`xmax,ymax`] in 2D or [`xmax,ymax,zmax`] in 3D.
- `LINES` : `nbLines`-by-3 array, `LINES(:,1:2)` is the connectivity array and `LINES(:,3)` are the line tags.

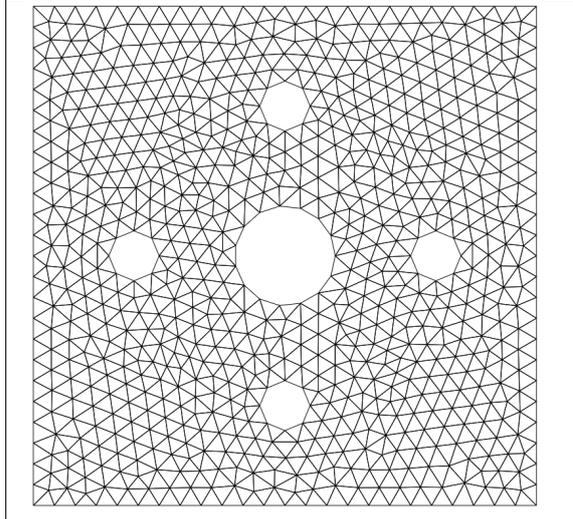
Here are the fields which can be found in structure:

- `PNT` : `nbPoints`-by-2 array ( $\text{nbPoints} \leq \text{nbNod}$ ), `PNT(i,1)` is the index in `POS` array of the point with tag `PNT(i,2)`.
- `TRIANGLES` : `nbTriangles`-by-4 array, `TRIANGLES(:,1:3)` is the connectivity array and `TRIANGLES(:,4)` are the triangle tags.
- `QUADS` : `nbQuadrangles`-by-5 array, `QUADS(:,1:4)` is the connectivity array and `QUADS(:,5)` are the quadrangle tags.
- `TETS` : `nbTetrahedra`-by-5 array, `TETS(:,1:4)` is the connectivity array and `TETS(:,5)` are the tetrahedron tags.
- `HEXAS` : `nbHexahedra`-by-9 array, `HEXAS(:,1:8)` is the connectivity array and `HEXAS(:,9)` are the hexahedron tags.
- `PYRAMIDS` : `nbPyramids`-by-6 array, `PYRAMIDS(:,1:5)` is the connectivity array and `PYRAMIDS(:,6)` are the pyramid tags.
- `PRISMS` : `nbPrisms`-by-7 array, `PRISMS(:,1:6)` is the connectivity array and `PRISMS(:,7)` are the prism tags.

Listing 1: Using `fc_meshtools. utils. read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.simplicial_2D01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figure obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools. utils. read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'quad',false,'small',true);
fc_tools. utils. disp_object(msh)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:3),'facecolor','None','edgecolor','k')
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.LINES(:,1:2),'edgecolor','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off
```

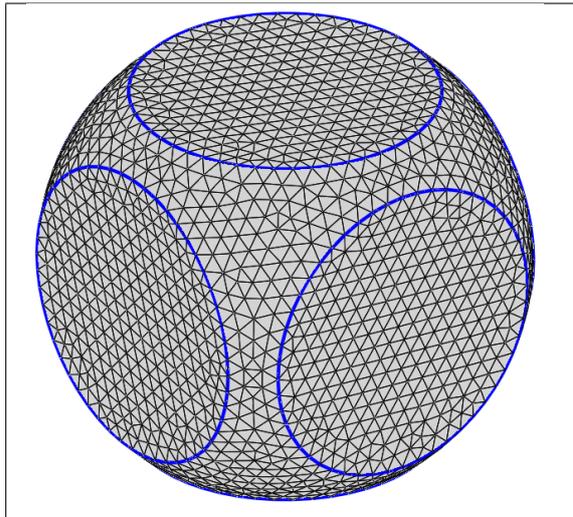
```
loading GMSH m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\condenser100_small.m
struct with fields :
  nbMod: 801 double
  POS: (801x2 double)
  MAX: [ 1 1 ] (1x2 double)
  MIN: [ -1 -1 ] (1x2 double)
  LINES: (148x3 double)
  TRIANGLES: (1467x4 double)
Save figure 1 in ./figures/simplicial_2D01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



