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Fundamentals of Finite Element Analysis

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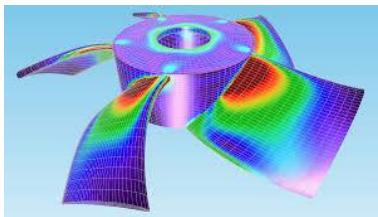
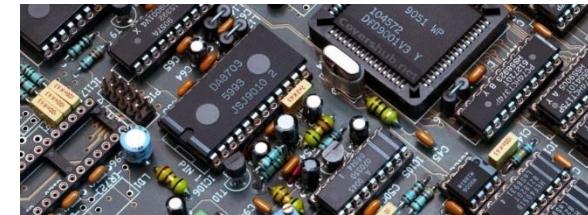
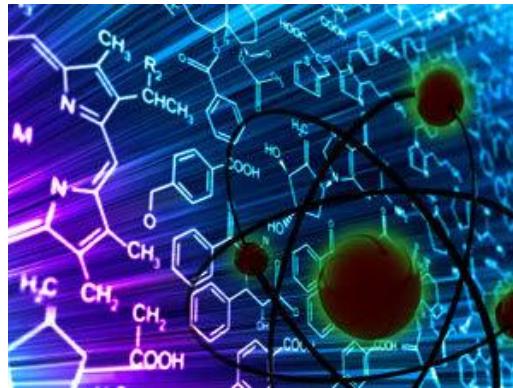
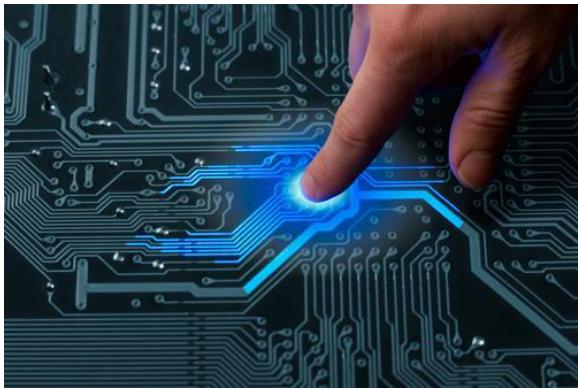
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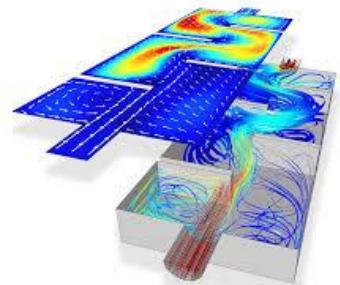
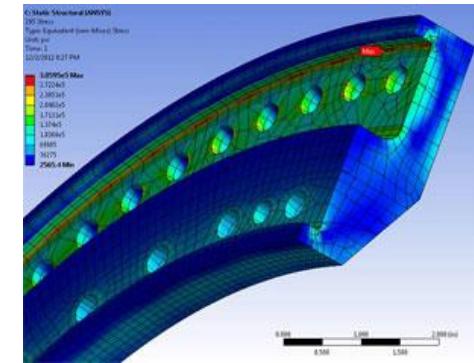
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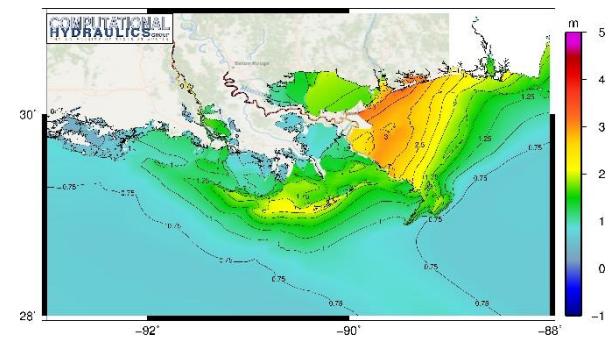
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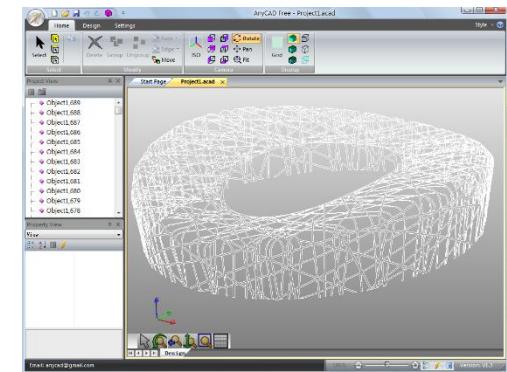
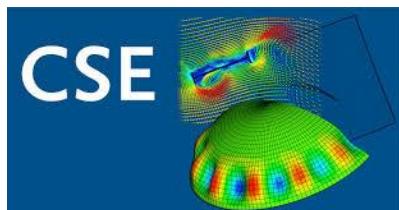
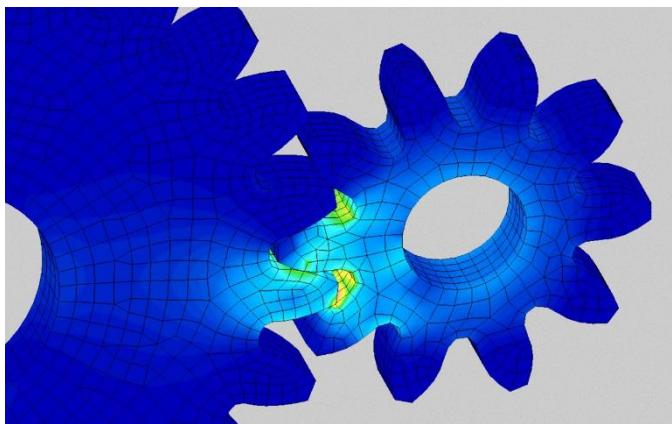
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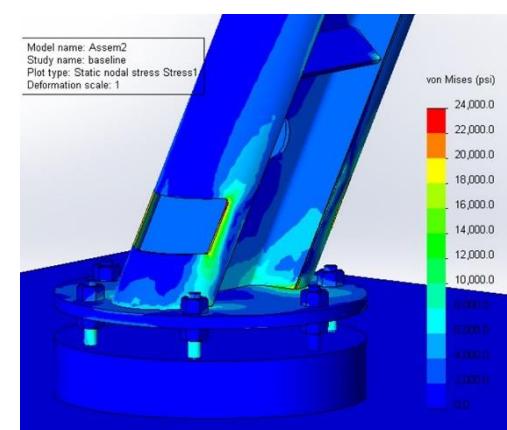
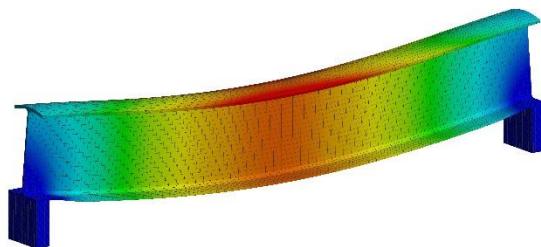
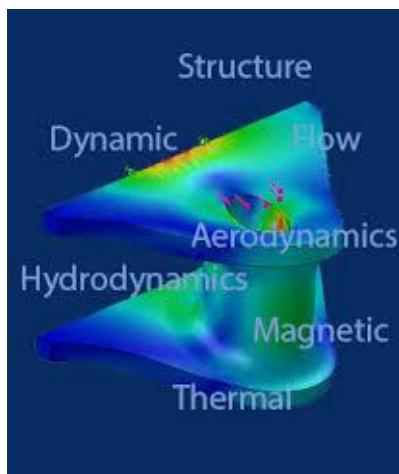
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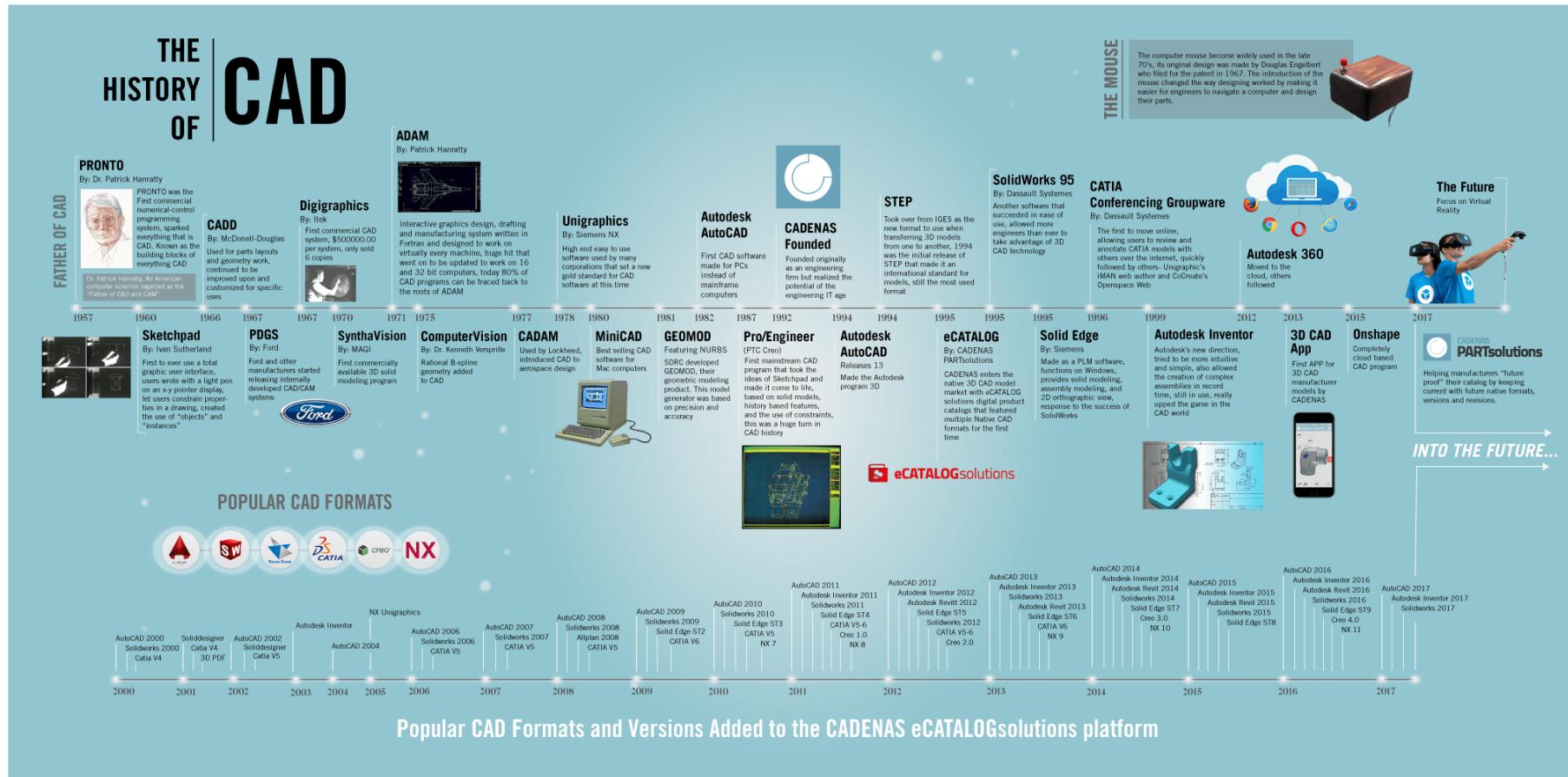
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Motivation to computational engineering

Today, the world is full of CAD (BIM, PDM, PLM etc.) and CAE software, but they all rely on the same (old or new) principles of *computer science* and *mathematics*.



Motivation to computational engineering

Today, the world is full of CAE software, especially FEM software, but they all rely on the same (historical) principles of *mathematics, physics and computer science*.

The FEM has its roots in mathematics and structural mechanics (especially in aeronautics)

- 1941 – Hrennikoff and Courant,...
- 1953 – Turner (Boeing),...
- 1954 – Argyris,...
- 1956 – Turner, Clough, Martin and Topp,...
- 1965 – NASTRAN (NASA Structural Analysis),...
- 1978 – Abaqus FEA,...
- 2005 – Isogeometric Analysis,...

but its development is linked to the developments in computer-aided design, programming, personal computers, graphical user interfaces and other engineering software:

- 1957 – FORTRAN (Formula Translator),...
- 1959 – DAC-1 (by GM and IBM)
- 1972 – C,...
- 1977 – Apple II, Commodore PET,...
- 1985 – C++, Windows, Excel,...

- 1956

The first paper on the FEM published

The first paper on the finite element method (FEM) was published by Turner, M. J., Clough, R. W., Martin H. C. and Topp, L. J. in 1956. From Wikipedia (on Clough):

His article in 1956 was one of the first applications of this computational method. He coined the term "finite elements" in an article in 1960.



Turner, M. J., Clough, R. W., Martin H. C. and Topp, L. J. Stiffness and Deflection Analysis of Complex Structures . Journal of the Aeronautical Sciences, Vol. 23 No. 9, 1956 pp. 805-823.

- 1965

NASA RFP for structural analysis software

In 1965, NASA issued a request for a proposal for the development of a structural analysis software tool. The result of this was NASTRAN (NASA Structural Analysis), which implemented the available FEM technology to solve structural problems.



- 1967

First book on the FEM published

Dr. O.C. Zienkiewicz publishes the first text on the finite element method, called 'The Finite Element Method'. To this day, it remains a standard reference text for the basis of the FEM.

