

§2.2 Weak Form

Objective: Change PDE problems \Rightarrow Weak Form Problems

Example 1.
$$\begin{cases} -\frac{d}{dx} \left(p(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) u = f(x), & a < x < b, \quad p(x) \geq p_{\min} > 0, \quad q \geq 0, \\ u(a) = 0, \quad u'(b) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Find the weak form.

Solution. Let $Lu \equiv -\frac{d}{dx} \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \right) + qu \Rightarrow Lu = f$.

$$0 = \int_a^b (Lu - f) \cdot v dx = \int_a^b \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} + quv \right) dx - \int_a^b f \cdot v dx - p \frac{du}{dx} \cdot v \Big|_a^b.$$

$$\left[\int_a^b (p f')' g dx = -p f' \cdot g \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b p f' \cdot g' dx \right]$$

$$= \int_a^b \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dv}{dx} + quv \right) dx - p(b) \cancel{u'(b)} \overset{0}{v(b)} + p(a) u'(a) \cancel{v(a)} - \int_a^b f \cdot v dx.$$

Choose $v(x) \in H^1[a, b]$ and $v(a) = 0 \Rightarrow v(x) \in H_E^1[a, b]$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dv}{dx} + quv \right) dx = \int_a^b f v dx,$$

$$\underbrace{\int_a^b \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dv}{dx} + quv \right) dx}_{a(u, v)} = \underbrace{\int_a^b f v dx}_{(f, v)}, \text{ where } \begin{cases} \text{Functional } a(u, v) = \int_a^b \left(p \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dv}{dx} + quv \right) dx, \\ (f, v) = \int_a^b f v dx. \end{cases}$$

called weak Form

\Rightarrow Weak Form Problem.

Find u such that $a(u, v) = (f, v)$ for any $v \in H_E^1[a, b]$.

Properties of $a(u, v)$

(1) Symmetry $a(u, v) = a(v, u)$.

(2) Bilinear. $a(c_1 u_1 + c_2 u_2, v) = c_1 a(u_1, v) + c_2 a(u_2, v)$.

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$$a(u, c_1 v_1 + c_2 v_2) = c_1 a(u, v_1) + c_2 a(u, v_2).$$

(3) Positive $a(u, u) = \int_a^b \left\{ p \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 + q u^2 \right\} dx > 0.$

* PDE problem and Weak Form problem are equivalent if the solution
 $u_x(x) \in C^2[a, b]$ and $H_E^1[a, b]$.

Proof. $\Rightarrow L u_x - f = 0 \Rightarrow a(u_x, v) - (f, v) = 0.$

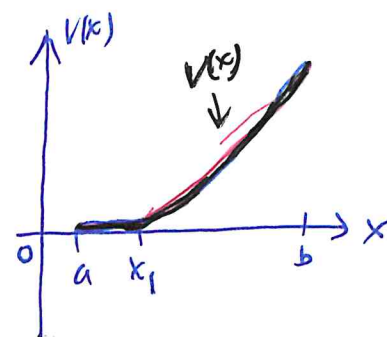
$$\begin{aligned} \Leftarrow 0 &= a(u_x, v) - (f, v), \quad v \in H_E^1[a, b], u_x(a) = 0, v(a) = 0 \\ &= \int_a^b (p u_x' v)' dx - \int_a^b (p u_x')' v dx + \int_a^b q u_x v dx - \int_a^b f v dx \\ &= p(b) u_x'(b) v(b) - p(a) u_x'(a) \underbrace{v(a)}_0 + \int_a^b (L u_x - f) v dx. \end{aligned}$$

Need to show $u_x'(b) = 0$, $L u_x - f = 0$ from $p(b) u_x'(b) v(b) = 0$, $\int_a^b (L u_x - f) v dx = 0$

choose $v(x) = \begin{cases} (x-x_1)^2, & a < x_1 \leq x < b, \\ 0, & \text{others.} \end{cases}$

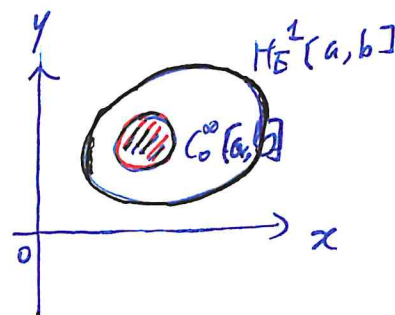
$$\Rightarrow v(x) \in H_E^1[a, b], \quad v(b) = (b-x_1)^2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_x'(b) = 0.$$



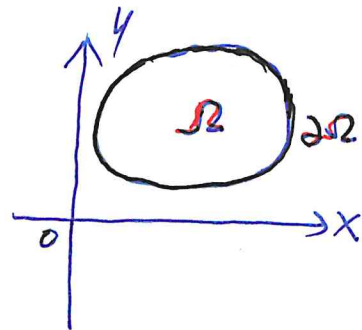
choose $v(x) \in C_0^\infty[a, b] \subset H_E^1[a, b]$

$$\int_a^b (L u_x - f) v dx = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{Lemma}} L u_x - f = 0.$$



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Example 2.
$$\begin{cases} -(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) = f(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ u(x, y)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{cases}$$



Find the weak Form.