Listing 2: Using `fc_meshtools. utils. read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.simplicial_3Ds01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figure obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools. utils. read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',3,'quad',false,'small',true);
fc_tools. utils. disp_object(msh)
color=fc_tools. graphics. xcolor. val2rgb('lightgray');
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:end-1),'facecolor',color,'edgecolor','k')
hold on;axis equal;axis off;view(3)
%patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'edgecolor','b','linewidth',2)
fc_meshtools. utils. plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:2),'color','b','linewidth',2)
```

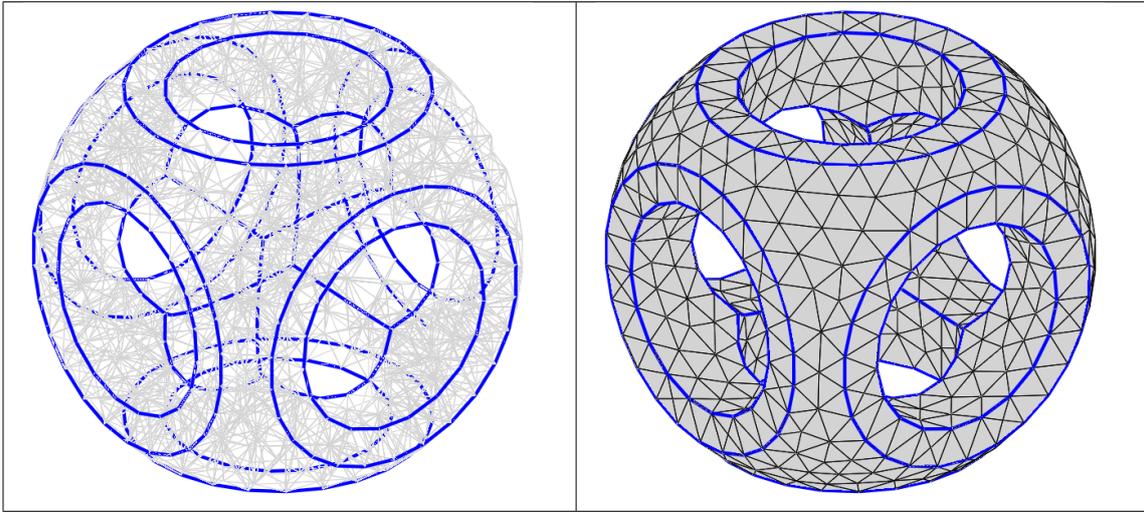
```
loading GMSH m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\dice00_small.m
struct with fields :
  nbMod: 2423 double
  POS: (2423x3 double)
  MAX: [ 0.5 0.5 0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  MIN: [ -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  LINES: (312x3 double)
  TRIANGLES: (4842x4 double)
Save figure 1 in ./figures/simplicial_3Ds01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



Listing 3: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.simplicial_3D01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figures obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',3,'dim',3,'quad',false,'small',true);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)
color=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.val2rgb('lightgray');
figure(1)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TETS(:,1:end-1),'facecolor','None','edgecolor',color)
hold on
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:2),'color','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off;view(3)
figure(2)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:end-1),'facecolor',color,'edgecolor','k')
hold on
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:2),'color','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off;view(3)
```

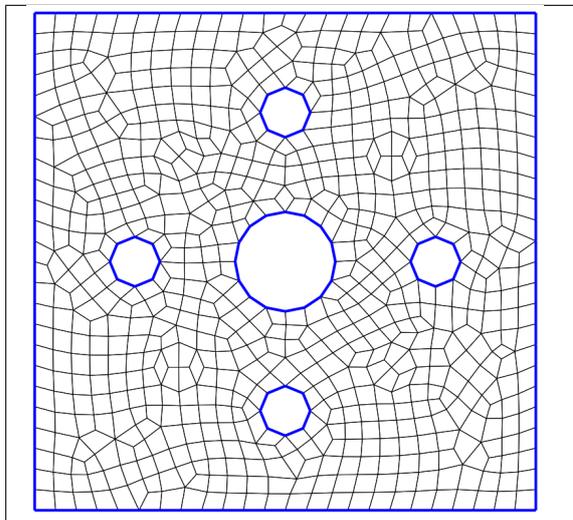
```
loading GMSH .m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\soledice0C_small.m
struct with fields :
  nbNode: 839 double
  POS: (839x3 double)
  MAX: [ 0.5 0.5 0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  MIN: [ -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  LINES: (329x3 double)
  TETS: (2421x5 double)
Save figure 2 in ./figures/simplicial_3D01_fig2_Octave940.png
Save figure 1 in ./figures/simplicial_3D01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