Motivation to computational engineering

Links to the fundamental BSc studies

Mathematics:

- MS-A0105 Differentiaali- ja integraalilaskenta 1
- MS-A0205 Differentiaali- ja integraalilaskenta 2
- MS-A0305 Differentiaali- ja integraalilaskenta 3
- MS-A0005 Matriisilaskenta

Computer science:

- ENG-A1001 Tietokoneavusteiset työkalut insinöörityieteissä
- CSE-A1111 Ohjelmoinnin peruskurssi Y1
- CSE-A1130 Tietotekniikka sovelluksissa

Mechanics:

- KJR-C1001 Statiikka ja Dynamika
- KJR-C2001 Kiinteän aineen mekaniikan perusteet
- KJR-C2002 Kontinuumimekaniikan perusteet
- KJR-C2003 Virtausmekaniikan perusteet
- ENY-C2001 Termodynamiikka ja lämmönsiirto

Physics and chemistry:

- PHYS-A3120 Termodynamiikka
- PHYS-A3130 Sähkömagnetismi
- CHEM-A1250 Kemian perusteet

Engineering:

- KJR-C2004 Materiaaliteknikka
- KJR-C2005 Tuotesuunnittelu
- KJR-C2006 Tuotantotekniikka
- ENG-A1002 ARTS-ENG-projekti



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Fundamentals of Finite Element Analysis

Lecture 1

1. Modelling principles and boundary value problems in engineering sciences

Home exercise 1.1

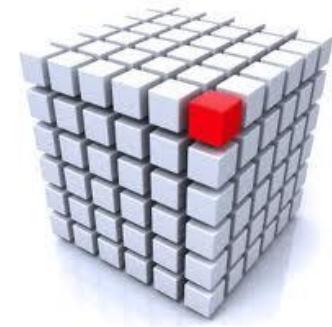
Computer exercise 1.1 – Matlab

2. Energy methods and basic 1D finite element methods

- bars/rods, beams, heat diffusion, seepage, electrostatics

Home exercise 2.1

Home exercise 2.2



Lecture 2

3. Basic 2D and 3D finite element methods

- heat diffusion, seepage

Computer exercise 3.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler

Computer exercise 3.2 – Matlab PDE Modeler

4. Mesh refinements, adaptive and isogeometric methods

Computer exercise 4.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler (VOLUNTARY)

1 Modelling principles and boundary value problems in engineering sciences

Let us start with some simulation examples (far too advanced for this course):

Cutting process <http://www.adina.com/newsH141.shtml>

Shell folding <http://www.adina.com/newsH118.shtml>

Stamping <http://www.adina.com/stamping.shtml>

Bar vibrations in fluid <http://www.adina.com/newsH137.shtml>

Sail ship mast <http://www.adina.com/newsH146.shtml>

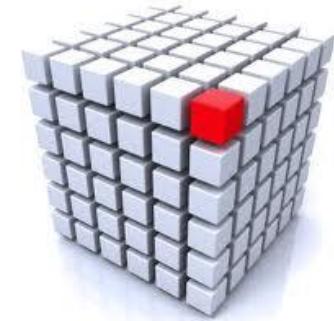
Fastener joints <http://www.adina.com/newsH150.shtml>

Hemming <http://www.adina.com/hemming.shtml>

1 Modelling principles and boundary value problems in engineering sciences

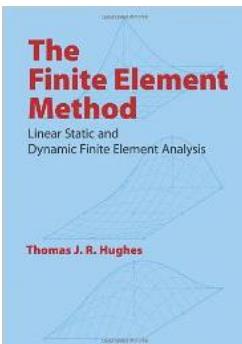
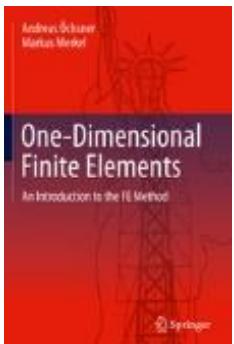
Contents

1. *Modelling and computation* in engineering design and analysis
2. Computer-aided design (CAD) and engineering (CAE)



Learning outcome

- A. Understanding* of the main implications of the approximate nature of computational methods in engineering design and analysis
- B. Recognizing* the importance of computational techniques in modern engineering

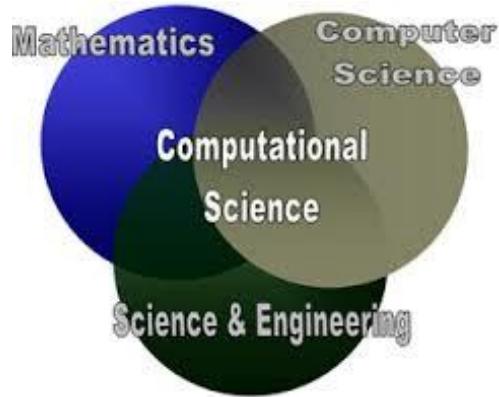
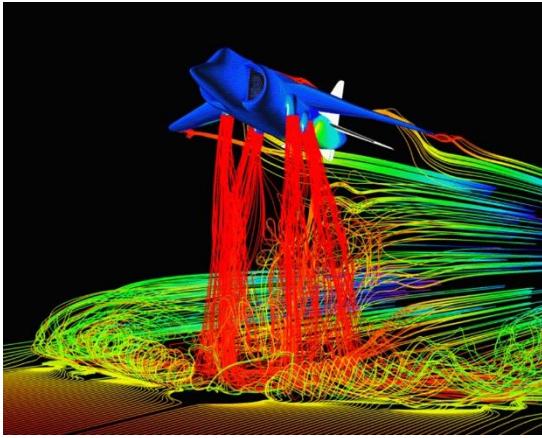


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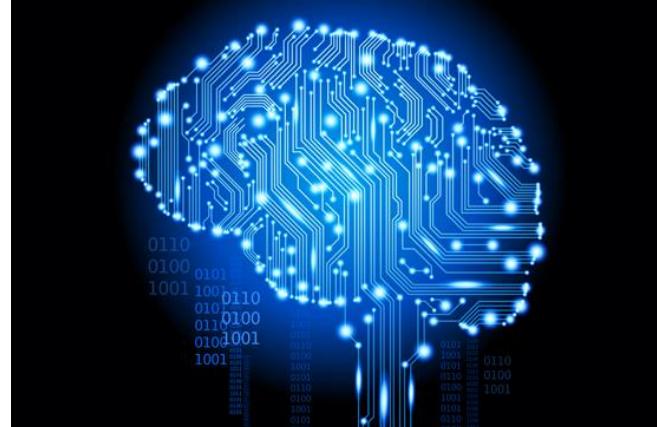
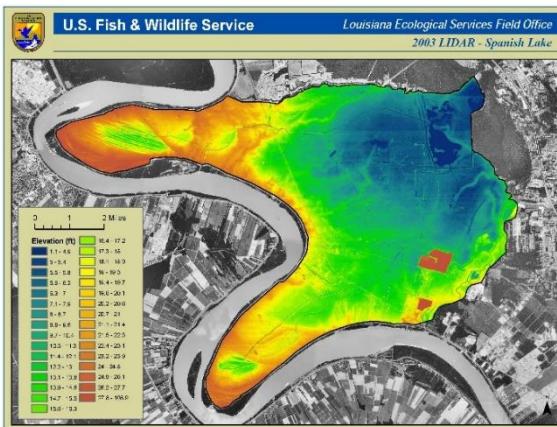
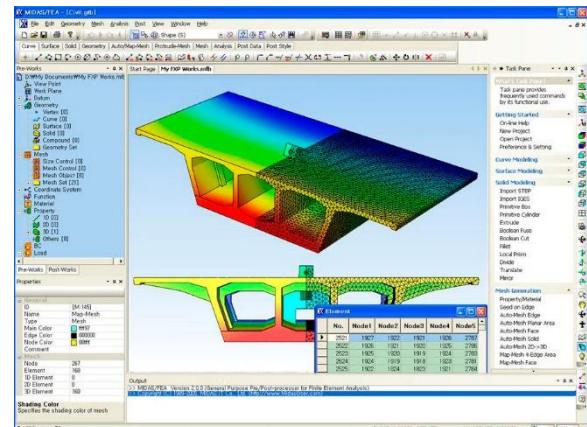
- Text book 1 (red): chapter 1
Text book 2 (blue): chapters 1.1–2



1.0 Questioning computational analysis



How well do the computational techniques – of different engineering fields – simulate the real life?



1.1 Modeling and computation in engineering design and analysis

The world is full of *data* – think about

- World Wide Web (www)
 - Facebook (Fb), Instagram (Ig)
 - Internet of Things (IoT).



But which kind of data? Most often, quite simple data – think about

- www (visual, written, verbal): words, pictures, videos,...
 - Fb, Ig: likes, hashtags,...
 - IoT: sensor values for coordinates, temperatures, hours,...



Data scientists/analysts collect, aggregate and analyze data – in order to form information and models for design and decisions making – by developing and utilizing *algorithms* (by means of *mathematics*, *computer science* and the “laws” of applications fields (such as population growth models or economic models).

Data science utilizes the classical tools of *statistics* and *stochastics* (for analyzing the political and economical behavior of people, for instance) and the modern trends of *data mining* (DM), *machine learning* (ML), *artificial intelligence* (AI) etc.

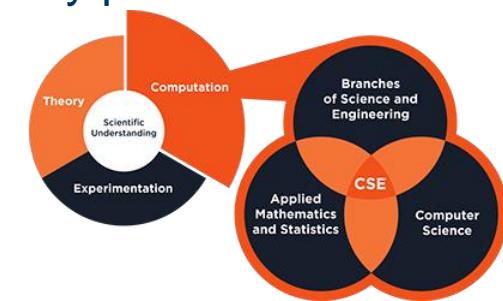
1.1 Modeling and computation in engineering design and analysis

The tools of data analysis are – definitely – demanding and scientific but the nature and origin of data (vote, like, purchase) is often very simple.

In *computational engineering*, most often, data originates from and is related to complex physical systems (such as buildings or machines) and the laws of the application field are quite complex (such as structural or fluid dynamics).

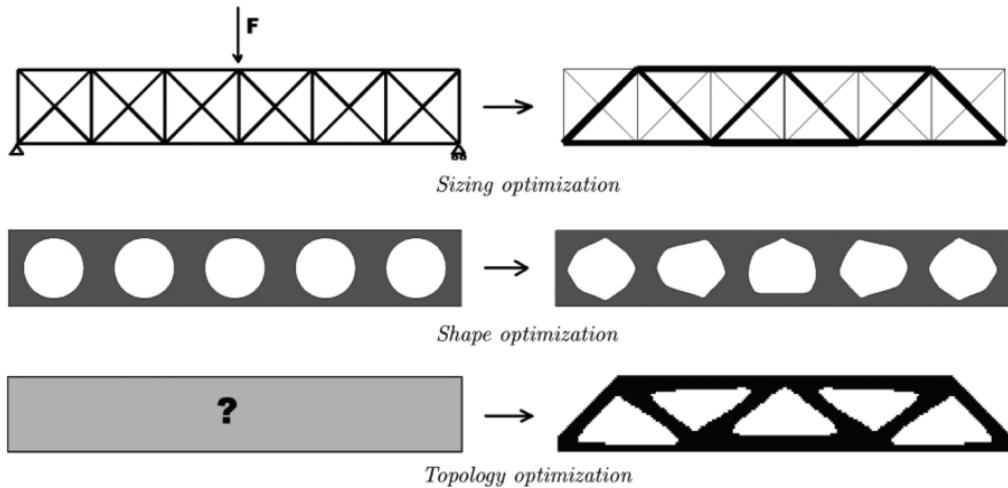
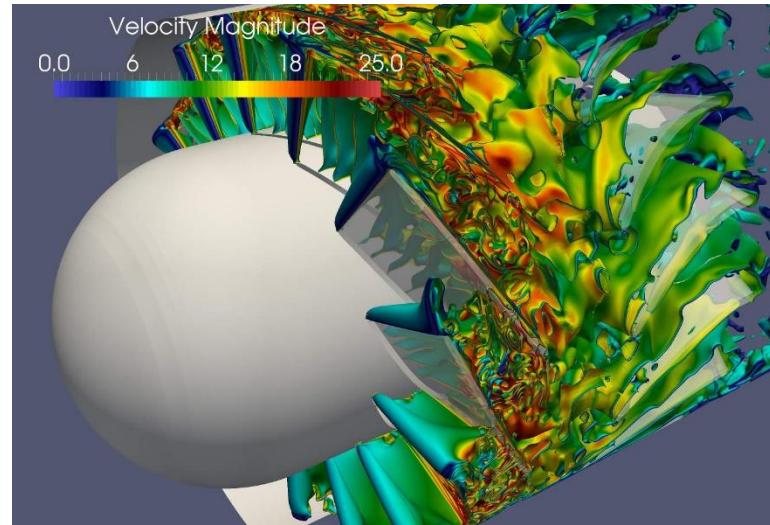
Actually, computational engineering (such as *computational mechanics* or *computational fluid dynamics*) is, to large extent, different than other *computational sciences* (such as *data science* or even *computational modeling* such as *geometric modeling*) although the same components and terms are typically present:

- modeling and simulation
- data structures and algorithms
- data analysis and visualization
- high-performance computing



“The computational engineer uses the computer and mathematical algorithms to solve *physics-based equations* to make predictions and simulate scenarios.”

1.1 Modeling and computation in engineering design and analysis



▼ Equation

Equation form:

Study controlled

Show equation assuming:

Study 1, Time Dependent

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{F}$$
$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho C_p \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) + Q$$

Last Time Weighted Residual Formulations

Consider a general representation of a governing equation on a region V

$$Lu = P$$

L is a differential operator

e.g. For Axial element $\frac{d}{dx} \left(E_A \frac{du}{dx} \right) = 0$

$$L = \frac{d}{dx} E_A \frac{d}{dx} ()$$

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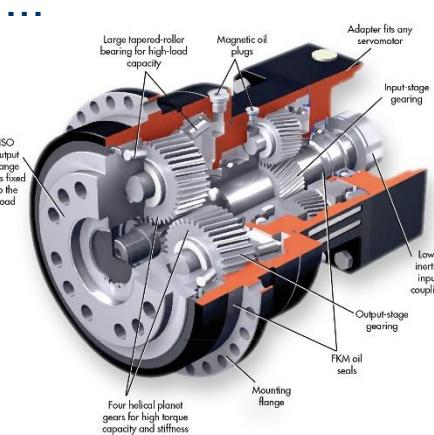
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*The role
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Physical engineering problem with design criteria

Customer needs!
Dimensions!
Laws and regulations!
Time slot!
Technology available!
Price range!

