

# Progress Report for simulating the collision of UAVs with commercial airplanes

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We seek to solve dynamic equilibrium equations. The formulation from Liu and Quek assumes among other things:

- ① *Linear Elastic* Deformation grows proportionally with external force.
- ② *Isotropic* Material property is direction independent.

We distinguish between four kinds of objects: beams, trusses, plates and shells.

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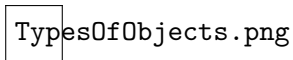
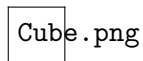


Figure: The four kinds of objects. Liu & Quek, 2013

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Taking a queue from Liu and Quek, we start off by defining DEE for an idealized infinitesimal, linearly elastic, isotropic material.



**Figure:** Forces on an idealized cube. Liu & Quek, 2013

Observe that because of equilibrium  $\sigma_{xy} = \sigma_{yx}; \sigma_{xz} = \sigma_{zx}; \sigma_{yz} = \sigma_{zy}$   
Which give us the stress tensors:  $\sigma^T = \{\sigma_{xx}, \sigma_{yy}, \sigma_{zz}, \sigma_{yz}, \sigma_{xz}, \sigma_{xy}\}$

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We also get six strain components  $\epsilon^T = \{\epsilon_{xx}, \epsilon_{yy}, \epsilon_{zz}, \gamma_{yz}, \gamma_{xz}, \gamma_{xy}\}$

Where:

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}; \quad \epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}; \quad \epsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z};$$

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Provided  $\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$  the displacement matrix we get the system  $\epsilon = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}$

Where the differential operator is:  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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For an external force in the  $y$  direction the equilibrium forces are:

$$(\sigma_{xx} + d\sigma_{xx})dydz - \sigma_{xx}dydz + (\sigma_{yx} + d\sigma_{yx})dxdz - \sigma_{yx}dxdz + (\sigma_{zx} + d\sigma_{zx})dxdy - \sigma_{zx}dxdy + f_x dxdydz = \rho \ddot{u} dxdydz \quad (1)$$

But since:

$$d\sigma_{xx} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} dx, d\sigma_{yx} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{yx}}{\partial y} dy, d\sigma_{zx} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial z} dz \quad (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1) gives us:

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yx}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zx}}{\partial z} + f_x = \rho \ddot{u} \quad (3)$$



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Using analogous equations for different directions,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zy}}{\partial z} + f_y &= \rho \ddot{v} \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + f_z &= \rho \ddot{w}\end{aligned}$$

Yielding the linear system:

$$L^T \sigma + f_b = \rho \ddot{U} \quad (4)$$

And since Hooke's Law states  $\sigma = c\epsilon$  we can further simplify to:

$$L^T c L U + f_b = \rho \ddot{U}$$

General structure of a deal.ii step.

- 1 include deal.ii headers
- 2 Create class `StepN` with public methods `StepN()`, `run()` and private methods `make_grid()`, `setup_system()`, `assemble_system()`, `solve()`, `output_results()`, and attributes often `Triangulation<dim>`, `FE_Q <dim>`, `DoFHandler<dim>`
- 3 Define the methods outside, sometimes all encapsulated in a template for dimension independent programming.

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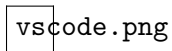


Figure: VSCode of Step-3 with comments stripped, code folding, minor refactoring

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grid-1.jpg

Figure: Grid refinement on a 2-simplex

Results of solving Laplace Equation on Different Domains:


 PlateWithHole.png

Figure: Plate with one hole

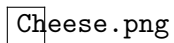


Figure: Cheese domain

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More exotic domains are shown below:

MF Domain.png

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Laplace3S.png

Figure: The Laplace problem solved on a tetrahedral domain



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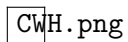


Figure: Same but on a channel with holes

Step-8 presents the elastic equations, an extension of Laplace equations with vector-valued solutions:

$$-\operatorname{div}(C\nabla u) = f \tag{5}$$

The  $x$ -displacement on the teardrop domain is:

 `xdisp.png`

**Figure:**  $x$ -displacement on the solution to the elastic equations on the teardrop domain

Our next step is to master step-44. Step-44 deals exclusively with a certain variation of the dynamic structure equations for a plate.

Mesh data for airplanes from UIUC Airfoil data is not in the format that deal.ii can understand. In particular converting from the Lednicer format in a text file proves challenging and prohibitively time consuming.

# Future Timeline

We hope to master Step-44 by the end of spring break by which time we will have usable mesh data. Our aim is to solve the dynamic equilibrium equations on the domains provided by the mesh data.

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