Listing 4: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.quad_2D01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figure obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'quad',true,'small',true);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.QUADS(:,1:end-1),'facecolor','None','edgecolor','k')
hold on
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'color','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off
```

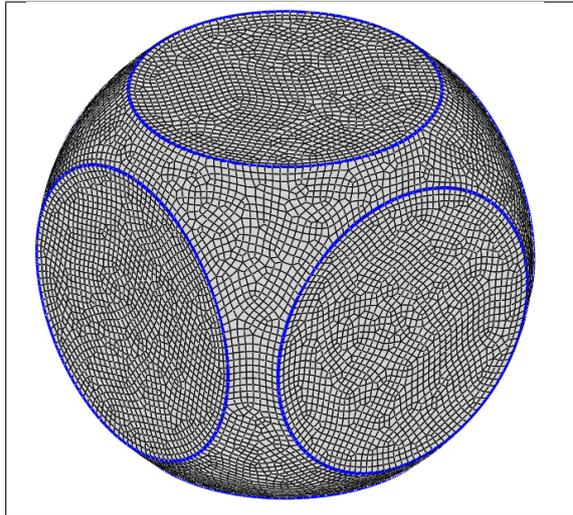
```
loading GMSH .m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\condenser110C_quad_small.m
struct with fields :
  nbNode: 790 double
  POS: (790x2 double)
  MAX: [ 1 1 ] (1x2 double)
  MIN: [ -1 -1 ] (1x2 double)
  LINES: (144x3 double)
  QUADS: (722x5 double)
Save figure 1 in ./figures/quad_2D01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



Listing 5: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.quad_3Ds01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figure obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',3,'quad',true,'small',false);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)
color=fc_tools.graphics.xcolor.val2rgb('lightgray');
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.QUADS(:,1:4),'facecolor',color,'edgecolor','k')
hold on
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:2),'color','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off;view(3)
```

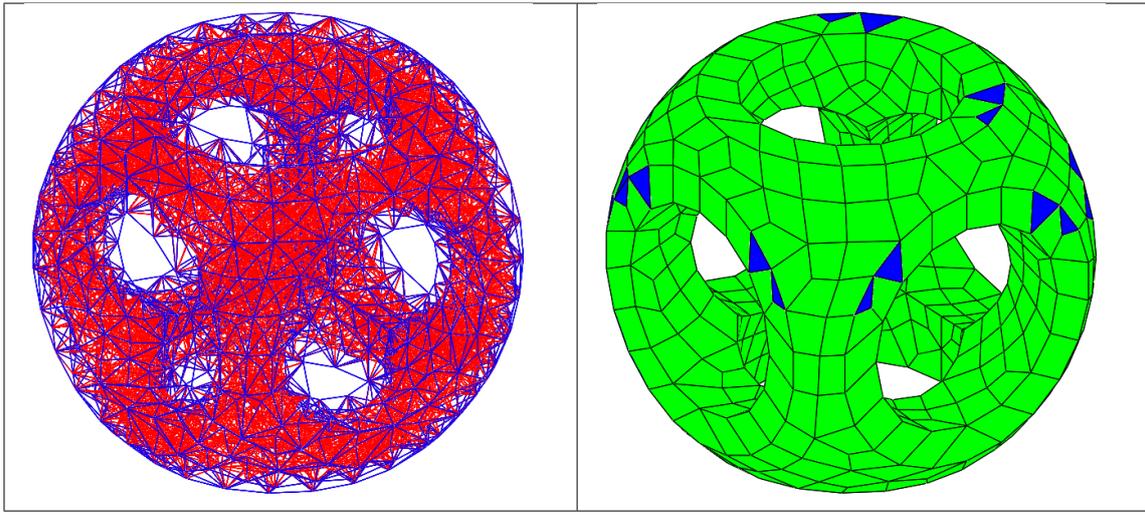
```
loading GMSH .m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\dice0C_quad.m
struct with fields :
  mshMod: 14076 double
  POS: (14076x3 double)
  MAX: [ 0.5 0.5 0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  MIN: [-0.5 -0.5 -0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  LINES: (768x3 double)
  QUADS: (14074x5 double)
Save figure 1 in: ./figures/quad_3Ds01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