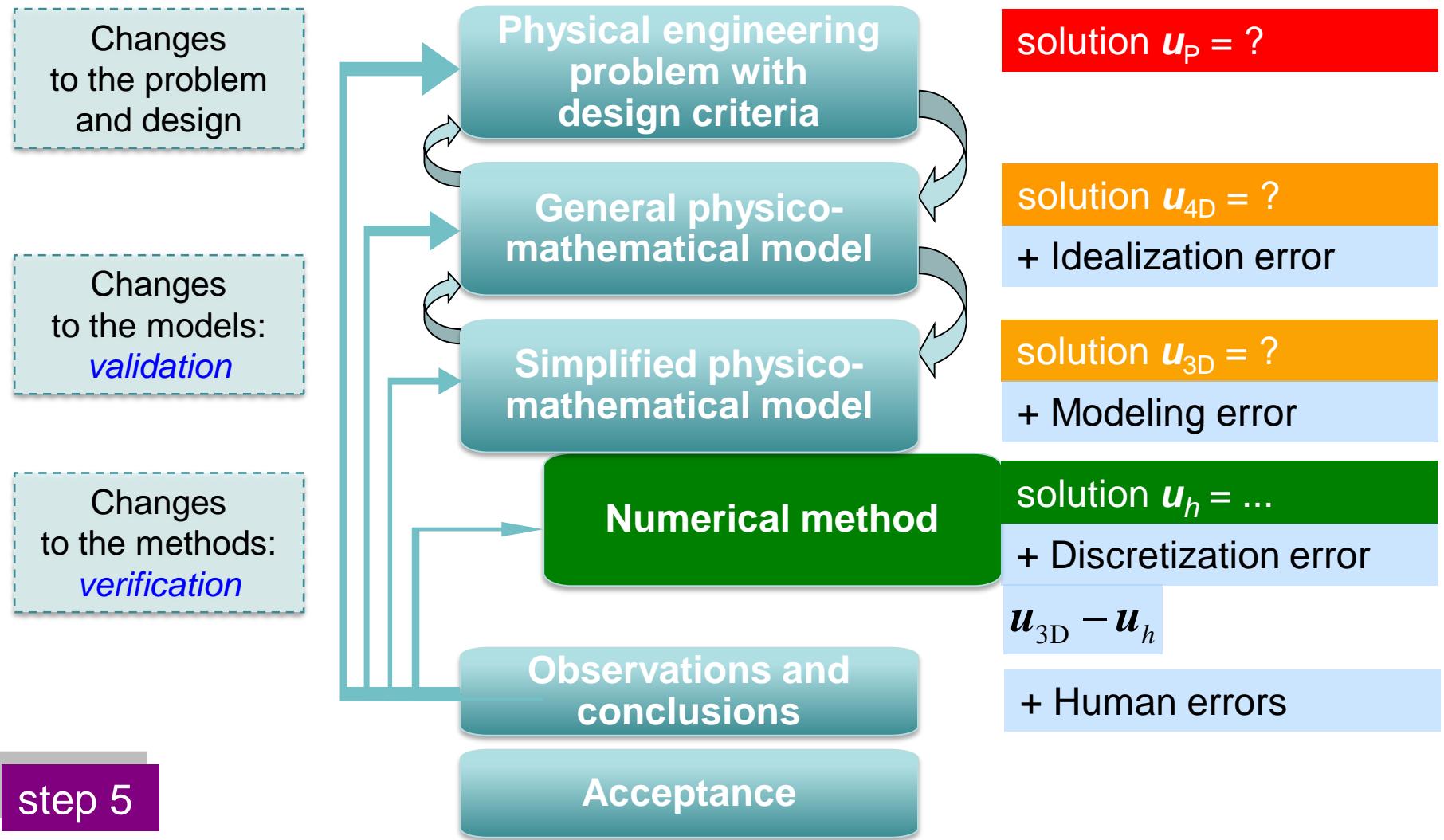


solution $u_P = ?$

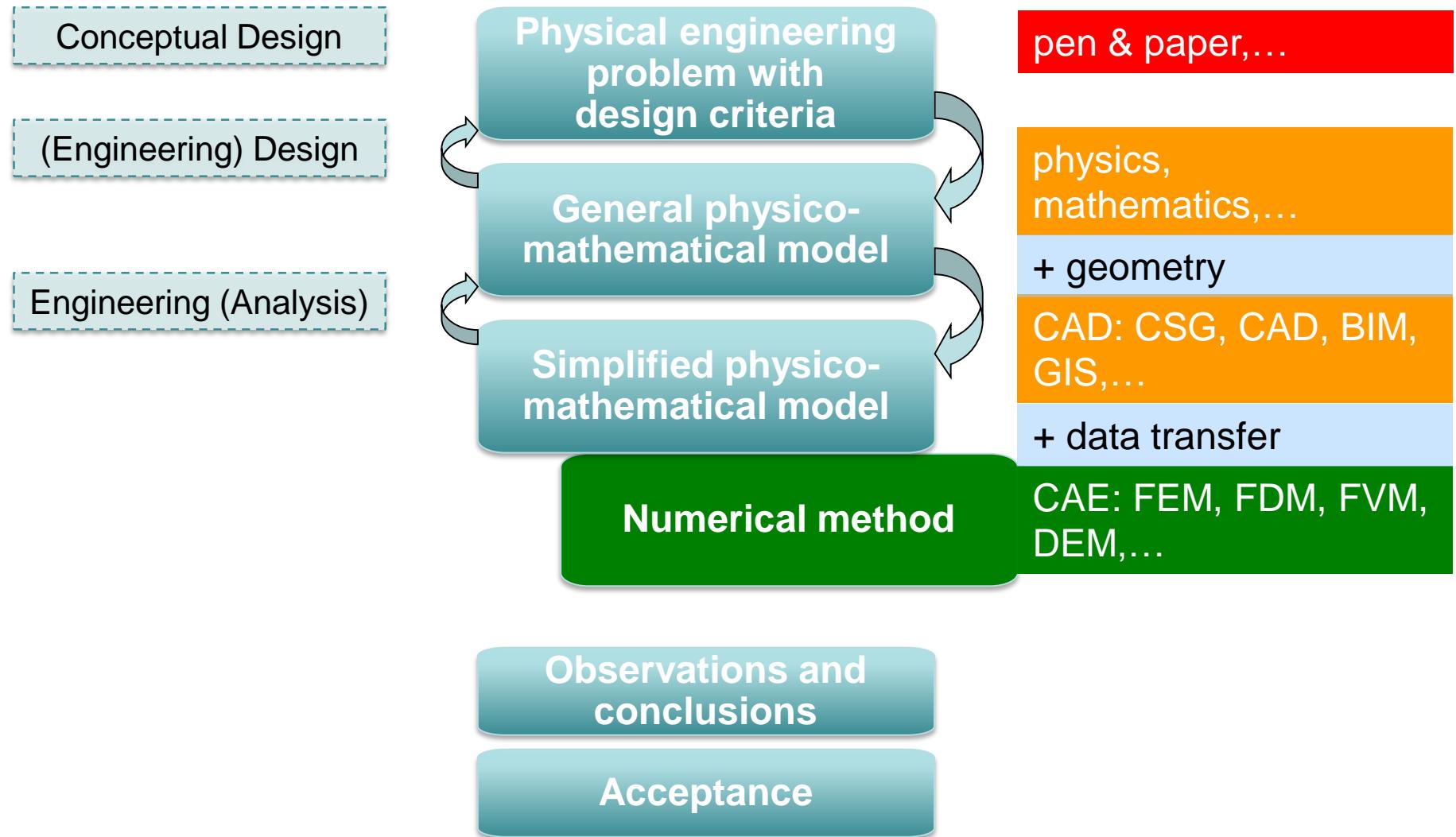
How long?
How thick?
Which material?
How many?
Which joints?
How to construct?
...

How to get answers?

1.1 Modeling and computation in engineering design and analysis



1.2 Computer-aided design and engineering



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CAD – Computer-Aided Design

CAM – Computer-Aided Manufacturing

CAE – Computer-Aided Engineering

BIM – Building Information Modelling

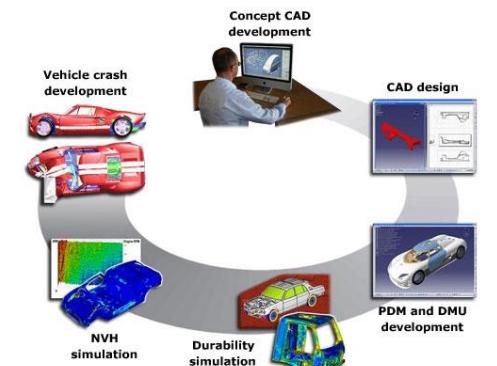
BDM – Product Data Management

PLM – Product Lifecycle Management

GIS – Geographic Information System

... Aided ('70s)
... Based ('90s)
... Driven

... Data ('80s)
... Information, Lifecycle ('60s, '80s, '90s)
... Intelligence

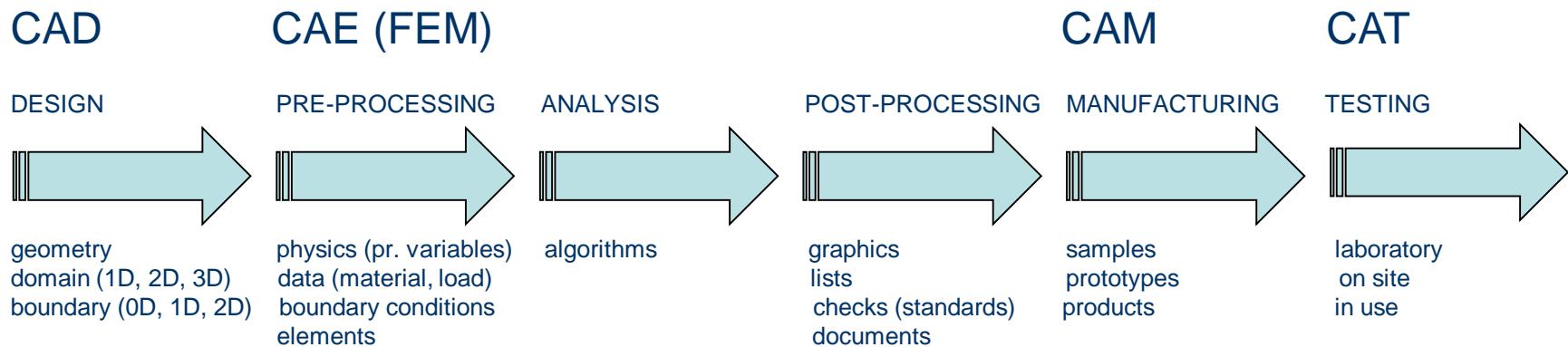


Remark. It seems that the future trends of engineering such as *artificial intelligence* (AI) and robotics, in particular, will heavily rely on and drive computational (computer-aided, computer-driven, algorithm-aided) science and engineering.

Remark. Physics and mathematics will not change too much, however.

1.2 Computer-aided design and engineering

Computer-aided design, engineering, manufacturing and testing as a software-related process. Basically, one can speak about the following process phases (although there are alternative classifications): conceptual, preliminary and detailed *design, pre-processing, analysis, post-processing, manufacturing, testing*.

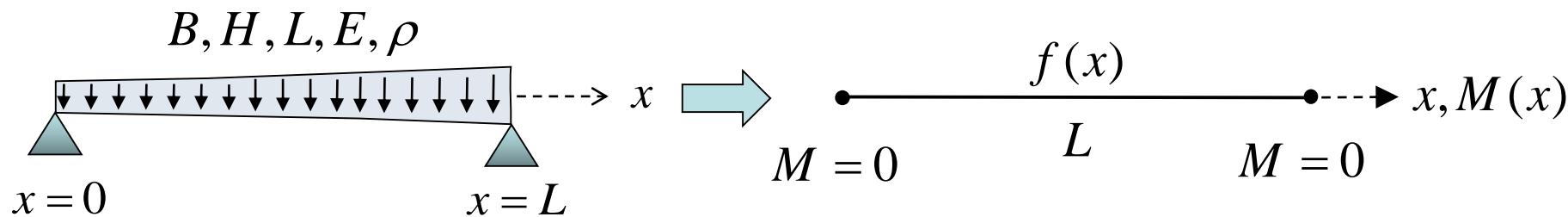


Remark. Typically, different software are used for CAD and CAE, but some CAD-software include some CAE-features, whereas almost every CAE-software includes some basic CAD-features in the GUI for post-processing.

Remark. D (design) is not the core of engineering but E, M and T!

Home exercise 1.1

Let us consider a vertically loaded **2D/3D beam structure** (made of steel) with the following dimensions: $B = 4 \text{ cm}$, $H = 2 \text{ cm}$, $L = 1 \text{ m}$.



Under certain 2D/3D-to-1D *dimension reduction* assumptions, the *bending moment* of the (statically determined) beam can be solved from the following 1D boundary value problem (of *2nd order ordinary differential equation*):

$$-M''(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$M(0) = 0, M(L) = 0$$

Derive the exact (analytical) solution of the problem for a constant loading $f(x) = f_0$ (comparable to the gravity loading).

Hint: Integrate and then determine the integration constants.



Computer exercise 1.1 – Matlab

- (i) Represent graphically the exact solution $M = M(x)$ of Home exercise 1.2 with loading $f = f(x) = f_0$ by using the **MATLAB** software.

Plot the curve by choosing 10 and 100 points for discretizing the curve.

Hint: Use Matlab help for learning the syntax of the *plot* command.

- (ii) Comment your code, i.e., explain what is done on each line.



2 Energy methods and basic 1D finite element methods

Fundamentals of Finite Element Analysis

Lecture 1

1. Modelling principles and boundary value problems in engineering sciences

Home exercise 1.1

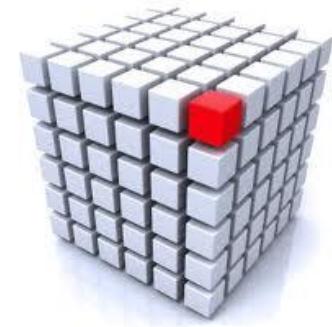
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Home exercise 2.1

Home exercise 2.2



Lecture 2

3. Basic 2D and 3D finite element methods

- heat diffusion, seepage

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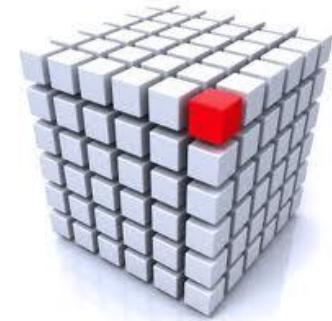
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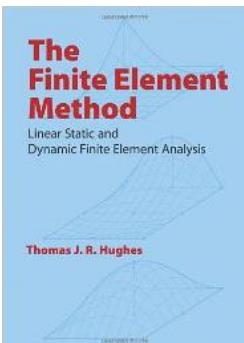
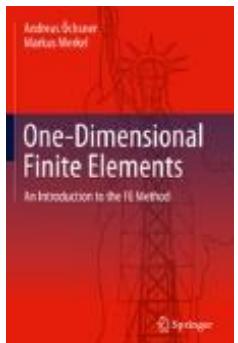
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1. Weak form (based on the principle of virtual work)
2. 1D finite element method (based on the weak form)



Learning outcome

- A. *Understanding of the main principles behind the finite element method*
- B. *Ability to formulate and apply the finite element method for 1D model problems*

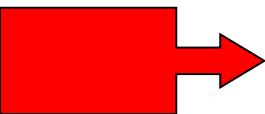
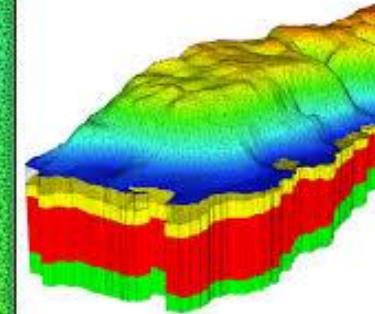
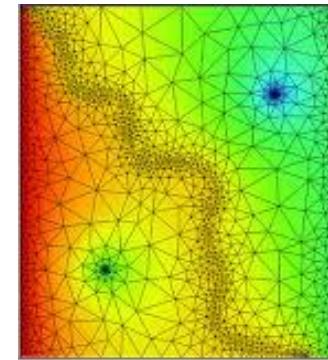
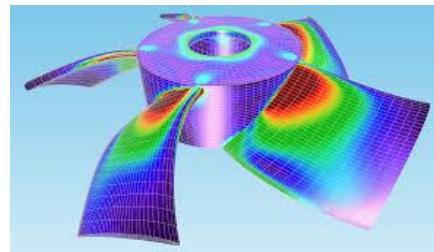
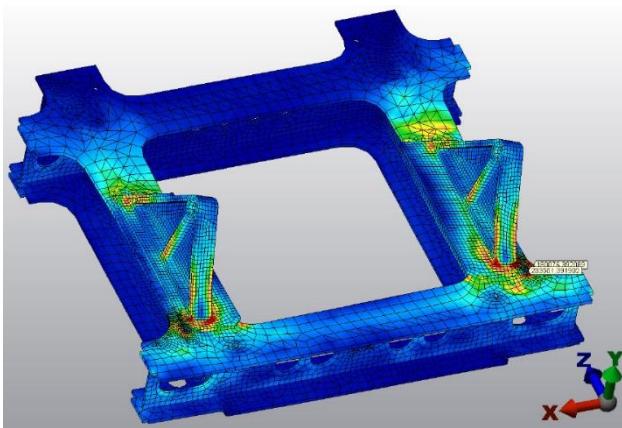


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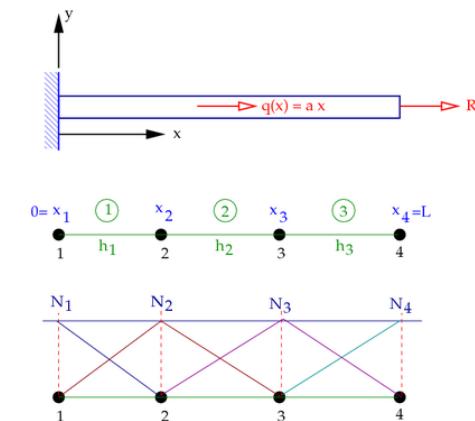
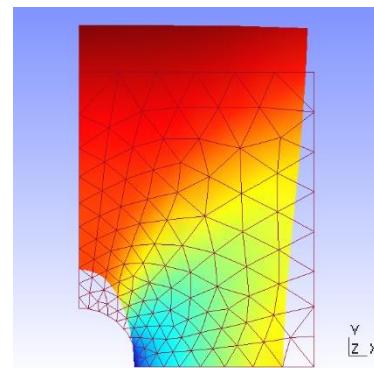
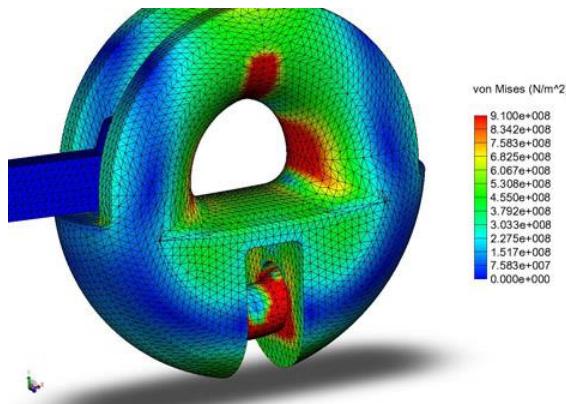
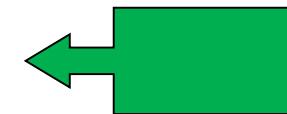
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2.0 Finite element methods intuitively



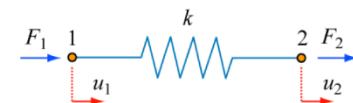
How do you understand the name finite element method – according to the related web images?



