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**H(curl curl)-conforming and H(grad curl)-conforming  
finite elements — beyond Nedelec**

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**Abstract**

In his two ground breaking papers (1980 and 1986), Nedelec proposed H(curl)-conforming and H(div)-conforming elements to solve second-order electromagnetic equations that contains the “curl” and “div” operators. It is more or less as the  $H^1$ -conforming elements (or  $C^0$  elements) for second-order elliptic equations that contains the  $(\text{grad})^2$  operator. As is well known in the finite element method literature, in order to solve 4th-order elliptic equations such as the bi-harmonic equation,  $H^2$ -conforming elements (or  $C^1$  elements) were developed. Recent years, there have been some research in solving electromagnetic equations which involve  $(\text{curl})^4$  operator and  $(\text{grad curl})^2$  operator. Hence, construction of H(curl curl)-conforming and H(grad curl)-conforming elements becomes necessary. In this work, we report some recent development in this direction.

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