Listing 6: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.quad_3D01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figures obtained.

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',3,'dim',3,'quad',true,'small',true);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)
colors=fc_tools.graphics.selectColors(3);
figure(1)
FacesTETS=fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces(msh.TETS(:,1:end-1),'tetrahedron');
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',FacesTETS,'facecolor','None','edgecolor','r')
FacesPYR=fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces(msh.PYRAMIDS(:,1:end-1),'pyramid');
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',FacesPYR,'facecolor','None','edgecolor','b')
axis equal;axis off;view(3)
figure(2)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:end-1),'facecolor',colors(1,:),'edgecolor','k')
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.QUADS(:,1:end-1),'facecolor',colors(2,:),'edgecolor','k')
axis equal;axis off;view(3)
```

```
loading GMSH .m file : c:\fc_meshtools\data\soledice0C_quad_small.m
struct with fields :
  nbNod: 3129 double
  POS: (3129x3 double)
  MAX: [ 0.5 0.5 0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  MIN: [ -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 ] (1x3 double)
  LINES: (306x3 double)
  TRIANGLES: (30x4 double)
  QUADS: (722x5 double)
  TETS: (1465x5 double)
  PYRAMIDS: (722x5 double)
Save figure 2 in ./figures/quad_3D01_fig2_Octave940.png
Save figure 1 in ./figures/quad_3D01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



### 3.2 function `fc_meshtools.utils.read_gmsht_m_file`

reads a `.m` file generated by GMSH.

#### Syntaxe

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file.read_gmsht_m_file(filename)
```

#### Description

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_gmsht_m_file.read_gmsht_m_file(filename)
```

Returns `msh` a structure with certain fields depending on the type of elements present in the mesh. Here are the fields always present in the `msh` structure:

- `nbNod` : number of nodes,
- `POS` : `nbNod`-by-`dim` nodes array.
- `MIN` : [`xmin,ymin`] in 2D or [`xmin,ymin,zmin`] in 3D.
- `MAX` : [`xmax,ymax`] in 2D or [`xmax,ymax,zmax`] in 3D.
- `LINES` : `nbLines`-by-3 array, `LINES(:,1:2)` is the connectivity array and `LINES(:,3)` are the line tags.

Here are the principal fields which can be found in the structure:

- `PNT` : `nbPoints`-by-2 array (`nbPoints` ≤ `nbNod`), `PNT(i,1)` is the index in `POS` array of the point with tag `PNT(i,2)`.