2.1 Weak form – 1D model problem

Introduction. The simplistic form of the finite element method is identical to the classical *direct stiffness method* typically used for solving **spring systems** or **truss systems** consisting of hinged extension-compression bars.

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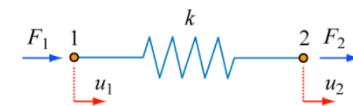


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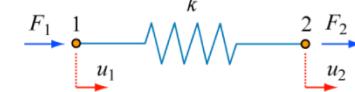


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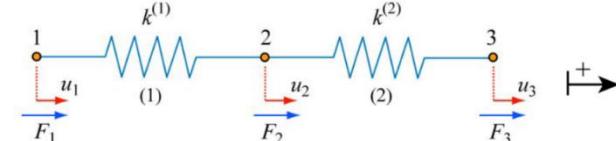
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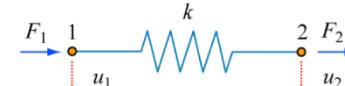
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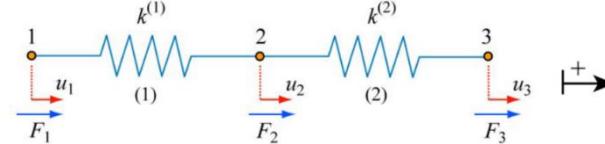
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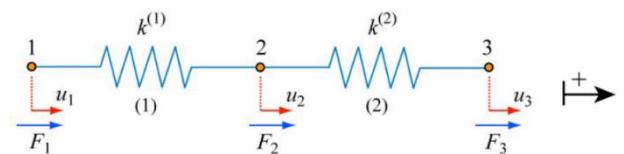
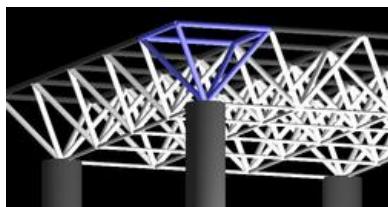
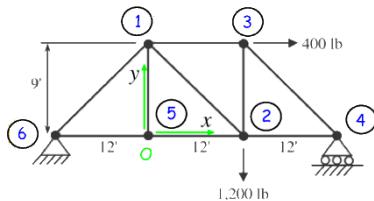
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Remark. In a similar way, one can write the global force balance of a general spring system in which the springs are not necessarily connected as a planar sequence (line): more than two springs can be connected to one end point and the spring system can have a spatial configuration.

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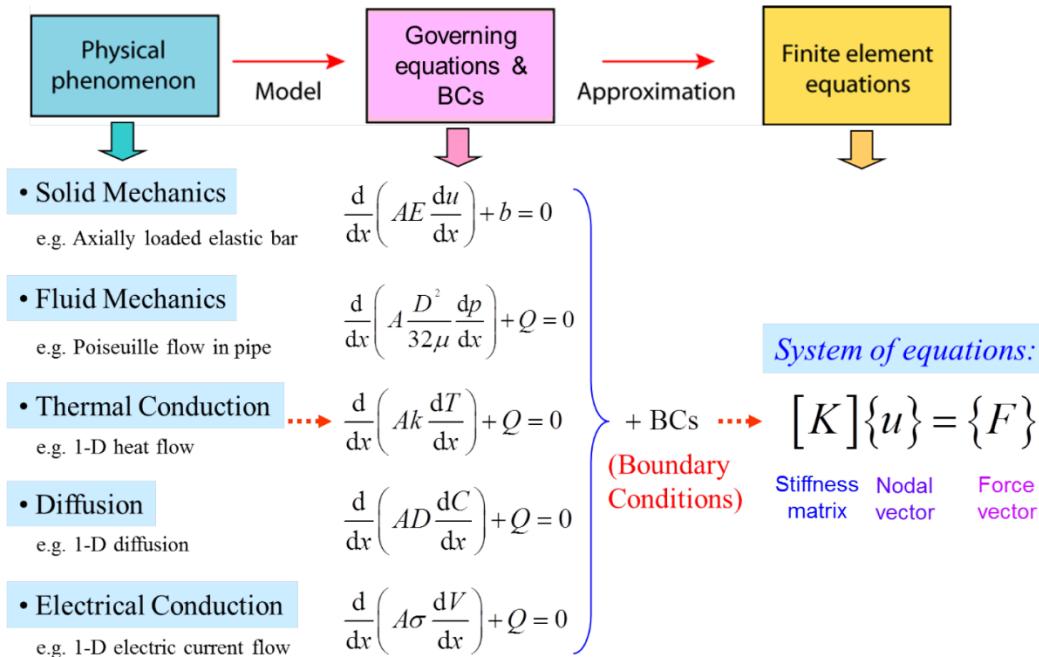
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More generally, the finite element method is a method for solving *partial differential equations* written in a *weak form*, or energy form (cf. the *principle of virtual work*).



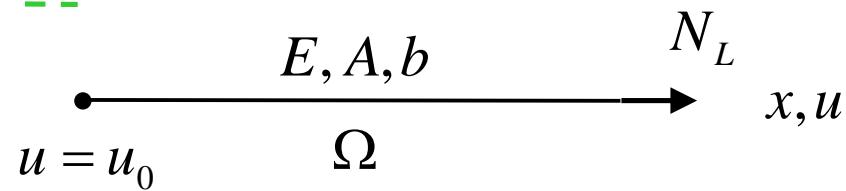
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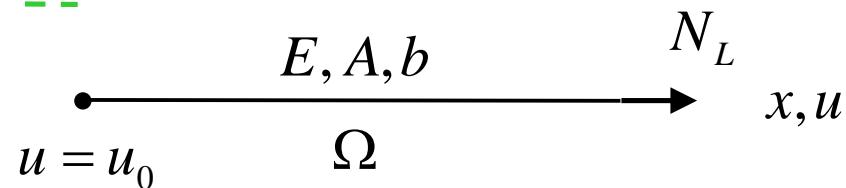
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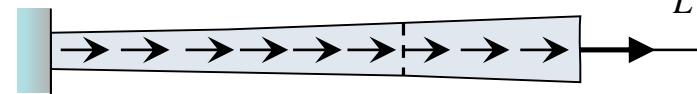
E Young's modulus (given material data)

A cross-sectional area (given geometrical data)

b axial body load (given loading data)

$L, E(x), A(x), b(x)$ N_L

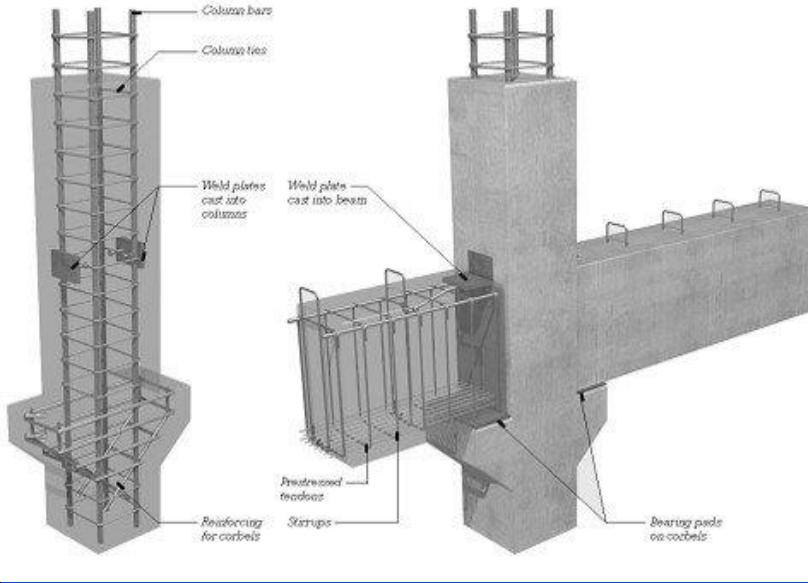
L length (given geometrical data)



u_0 axial end point displacement (given essential/geometric boundary data)

N_L axial end point force (given natural/force boundary data).

BEAM TO COLUMN CONNECTION



FURTHER MOTIVATION ...



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Weak form. Find u such that it satisfies $u(0) = u_0$ and

$$\int_0^L EAu' v' dx = N_L v(L) + \int_0^L b v dx, \quad \begin{array}{c} E, A, b \\ \bullet \quad \longrightarrow \\ u = u_0 \quad \Omega \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} N_L \\ x, u \end{array}$$

for all test functions v satisfying $v(0) = 0$.

Remark. Why do we formulate the problem in a weak, or variational, form?

The finite element method (FEM) is based on the weak form which actually presents the problem in a form of **energy balance**:

1. the left hand side corresponds to **strain energy**
(the derivative of the axial displacement is the axial strain: $\varepsilon(x) = u'(x)$);
2. the right hand side corresponds to **loading energy**
(work done by a force equals to the product of the force and the corresponding displacement).

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Other 1D problems of the same form. The bar problem serves as a model problem for many other physical phenomena as well. Let us formulate the **Problem** as a pseudo-code "in words" (cf. the formulation of the bar problem and the table below):

$$(1) - (\text{Data}(x) * (\text{I variable}))'(x) = \text{Load}(x), 0 < x < L$$

$$(2) (\text{I variable})(0) = \text{I variable_value_at_0}$$

$$(3) (\text{II variable})(L) = \text{II variable_value_at_L}$$

Remark. In (2), one could set a given value for **II variable**, or in (3) for **I variable**.

Problem	I variable	Data	Load	II variable
Axially loaded bar	displacement	EA	extensional force	force
Torsionally loaded bar	angle	GJ	torsional moment	torque
Seepage in soils	head (pressure)	k	infiltration	velocity
Heat diffusion	temperature	k	heat generation	heat flux
Electrostatics	electric potential	ϵ	charge density	electric flux

HOW
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2.1 Weak form – 1D model problem

0. Start from the differential equation (1) and use the boundary conditions (2) and (3):

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What shall we do
with the differential equation and the boundary conditions
– one page with a few lines is enough –
in order to reach the integral form below?

Do some problem solving team work in pairs
for a few minutes...

$$\Rightarrow (1) \quad \int_0^L (EAu')(x) v'(x) dx = N_L v(L) + \int_0^L b(x) v(x) dx$$

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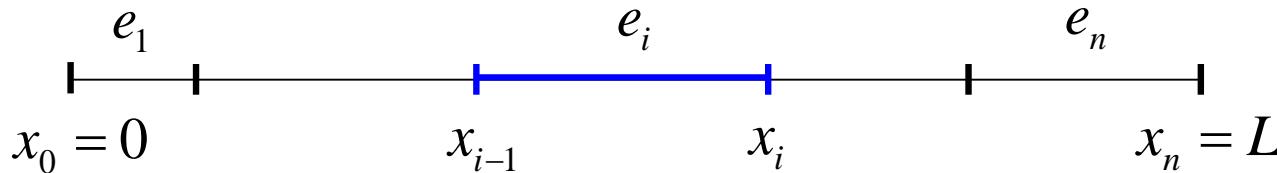
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Remark. Starting from the weak form we could correspondingly derive the strong form (integrating by parts "backwards").

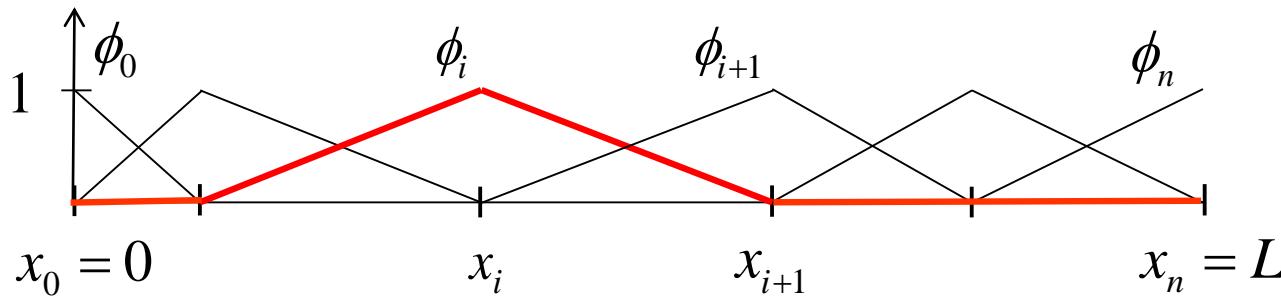
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2.2 1D finite element method – model problem

Finite element approximation for the 1D bar in tension/compression problem.
Let us divide the solution interval (domain) into n subintervals e_i (*elements*) with nodes x_i and *element size* $h_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$:



In each element, the displacement field is approximated by *nodal values* of the displacement and in between the nodes by (linear) polynomial *basis functions* which are now (in a 1D problem) functions of the x -coordinate:



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This finally results in an **equation system**

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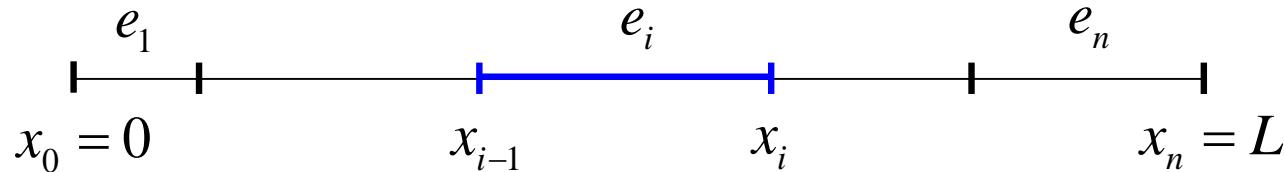
Remark. The stiffness matrix is (very often) **symmetric** (due to derivative orders) and its entries are concentrated in a narrow diagonal band forming a **band matrix** (due to local trial and test functions). These features can be utilized in computer implementation – implying small amounts of **memory needs** and quick **processing**.

Remark. Test and trial functions have to be (only) once locally differentiable (and will be then integrated over the domain) and (only) locally evaluable on the boundary.

