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Finite Element Approximation

(a) We consider the five PDEs :

$$-k^i \Delta \mathbf{u}^i = 0, i = 0, \dots, 4$$

we wish to write the variational formulation. We apply rightly the inner product by any standard test function $\mathbf{v} \in X^e$ then integrate on Ω^i for each $i = 0, \dots, 4$ before taking the sum of these five terms :

$$-\sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \int_{\Omega^i} \Delta \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

Considering $k^0 = 1$ and integrating by parts, we get :

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \left[\int_{\Omega^i} \nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Gamma^i} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right] = 0$$

But since $\Gamma^0 = \Gamma_{root} \cup \Gamma_{int}^0 \cup \Gamma_{ext}^0$ and $\Gamma^i = \Gamma_{int}^i \cup \Gamma_{ext}^i$ for $i = 0, \dots, 4$, we may write :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \int_{\Omega^i} \nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \sum_{i=1}^4 k^i \left[\int_{\Gamma_{int}^i} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Gamma_{ext}^i} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right] \\ &\quad - k^0 \left[\int_{\Gamma_{root}} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^0) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Gamma_{ext}^0} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^0) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right] - k^0 \int_{\Gamma_{int}^0} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^0) \cdot \mathbf{v} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \int_{\Omega^i} \nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - \left[\sum_{i=1}^4 k^i \int_{\Gamma_{int}^i} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Gamma_{int}^0} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^0) \cdot \mathbf{v} \right] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \int_{\Gamma_{ext}^i} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Gamma_{root}} (\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^0) \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

We now use the facts :

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{i=1}^4 \Gamma_{int}^i &= \Gamma_{int}^0 \\ \mathbf{n}^i &= -\mathbf{n}^0 \\ -\nabla \mathbf{u}^0 \cdot \mathbf{n}^i &= -k^i (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) && \text{on } \Gamma_{int}^i, i = 1, \dots, 4 \\ -k^i (\nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{n}^i) &= \text{Bi } \mathbf{u}^i && \text{on } \Gamma_{ext}^i \end{aligned}$$

yielding :

$$0 = \sum_{i=0}^4 k^i \int_{\Omega^i} \nabla \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} - [0] + \text{Bi} \sum_{i=0}^4 \int_{\Gamma_{ext}^i} \mathbf{u}^i \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Gamma_{root}} \mathbf{v}$$