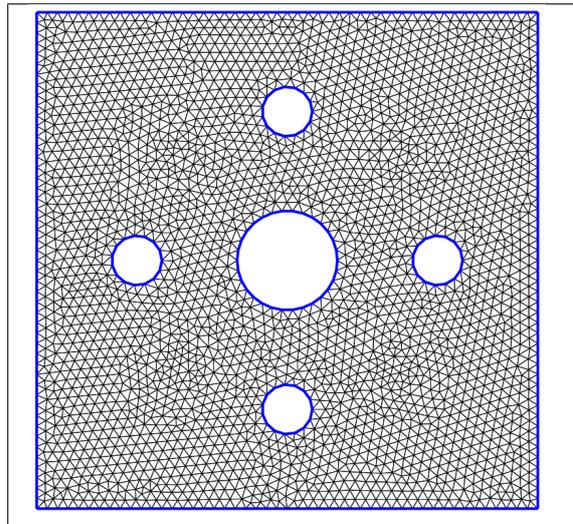
- **TRIANGLES** : nbTriangles-by-4 array, TRIANGLES(:,1:3) is the connectivity array and TRIANGLES(:,4) are the triangle tags.
- **QUADS** : nbQuadrangles-by-5 array, QUADS(:,1:4) is the connectivity array and QUADS(:,5) are the quadrangle tags.
- **TETS** : nbTetrahedra-by-5 array, TETS(:,1:4) is the connectivity array and TETS(:,5) are the tetrahedron tags.
- **HEXAS** : nbHexahedra-by-9 array, HEXAS(:,1:8) is the connectivity array and HEXAS(:,9) are the hexahedron tags.
- **PYRAMIDS** : nbPyramids-by-6 array, PYRAMIDS(:,1:5) is the connectivity array and PYRAMIDS(:,6) are the pyramid tags.
- **PRISMS** : nbPrisms-by-7 array, PRISMS(:,1:6) is the connectivity array and PRISMS(:,7) are the prism tags.

With an  $n$ th order mesh, other fields are present in the .m file: see the source file of GMSH `src/geo/GMode1IO_MATLAB.cpp`

Listing 7: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.read_gmsh_m_file` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.read_gmsh_m_file_2D01`). Below, the text output is given as well as the figure obtained.

```
env=fc_meshtools.environment();
filename=fullfile(env.data_dir,'condenser11OC.m');
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_gmsh_m_file(filename);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)
patch('vertices',msh.POS,'faces',msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:3),'facecolor','None','edgecolor','k')
hold on
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'color','b','linewidth',2)
axis equal;axis off
```

```
struct with fields :
  nbNodes: 2771 double
  POS: (2771x2 double)
  MAX: [ 1 1 ] (1x2 double)
  MIN: [ -1 -1 ] (1x2 double)
  LINES: (282x3 double)
  TRIANGLES: (528x4 double)
Save figure 1 in: ./figures/read_gmsh_m_file_2D01_fig1_Octave940.png
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```



### 3.3 function `fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces`

Returns the faces of all mesh elements of type `geo` and given by its connectivity array `connect`.

#### Syntaxe

```
Faces=fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces(connect,geo)
Faces=fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces(connect,geo,'unique',true)
```

#### Description

```
Faces=fc_meshtools.utils.get_faces(connect,geo)
```

- `connect` : is an `nme-by-nv` array with `nme`, the number of mesh elements, and `nv` the number of vertices of an element of type `geo`
- `geo` : type of mesh elements. Must be in

`{'triangle ','quadrangle','tetrahedron ','hexahedron','prism ','pyramid'}`

The index order of the vertices of an element are those of `gmsh`.

The output `Faces` is an `nf-by-m` connectivity array where `m` is the maximum number of vertices by faces `m:3` for triangle,tetrahedron, `m:4` for quadrangle,hexahedron,prism,pyramid For prisms and pyramids, there are both triangular and quadrangular faces. The 3 indices for triangular faces with `m==4`, are in `Faces(i,1:3)` and we have `Faces(i,4)==NaN`.

An optional key/value pair could be used. The key is:

- `'unique'`: logical, if `true` the returned `Faces` are unique (always unique with line,triangle, quadrangle). Default `false`.

### 3.4 function `fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges`

Returns the edges of all mesh elements of type `geo` and given by its connectivity array `connect`.

#### Syntaxe

```
Edges=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(connect,geo)
Edges=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(connect,geo,'unique',true)
```

#### Description