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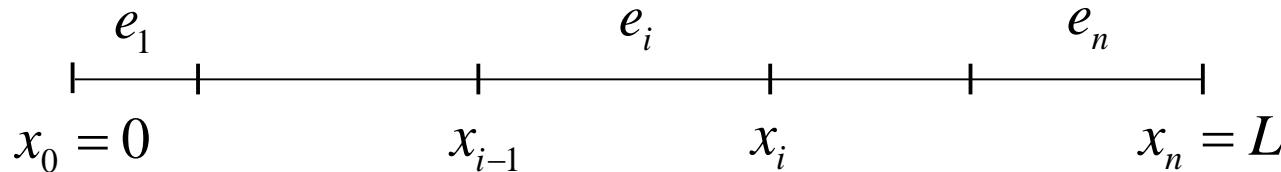
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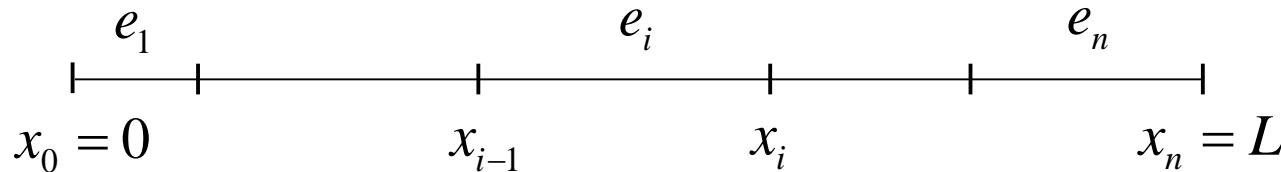


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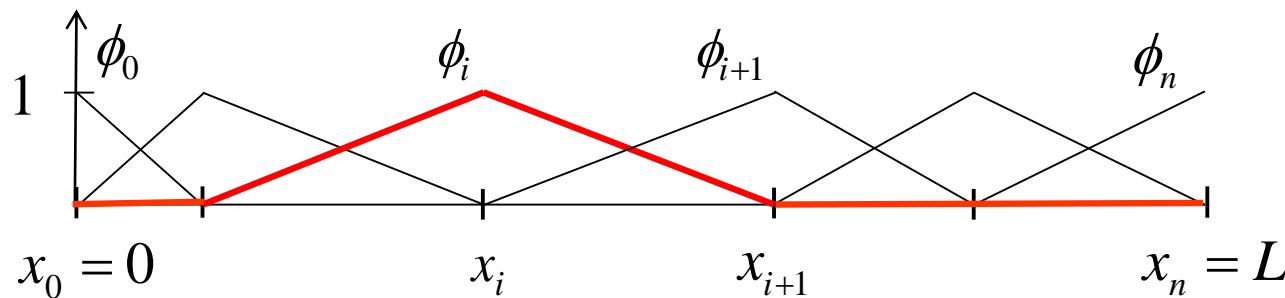
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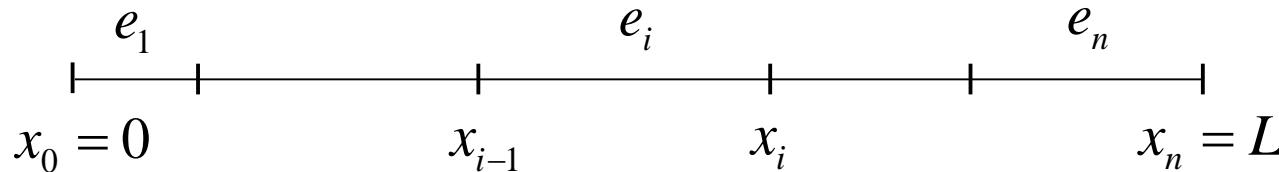
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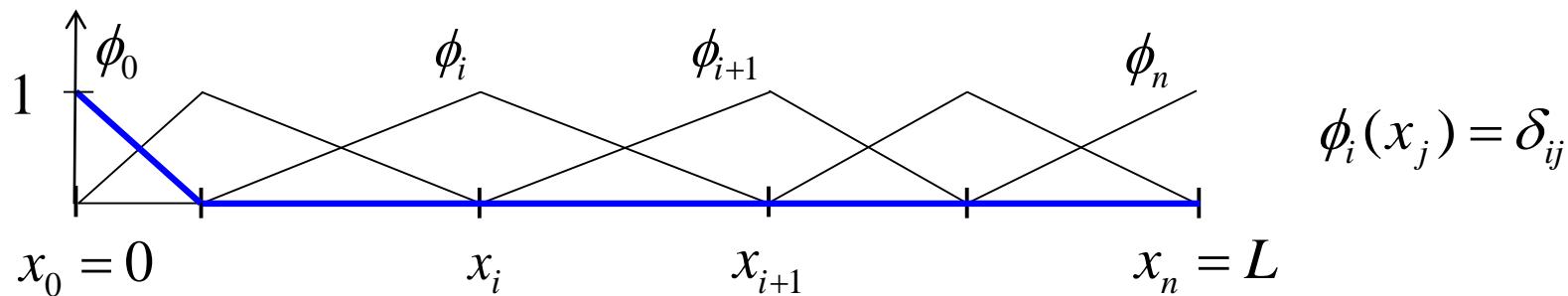
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7. Evaluate possible *error indicators*, change the *discretization* (steps 1–4) ... rerun ...

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5. Use an appropriate *solver* for the equation system:

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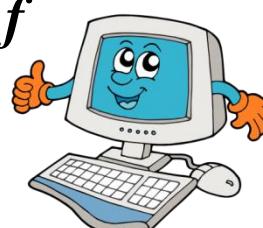
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Remark. Steps 1–7 are automated – by means of mathematics and programming:

1. Elements e_i

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{f}$$



2–3. Basis functions ϕ_i

4. Matrix entries K_{ij}, f_i

5. Equation solution

6. Visualization

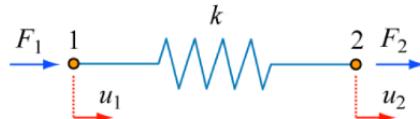
$$u_h(x)$$

7. Error evaluation

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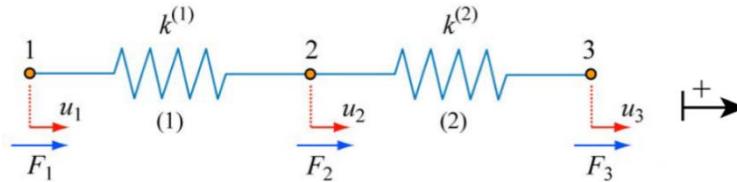
Home exercise 2.1

- (i) Let us consider a **spring system** of one spring and its two end point displacements and forces (see the figure below).



Derive the force balance equations (statics) regarding the end point displacements as a system of equations (in a matrix form $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$).

- (ii) Let us consider a **two-spring system** of two springs in series with three end point displacements and three end point forces (see the figure).



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- (iii) Do you recognize any general rule applying for a system of $n = 2, 3, \dots$ springs?



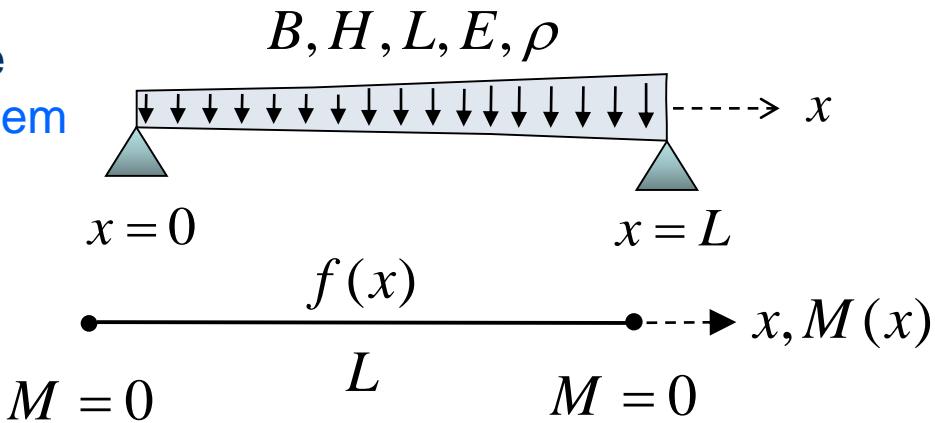
Home exercise 2.2

Let us consider a vertically loaded thin *2D/3D beam structure* (made of steel) with the following dimensions: $B = 4 \text{ cm}$, $H = 2 \text{ cm}$, $L = 1 \text{ m}$.

The *bending moment* of the beam can be solved from the strong form of a *1D problem* (see Home exercises 1.1):

$$-M''(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < L$$

$$M(0) = 0, M(L) = 0$$



Formulate the *weak form* of the problem.

Hint: Compare the strong form above to the strong form of the rod problem in Section 2.1 and then imitate the weak form of the rod problem (or repeat steps 1–5 of the extra material of Section 2.1).

Note that in this case the strong form above has two essential boundary conditions instead of one essential and one natural.



3 Basic 2D and 3D finite element methods

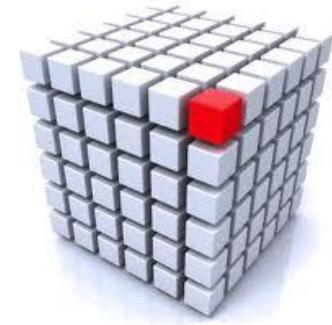
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 - Computer exercise 1.1 – Matlab
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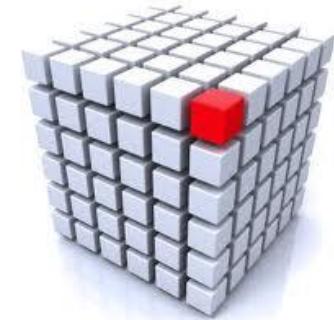
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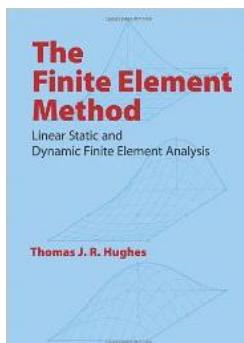


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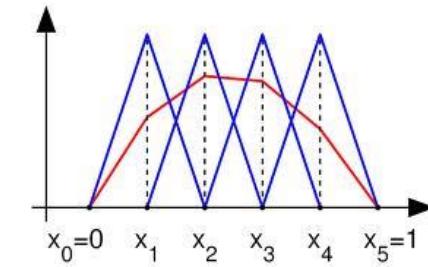
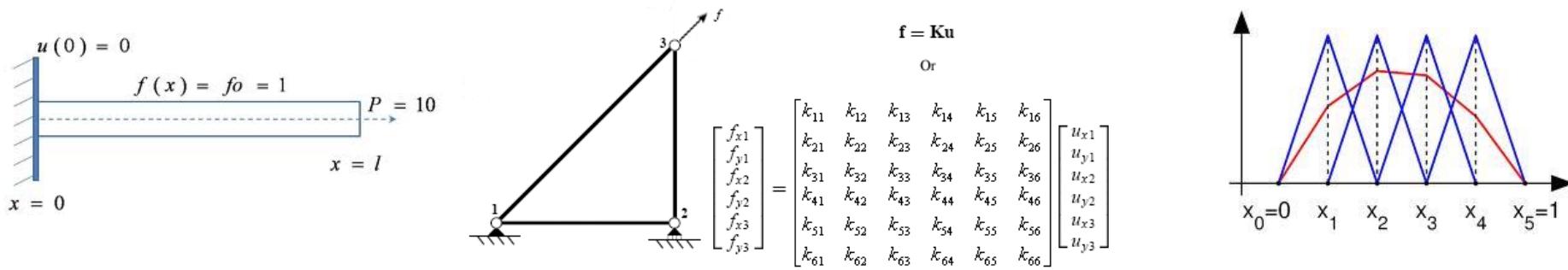
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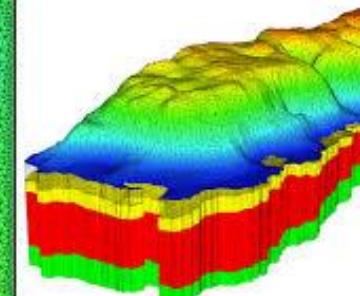
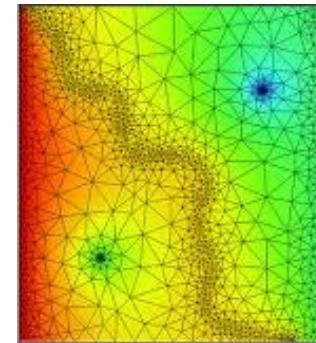
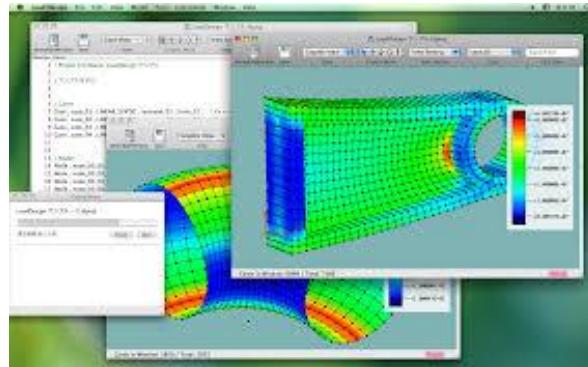
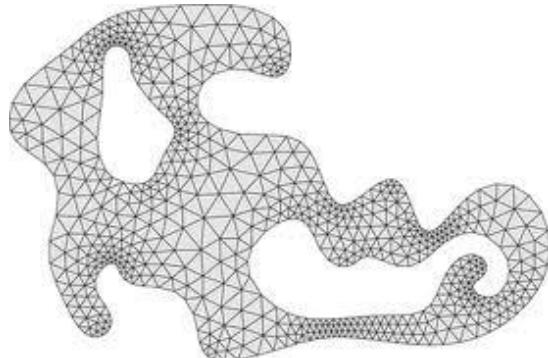
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3.0 Generalizing 1D finite element methods to 2D (/3D) intuitively



How straightforward it might be to generalize
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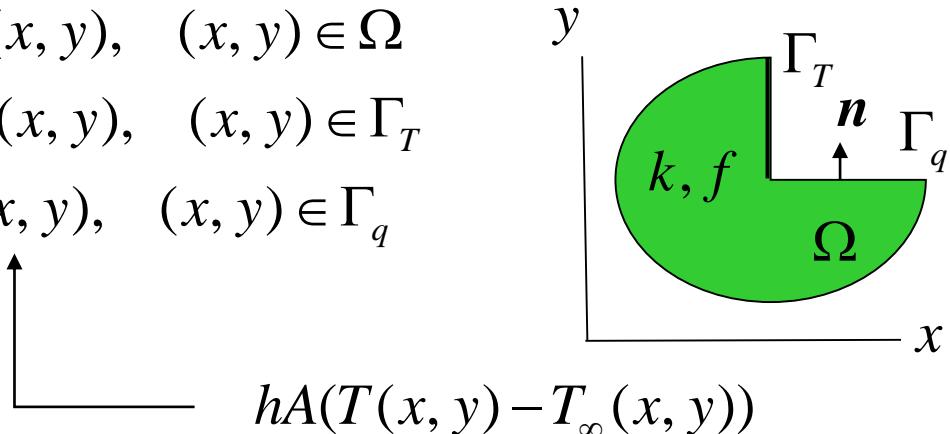
3.1 2D weak form – model problem

Strong form. The *partial differential equation* and *boundary conditions* for stationary isotropic heat diffusion/conduction read as follows: Find $T = T(x, y)$ such that