```
Edges=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(connect,geo)
```

- `connect` : is an `nme-by-nv` array with `nme`, the number of mesh elements, and `nv` the number of vertices of an element of type `geo`
- `geo` : type of mesh elements. Must be in

`{'triangle ','quadrangle','tetrahedron ','hexahedron','prism ','pyramid'}`

The index order of the vertices of an element are those of `gmsh`.

The output `Edges` is an `ned-by-2` connectivity array where `ned` is the number of edges.

An optional key/value pair could be used. The key is:

- `'unique'`: logical, if `true` the returned `Edges` are unique. Default `false`.

### 3.5 function `fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges`

Plots edges given by a vertex array `vertices` and a connectivity array `connect`

#### Syntaxe

```
fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(vertices,connect, key,value, ...)
h=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(vertices,connect, key,value, ...)
```

## Description

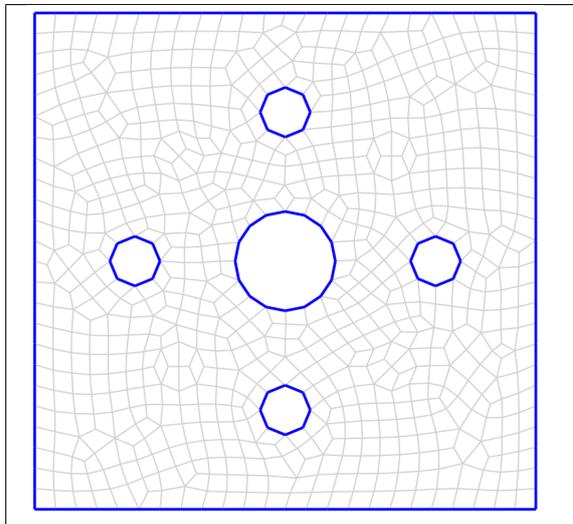
```
fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(vertices,connect, key,value, ...
```

- `vertices` : `nv-by-dim` array, `nv` number of vertices, `dim` space dimension (2 or 3).
- `connect` : `N-by-2` array with `N`, the number of edges, such that the two vertices of the `i`-th edges are `vertices(connect(i,1),:)` and `vertices(connect(i,2),:)` .

Optional `key/value` pairs are transferred to the `plot3` function in dimension 3 or to the `plot` function in dimension 2.

If requested, the output value is that of `plot` or `plot3` function.

```
Listing 8: Using fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges and fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges and functions (see fc_meshtools.demos.quad_2D02).  
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'quad',true,'small',true);  
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)  
Edges=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(msh.QUADS(:,1:end-1),'quadrangle','unique',true);  
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,Edges,'color','lightgray','linewidth',1)  
hold on  
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'color','b','linewidth',2)  
axis equal;axis off
```

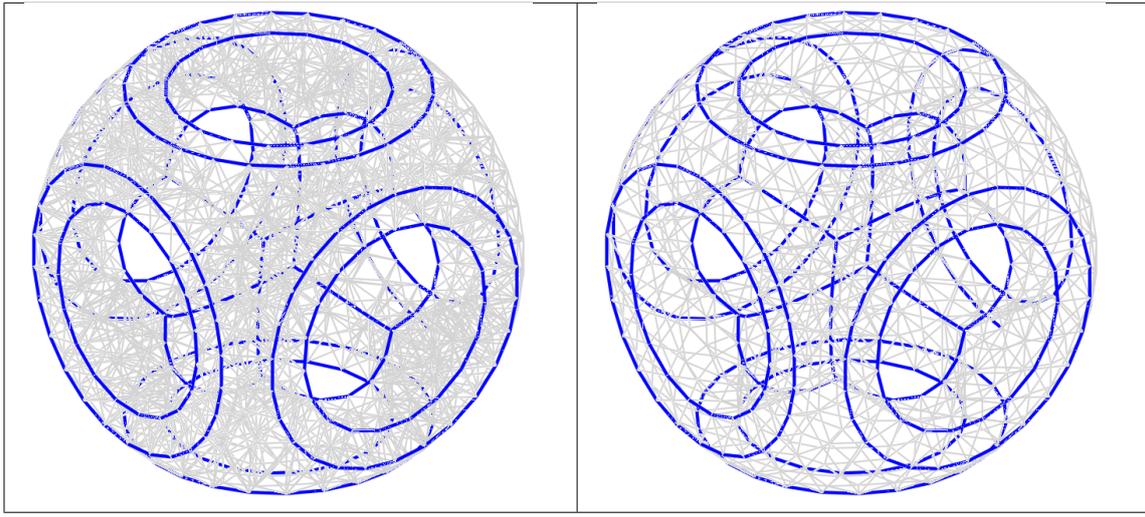


Listing 9: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges` and `fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges` and functions (see `fc_meshtools.demos.simplicial_3D02`).

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',3,'dim',3,'quad',false,'small',true);
fc_tools.utils.disp_object(msh)

EdgesTETS=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(msh.TETS(:,1:end-1),'tetrahedron','unique',true);
figure(1)
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,EdgesTETS,'color','lightgray','linewidth',1)
hold on;axis equal;axis off;view(3)
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'color','b','linewidth',2)

EdgesTRI=fc_meshtools.utils.get_edges(msh.TRIANGLES(:,1:end-1),'triangle','unique',true);
figure(2)
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,EdgesTRI,'color','lightgray','linewidth',1)
hold on;axis equal;axis off;view(3)
fc_meshtools.utils.plot_edges(msh.POS,msh.LINES(:,1:end-1),'color','b','linewidth',2)
```



### 3.6 function `fc_meshtools.utils.get_local_mesh`

**Syntax** Returns a local mesh associated with `msh`, a structure provided by a `.m` file generated with `gmsh`.

#### Description

```
function [q,me,L2G]=get_local_mesh(msh,type)
```

- `msh` : the structure obtain when loading a `.m` file generated by `gmsh`.
- `type` : one of the `type` of elements present in the `msh` structure as field. Could be `'LINES'`, `'TRIANGLES'`, `'QUADS'`, `'TETS'`, ...

An optional key/value pair can be used. The key is

- `'tags'` : to select `type` of elements with tag in provided value.

Returns three arrays:

- `'q'` : nodes array with dimension `dim-by-nq`,
- `'me'` : connectivity array of dimension `m-by-nme` (`m`: number of vertices by element, `nme`: number of `type` elements) associated with the array `q`. The vertices of the `k`-th `type` element are

$$q(:,me(k,1)), \dots, q(:,me(k,m))$$

- `'L2G'` : local to global index.

$$q(:,i) == msh.POS(L2G(i),:)$$

One can refer to `fc_meshtools.demos.get_local_mesh_*` programs to see multiple usages. An example is given in Listing 10.

Listing 10: Using `fc_meshtools.utils.get_local_mesh` function (see `fc_meshtools.demos.get_local_mesh_2D01`). Below, the text output is given.

```
msh=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'quad',false,'small',true);
Stags=fc_meshtools.utils.get_tags(msh);

[q,me,L2G]=fc_meshtools.utils.get_local_mesh(msh,'TRIANGLES');
fprintf('TRIANGLES elements [nme=%d] :\n',size(me,2))
for k=1:size(me,1)
    E=norm(abs(q(:,me(k,:)))-msh.POS(L2G(me(k,:)),:)),Inf);
    fprintf(' Compare the vertex %d of all elements, error=%5e\n',k,E)
end

n=numel(Stags.LINES);
for i=1:n
    fprintf('LINES elements with tag=%d [nme=%d] :\n',Stags.LINES(i),size(me,2))
    [q,me,L2G]=fc_meshtools.utils.get_local_mesh(msh,'LINES',Stags.LINES(i));
    for k=1:size(me,1)
        E=norm(abs(q(:,me(k,:)))-msh.POS(L2G(me(k,:)),:)),Inf);
        fprintf(' Compare the vertex %d of all elements, error=%5e\n',k,E)
    end
end
```

```
loading GMSH .m file : <fc_meshtools>/data/condenser110C_small.m
TRIANGLES elements [nme=1467] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 3 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=1 [nme=1467] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=10 [nme=96] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=21 [nme=15] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=22 [nme=8] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=23 [nme=8] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
LINES elements with tag=24 [nme=8] :
Compare the vertex 1 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
Compare the vertex 2 of all elements, error=0.00000e+00
[fc-tools] waiting 2(s) to finish saving figures
```