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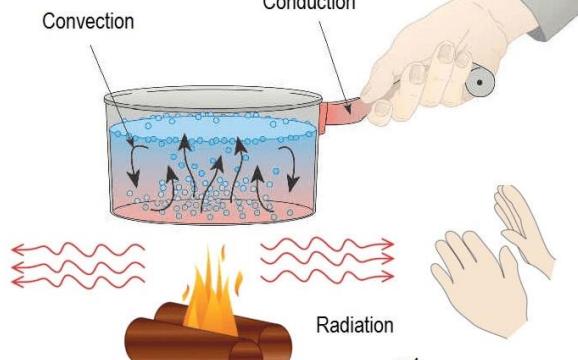


$$q = h\Delta T$$

where
q is the local heat flux density [$\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$]
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 ΔT is the temperature difference [K]

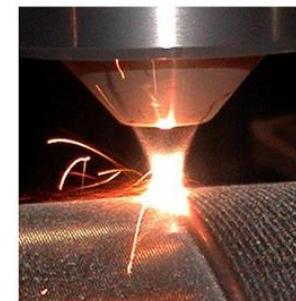
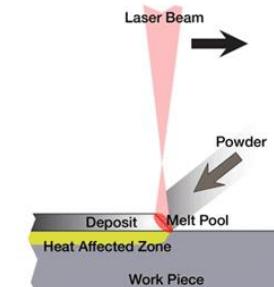
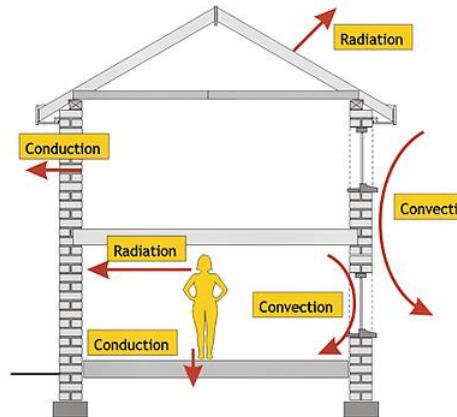
$$q = -k\nabla T$$

where
q is the local heat flux density [$\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$]
k is the materials conductivity [$\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}$]
 ∇T is the temperature gradient [$\text{K}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}$]



$$q = \varepsilon\sigma T^4$$

where
q is the power radiated from an object [$\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$]
 σ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant [$\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\text{K}^4$]
 ε is the emissivity of the surface of a material [-]



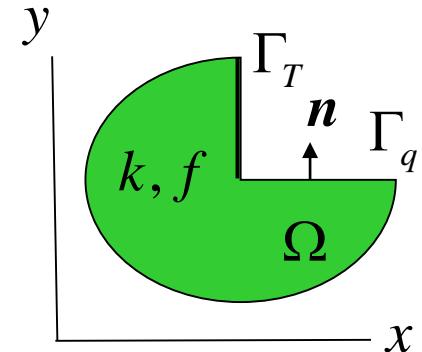
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T temperature (unknown function)

k thermal conductivity (given material data)

f heat supply (given loading data), Ω domain (given geometrical data)

Γ_T boundary part for given temperature (given boundary data)

Γ_q boundary part for given heat flux (given boundary data)

T_0 temperature on the boundary (given essential, Dirichlet, boundary data)

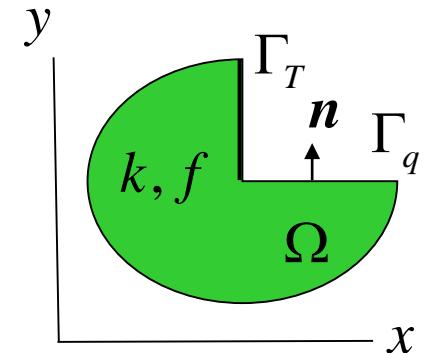
q_0 heat flux on the boundary (given natural, Neumann, boundary data).

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for all $\hat{T} = \hat{T}(x, y)$ satisfying $\hat{T}|_{\Gamma_T} = 0$.



Remark. Why do we formulate the problem in a weak, or variational, form?

The finite element method (FEM) is based on the weak form which actually present the problem in a form of **energy balance**.

Remark. *PDE* often stands for *partial differential equation*, *ODE* for *ordinary differential equation* (both of which can be linear or nonlinear). Differential equations have natural connections to *analysis* (evolved from *calculus*), *functional analysis* (when seen in abstract forms) and *numerical analysis* (when numerical solutions are in mind, e.g. *finite element methods*, *FEM*). For more information on classifications, see <https://www.wolframalpha.com/examples/mathematics/>.

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5. Set a zero **essential boundary condition** (2a) for the test function: $\hat{T} = 0$ on Γ_T

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Remark. Note that the solution and the test function, respectively, have to satisfy the **boundary conditions** $T|_{\Gamma_T} = T_0$, $\hat{T}|_{\Gamma_T} = 0$ and the **regularity conditions**

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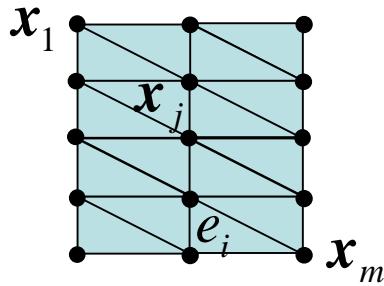
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Remark. Starting from the weak form we could correspondingly derive the strong form (integrating by parts "backwards").

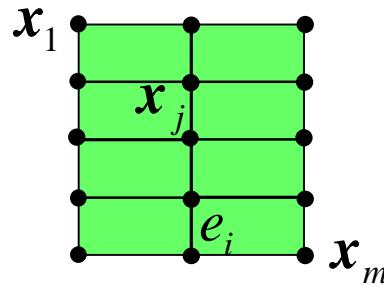
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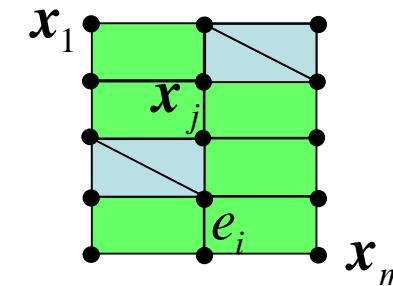
Finite element approximation for the 2D heat diffusion problem. Let us divide the solution area (domain) into n subdomains, *elements* e_i (*triangles*, *quadrangles*, ...) with *nodes* $x_j = (x_j, y_j)$ and *element size* $h_i = \text{diam}(e_i)$:



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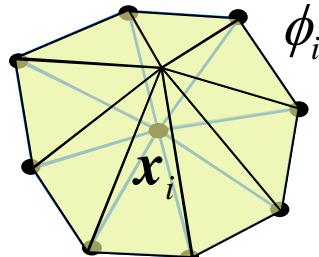
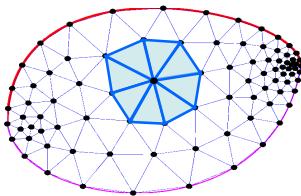


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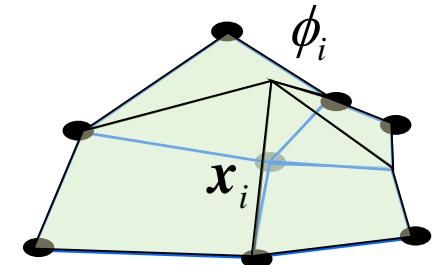
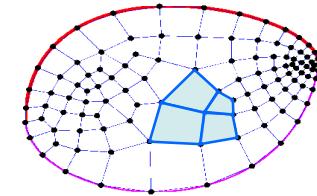


or ...

In each element, the temperature field is approximated by *nodal values* of the temperature and in between the nodes by (linear) polynomial *basis functions* which are now (in a 2D problem) functions of the x - and y -coordinate:



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3.2 2D finite element method – model problem

This finally results in a simple **equation system**

$$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{f}$$

with the **stiffness matrix** (computable for $i, j = 1, \dots, m-p$), **force vector** (computable for $i = 1, \dots, m-p$) and the **displacement vector** (unknown for $i = 1, \dots, m-p$):

$$\mathbf{K} = [K_{ij}], \quad K_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} (k \nabla \phi_j) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, d\Omega,$$

$$\mathbf{f} = [f_i], \quad f_i = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_q} q_0 \phi_i \, ds - \sum_{x_j \in \Gamma_T} T_0(x_j) K_{ij},$$

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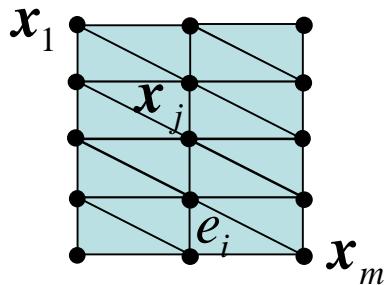
Remark. The stiffness matrix is (very often) **symmetric** (due to derivative orders) and its entries are concentrated in a narrow diagonal band forming a **band matrix** (due to local trial and test functions). These features can be utilized in computer implementation – implying small amounts of **memory needs** and quick **processing**.

Remark. Test and trial functions have to be (only) once differentiable (and will be then integrated over the domain) and (only) evaluable on the boundary.

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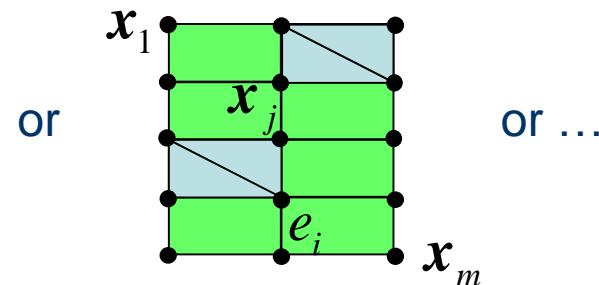
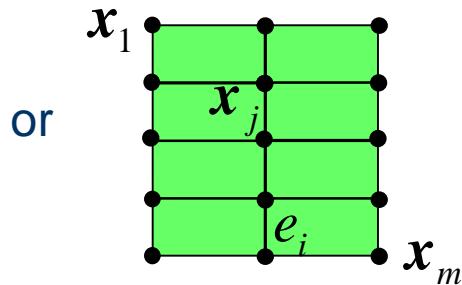
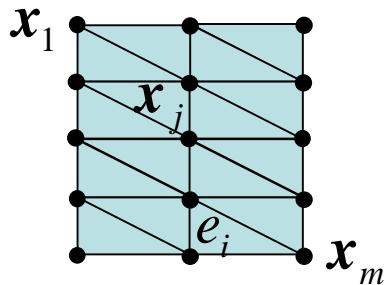
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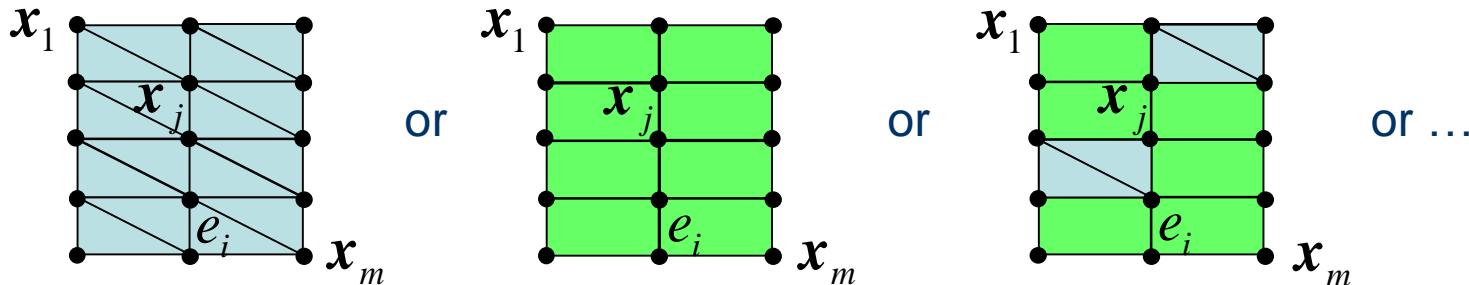


- Choose a *trial function* for the finite element approximation as a sum

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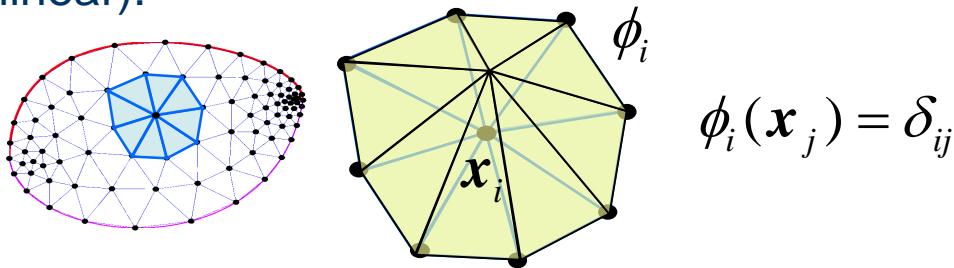
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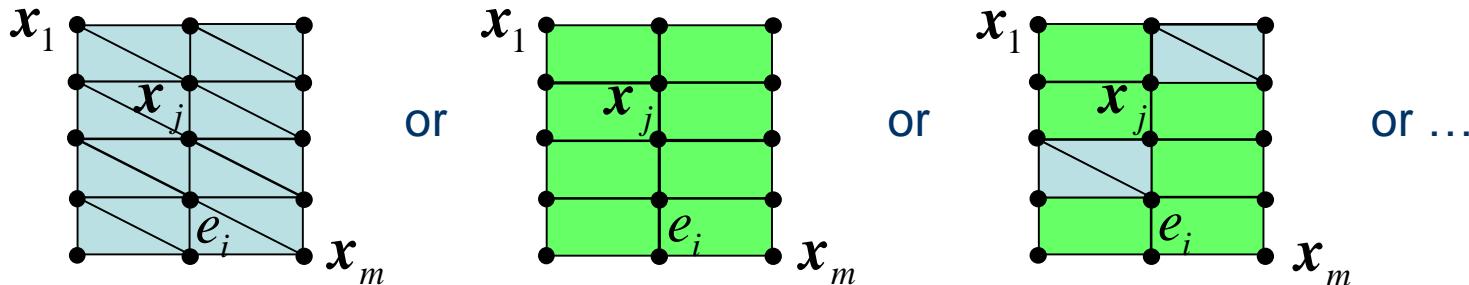
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with suitable *local basis functions* ϕ_i of some polynomial order (now linear or bilinear):



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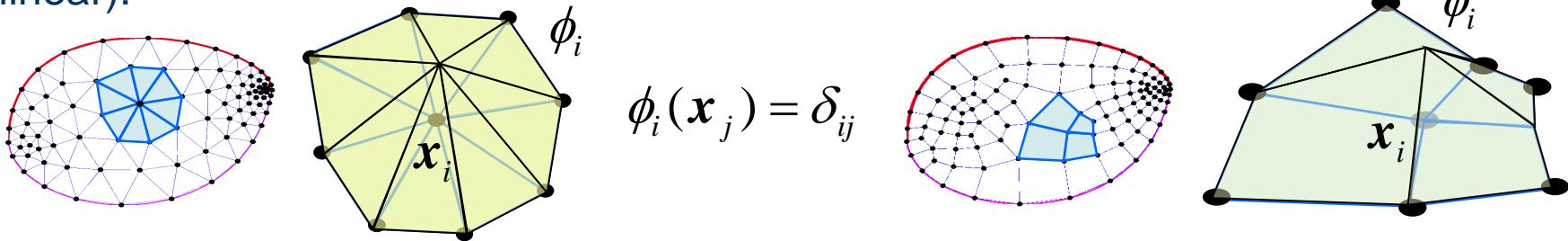
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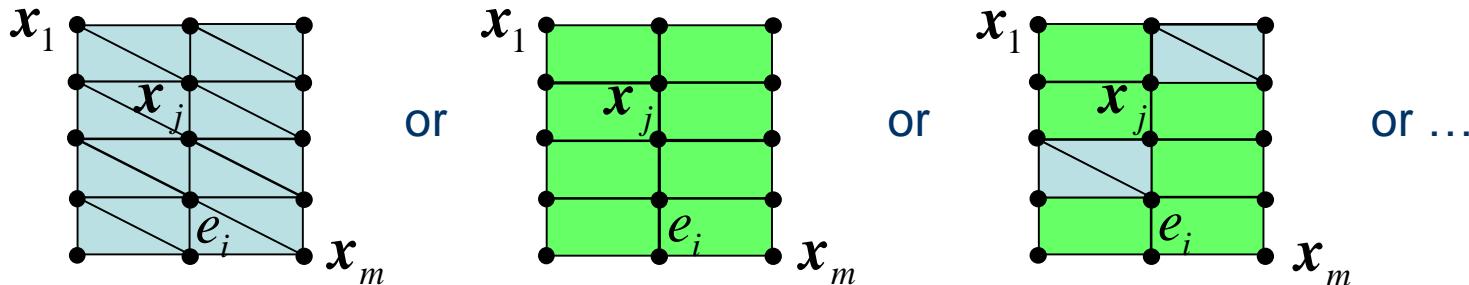
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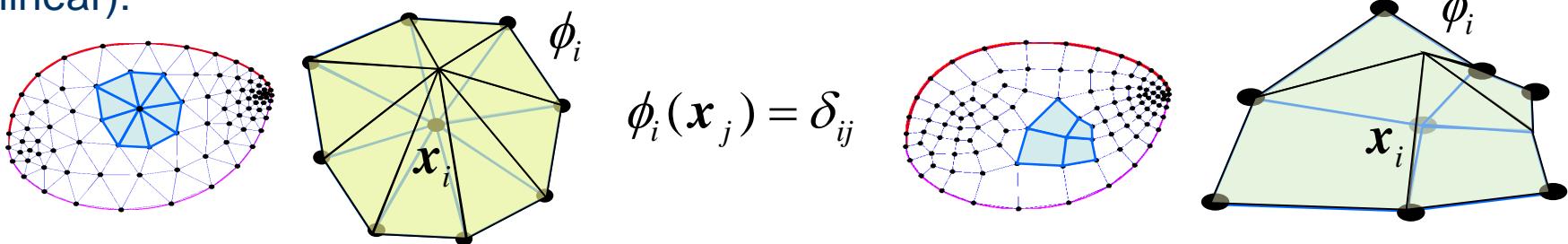
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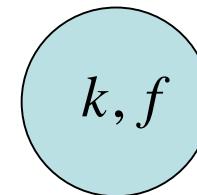
Computer exercise 3.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler

Let us consider isotropic and homogeneous heat diffusion in a circle with radius R and the following problem data:

$$k = 0.1 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^\circ\text{C}), R = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$f = 10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^3, T_0 = 0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$T = T_0 = 0$$



- (i) Solve the temperature distribution approximately via the finite element method by applying Matlab PDE Modeler with three different mesh sizes.
- (ii) Plot the corresponding triangular meshes, temperature distributions (T) and heat flux fields (\mathbf{q}) for each finite element solution.
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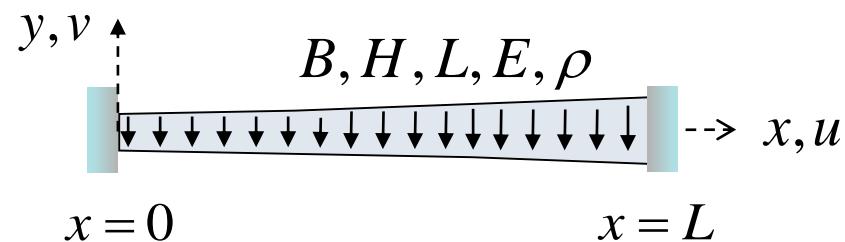


Computer exercise 3.2 – Matlab PDE Modeler

Let us consider a *2D/3D beam bending* problem as a *2D plane stress elasticity* problem with displacements $u = u(x,y)$ and $v = v(x,y)$ in the x - and y -directions, correspondingly, as primary variables (i.e., displacement vector is $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$) and self-weight as a body load $\mathbf{f} = (f_x, f_y)$:

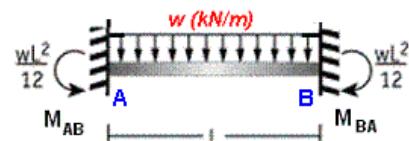
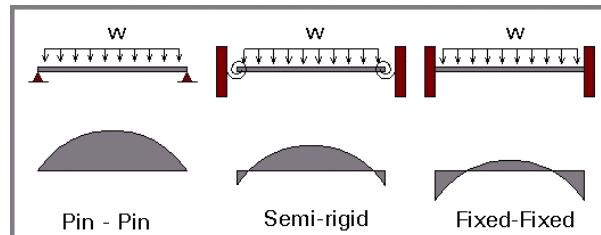
$$B = 4 \text{ cm}, H = 2 \text{ cm}, L = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$E = 200 \text{ GPa}, \rho = 8 \text{ kg/m}^3$$



Solve the *2D deformation and stress state* of the beam (meaning displacement components u and v and stress components) by utilizing *Matlab PDE Modeler* relying on the *finite element method* (with triangular elements of linear basis functions).

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4 Mesh refinements, adaptive and isogeometric methods

Fundamentals of Finite Element Analysis

Lecture 1

1. Modelling principles and boundary value problems in engineering sciences

Home exercise 1.1

Computer exercise 1.1 – Matlab

2. Energy methods and basic 1D finite element methods

- bars/rods, beams, heat diffusion, seepage, electrostatics

Home exercise 2.1

Home exercise 2.2



Lecture 2

3. Basic 2D and 3D finite element methods

- heat diffusion, seepage

Computer exercise 3.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler

Computer exercise 3.2 – Matlab PDE Modeler

4. Mesh refinements, adaptive and isogeometric methods

Computer exercise 4.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler (VOLUNTARY)

4 Mesh refinements, adaptive and isogeometric methods

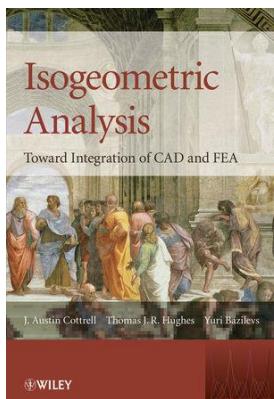
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1. Mesh refinements and adaptive methods (basic idea)
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Learning outcome

- A. *Understanding* the basic ideas of mesh refinements
- B. *Understanding* the basic idea of isogeometric finite element analysis



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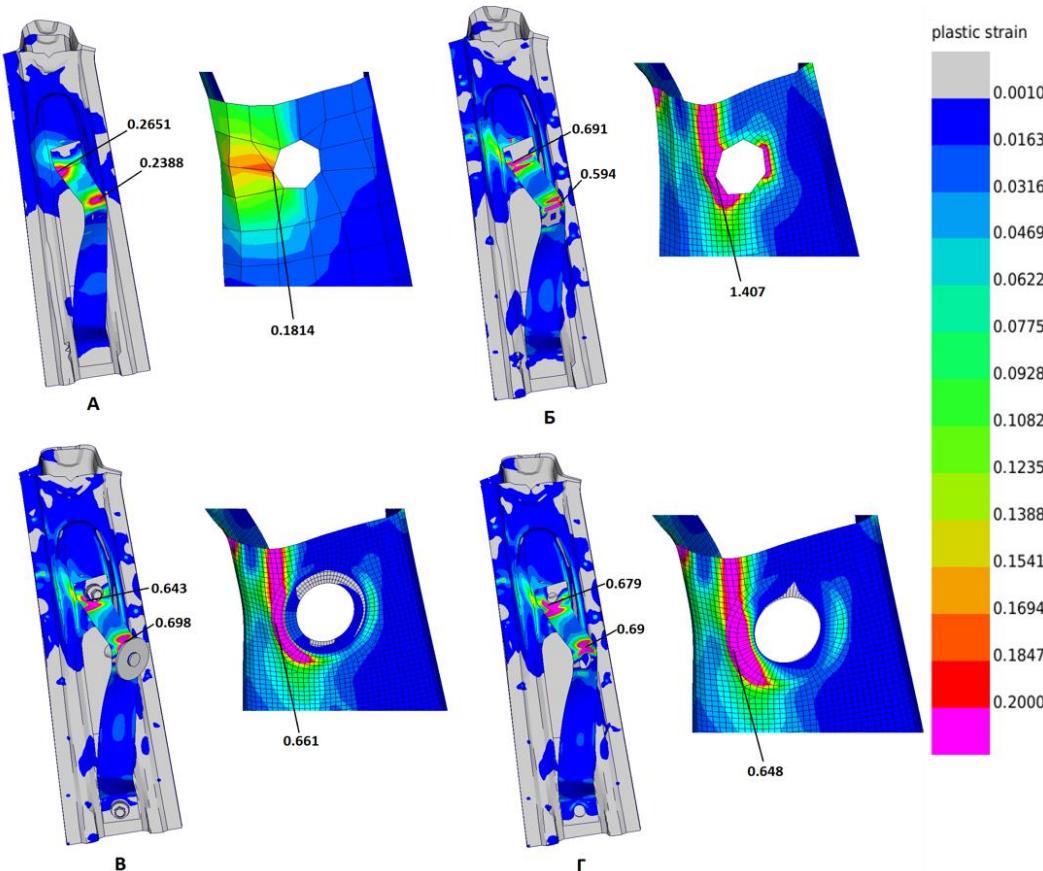
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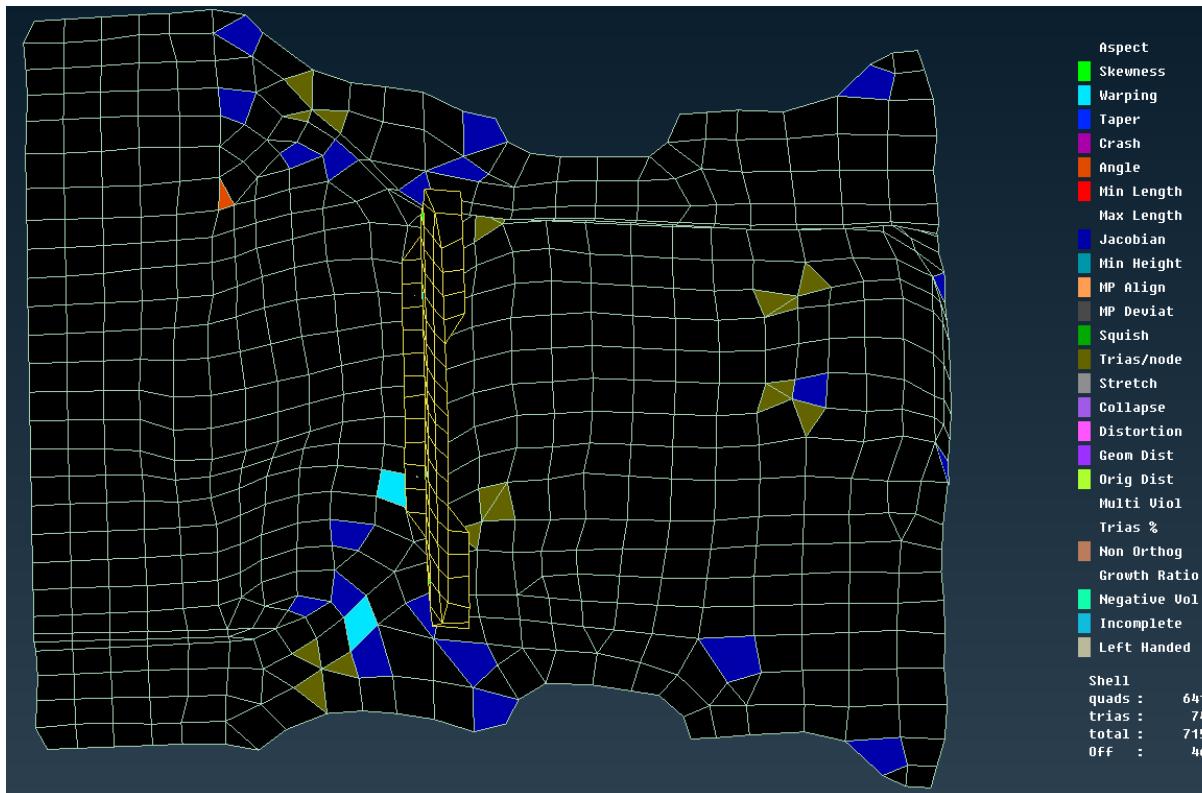
Example of mesh refinements affecting the field approximation and geometry.

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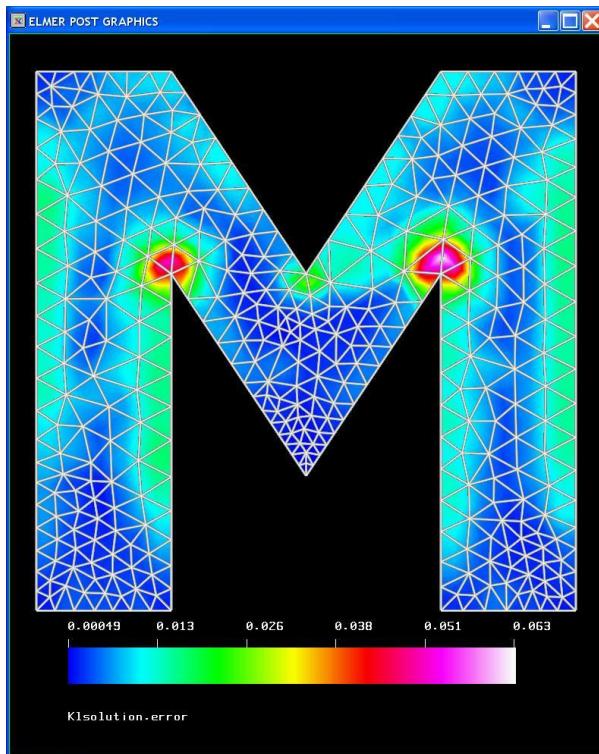
4.1 Mesh refinements and adaptive methods

Example of mesh quality. Automatic mesh refinements might produce poor mesh quality (warped or collapsed elements, for instance) instead of good quality quasi-uniform meshes (close to equilateral elements) reducing the accuracy of computations – not only the accuracy of the representation of the geometry.