## 3.7 On simplicial meshes

The followings functions can be used on simplicial meshes (i.e. meshes composed with triangular elements or with tetrahedron elements)

### 3.7.1 Volumes function

**Syntaxe** Returns all the element volumes of a mesh given by a `dim`-by-`nq` vertices array `q` and a connectivity array `me` of dimension `(dim+1)`-by-`nme`. One can refer to [1] for computational details.

#### Description

```
vols=fc_meshtools.simplicial.Volumes(q,me)
```

`vols(k)` is the volume of the `k`-th mesh element where its vertices are the columns of `q(:,me(:,k))`.

In Listing 11, some examples are provided.

Listing 11: examples of `fc_meshtools.simplicial.Volumes` function usage

```
msh2D=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'box',true);
q2=msh2D.POS';me2=msh2D.TRIANGLES(:,1:3)';
vols2=fc_meshtools.simplicial.Volumes(q2,me2);
fprintf('area=%16e\n',sum(vols2))
msh3D=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',3,'dim',3,'box',true);
q3=msh3D.POS';me3=msh3D.TETS(:,1:4)';
vols3=fc_meshtools.simplicial.Volumes(q3,me3);
fprintf('volume=%16e\n',sum(vols3))
msh3Ds=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',3,'box',true);
q3Ds=msh3Ds.POS';me3Ds=msh3Ds.TRIANGLES(:,1:3)';
vols3Ds=fc_meshtools.simplicial.Volumes(q3Ds,me3Ds);
fprintf('surface=%16e\n',sum(vols3Ds))
```

#### Output

```
loading GMSH .m file : <fc_meshtools>/data/box2D_small.m
area=1.0000000000000000e+00
loading GMSH .m file : <fc_meshtools>/data/box3D_small.m
volume=9.99999999999999967e-01
loading GMSH .m file : <fc_meshtools>/data/box3Ds_small.m
surface=5.99999999999999876e+00
```

### 3.7.2 Gradient of barycentric coordinates

**Syntaxe** Returns all the gradients of barycentric coordinates of each element of a mesh given by a  $\text{dim}$ -by- $n_q$  vertices array  $q$  and a connectivity array  $me$  of dimension  $(\text{dim}+1)$ -by- $n_{me}$ . One can refer to [1] for computational details.

#### Description

```
G=fc_meshtools.simplicial.GradBaCo(q,me)
```

$G(k,i,:)$  is the gradient of the  $i$ -th barycentric coordinate of the  $k$ -th mesh element.

In Listing 12, some examples are provided.

```
Listing 12: : examples of fc_meshtools.simplicial.GradBaCo function usage

msh2D=fc_meshtools.utils.read_data_m_file('d',2,'dim',2,'box',true);
q2=msh2D.POS';me2=msh2D.TRIANGLES(:,1:3)';
G2=fc_meshtools.simplicial.GradBaCo(q2,me2);
whos('q2','me2','G2')
```

Output

```
loading GMSH .m file : <fc_meshtools>/data/box2D_small.m
Variables visible from the current scope:

variables in scope: top scope

Attr  Name      Size      Bytes Class
====  =====  =====  =====
      q2       2x107     1712 double
      me2      3x180     4320 double
      G2      180x3x2   8640 double

Total is 1834 elements using 14672 bytes
```

## 3 References

- [1] F. Cuvelier. Exact integration for products of power of barycentric coordinates over  $d$ -simplexes in  $R^n$ . <http://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-00931066v1>, June 2018. preprint.

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