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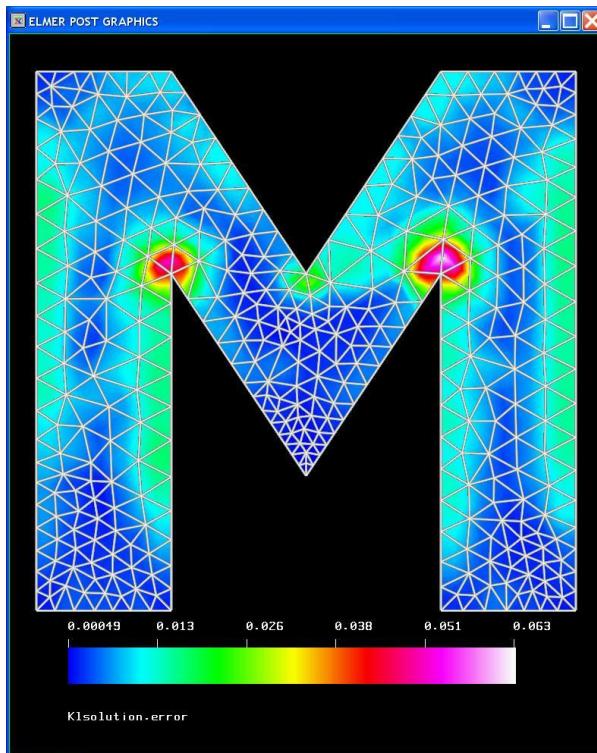
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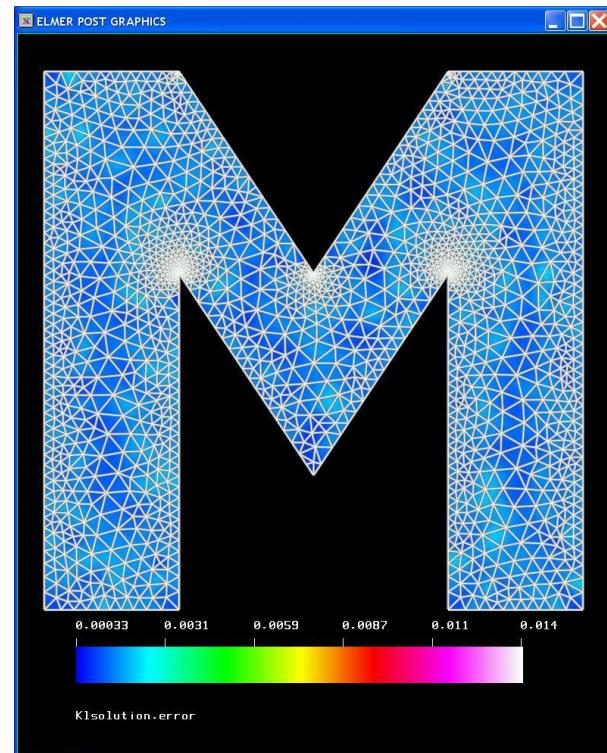
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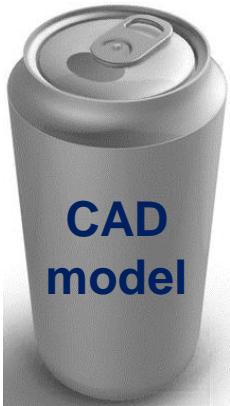


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4.2 Isogeometric finite element analysis



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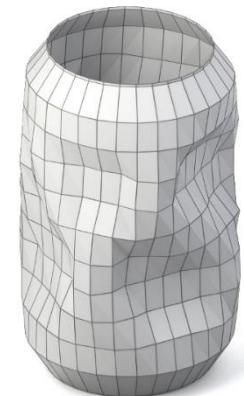


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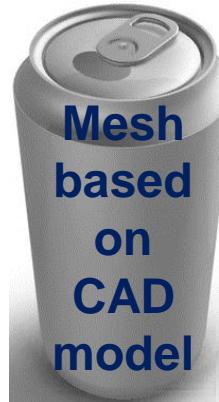


FEA Solution



Edgy

IGA Mesh on CAD Geometry



Exact

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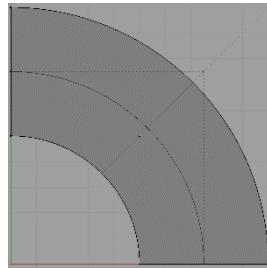
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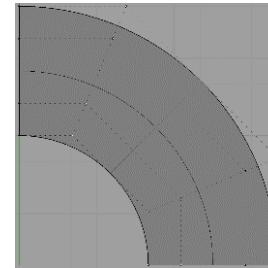
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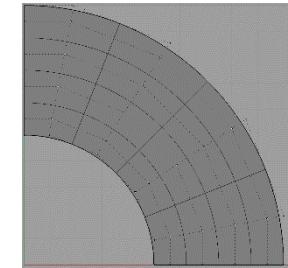
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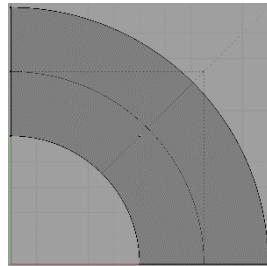


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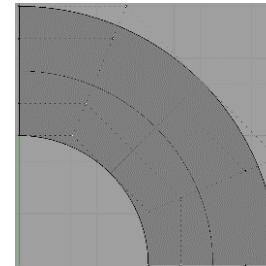
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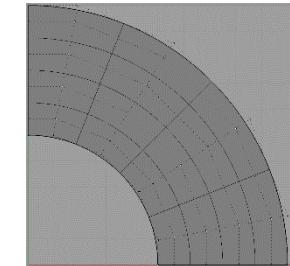
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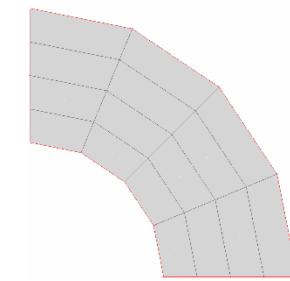
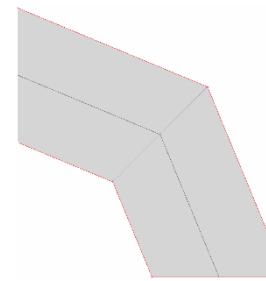
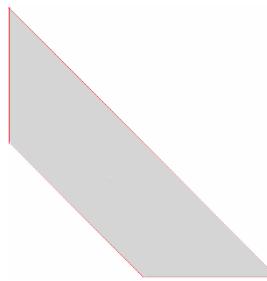
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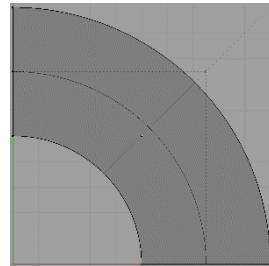


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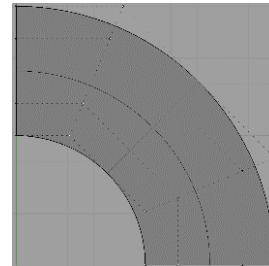
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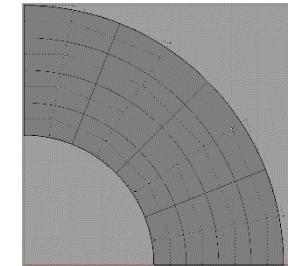
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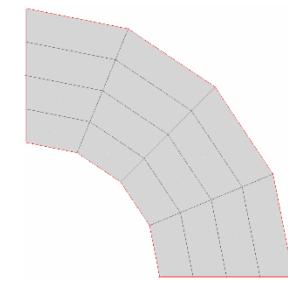
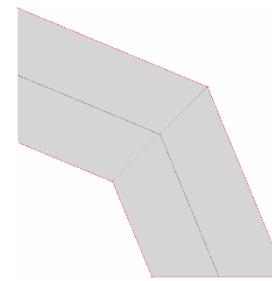
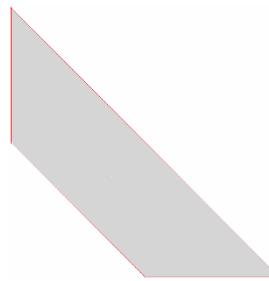
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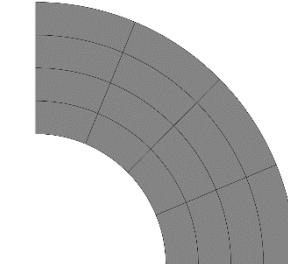
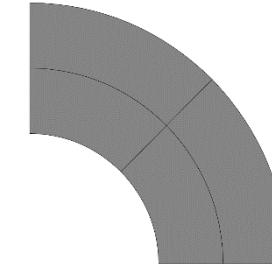
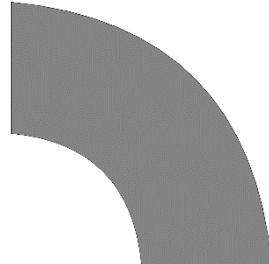
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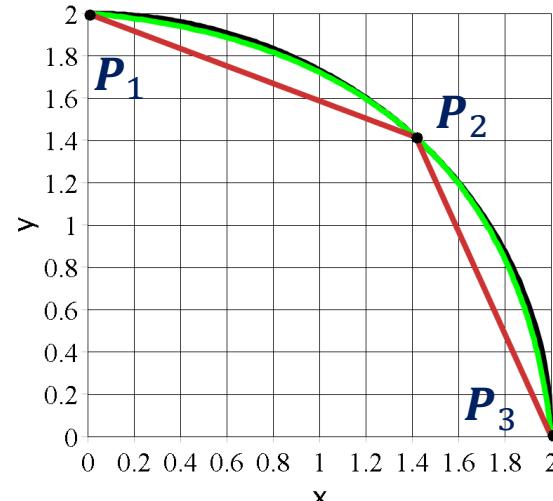
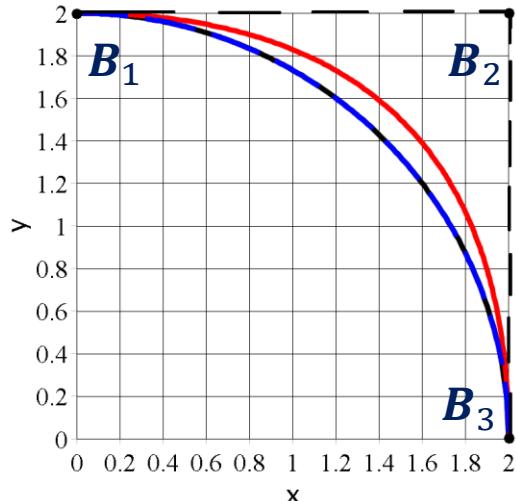
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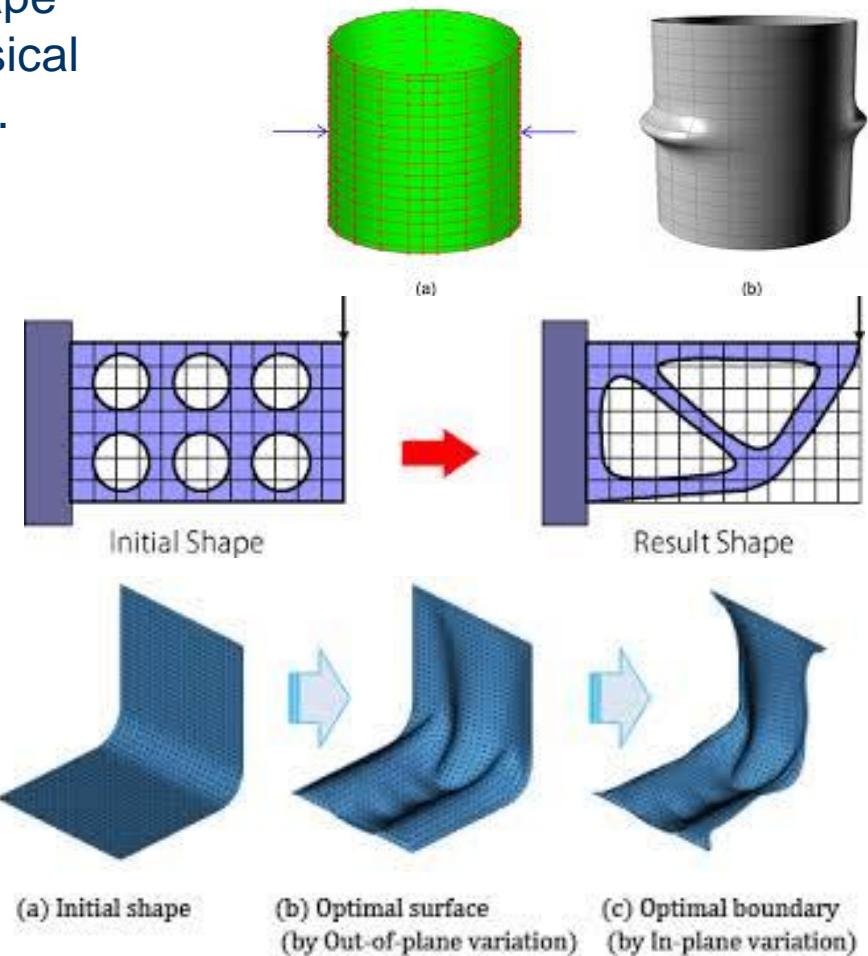
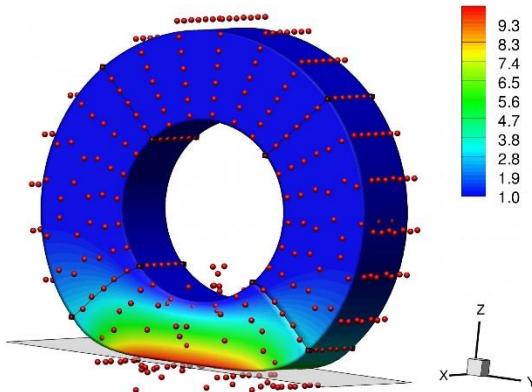
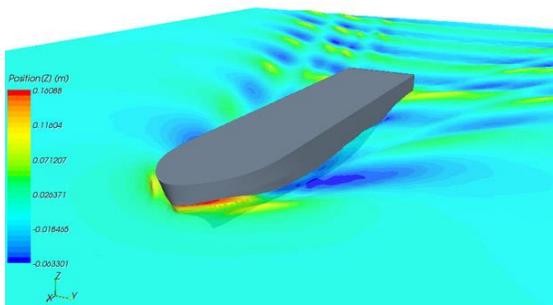
Remark. NURBS are able to accurately represent conic curves but B-splines and polynomials can only approximate conic curves.

- Analytical curve: $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$, $x \in [0; 2]$
- — NURBS curve: $T(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^3 R_i^2(\xi) \mathbf{B}_i$, $\xi \in [-1; 1]$
- — B-spline curve: $C(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^3 N_{i,2}(\xi) \mathbf{B}_i$, $\xi \in [-1; 1]$
- — Quadratic polynomial interpolation: $Q(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^3 L_{i,2}(\xi) \mathbf{P}_i$, $\xi \in [-1; 1]$
- — Linear polynomial interpolation: $L(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^3 L_{i,1}(\xi) \mathbf{P}_i$, $\xi \in [-1; 1]$



4.2 Isogeometric finite element analysis

Benefits expected from isogeometric analysis. Benefits for interoperability between CAD and CAE (such as FEA); shape optimization; contact mechanics; multi-physical problems such as fluid-structure interaction.



Computer exercise 4.1 – Matlab PDE Modeler

Let us consider the heat diffusion in a pizza oven made of bricks (see below). The temperature inside is assumed to be 400 Celsius degrees, whereas the outside temperature is $T_{\text{inf}} = 20$ degrees. The dimensions of the oven are the following: wall thickness 15 cm, radius of the inner circle of the wall 35 cm. Newton's cooling is taken into account implying the following data for the boundary conditions: $T_0 = 400$ and $k = 0.56$, $q = 6$, $g = qT_{\text{inf}} = 120$ ($q = 5.6 + 4v = 6$ with wind speed $v = 0.4$).

Find the estimate for heat distribution diffusion from inside the oven through the circular brick wall and the flat bottom brick plate by a 2D heat diffusion model of Matlab *PDEModeler* for a cross section of the “tunnel” by neglecting the effect of the chimney (for out-going smoke).



THE END