Solution. $-\Delta u = f$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \iint_{\Omega} (-\Delta u - f) v \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \iint_{\Omega} (u_x v_x + u_y v_y) \, dx \, dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$$

$$\underline{v|_{\partial\Omega}=0} \quad \iint_{\Omega} (u_x v_x + u_y v_y) \, dx \, dy - \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy}_{(f, v)}, \quad v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{a(u, v)}$

\Rightarrow Find u s.t. $a(u, v) - (f, v) = 0$, for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,
 where $a(u, v) = \iint_{\Omega} (u_x v_x + u_y v_y) \, dx \, dy$, $(f, v) = \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$.

* $a(u, v)$ has to satisfy three properties: symmetry, bilinear, positive.

Example 3.
$$\begin{cases} -\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)\right] + a_0 u = f, (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ u(x, y)|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Find the weak Form

Solution. $-\frac{d}{dx}\left(p \frac{du}{dx}\right) + q u = f$ in Example 1, $\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right)$

$$\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) \cdot \left(a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right). \text{ dot product}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u = f.$$

(Gauss's Formula. $\iint_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) v \, dx \, dy = -\iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds$)

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$$\Rightarrow 0 = \iint_{\Omega} [-\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u - f] v \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$$

$$\underline{v|_{\partial\Omega}=0} \quad \iint_{\Omega} \underbrace{(a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + a_0 u v)}_{a(u,v)} \, dx \, dy - \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy}_{(f,v)}.$$

\Rightarrow Find u s.t. $a(u,v) - (f,v) = 0$, for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,

where $a(u,v) = \iint_{\Omega} (a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + a_0 u v) \, dx \, dy, (f,v) = \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy.$

$$\iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy = \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy = \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy$$

Example 4. $-\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u = f, (x,y) \in \Omega,$
 $\begin{cases} u(x,y)|_{\partial\Omega} = g(x,y), (x,y) \in \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$ Dirichlet Boundary condition

Find the weak Form. (G is known)

Solution. Let $u = U + G$ where $G|_{\partial\Omega} = g \Rightarrow U|_{\partial\Omega} = 0,$

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla (U + G)) + a_0 (U + G) = f.$$

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla U) + a_0 U = \underbrace{f + \nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla G) - a_0 G}_F,$$

$$\begin{cases} U|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Example 3

Find U s.t. $a(U,v) - (F,v) = 0$, for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,

where $a(U,v) = \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy, (F,v) = \iint_{\Omega} F v \, dx \, dy.$
 $= \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla U \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy$

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Example 5.
$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u = f, & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = g(x, y), & (x, y) \in \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$
 Neumann Boundary Condition

Find the weak Form.

Solution.
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -\iint_{\Omega} (\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u)) v \, dx \, dy + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy \\ &= \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy - \int_{\partial \Omega} a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy \\ &\stackrel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = g}{=} \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} (a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + a_0 u v) \, dx \, dy}_{a(u, v)} - \underbrace{\int_{\partial \Omega} a_1 g v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy}_{l(v)}. \end{aligned}$$

Find u s.t. $a(u, v) - l(v) = 0$, for any $v \in H^1(\Omega)$,

where $a(u, v) = \iint_{\Omega} (a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + a_0 u v) \, dx \, dy$, $l(v) = \int_{\partial \Omega} a_1 g v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$.

Example 6.
$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u = f, & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ c_1 u + c_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = g, & (x, y) \in \partial \Omega. \end{cases}$$
 Robin Boundary Condition

Find the weak Form.

Solution.
$$0 = \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy - \int_{\partial \Omega} a_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$$

$$\stackrel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \Big|_{\partial \Omega} = \frac{1}{c_2}(g - c_1 u)}{=} \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{a_1 c_1}{c_2} u v \, ds$$

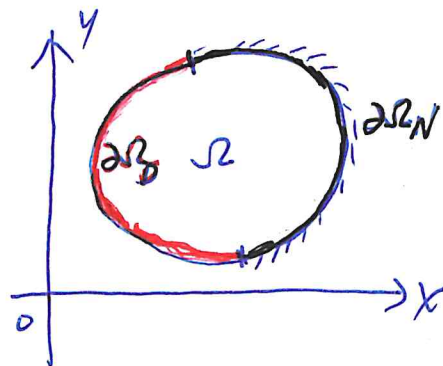
$$- \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{a_1 g}{c_2} v \, ds - \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$$

$$= a(u, v) - l(v), \quad v \in H^1(\Omega).$$

where $a(u, v) = \iint_{\Omega} a_1 \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx \, dy + \iint_{\Omega} a_0 u v \, dx \, dy + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{a_1 c_1}{c_2} u v \, ds$, $l(v) = \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{a_1 g}{c_2} v \, ds + \iint_{\Omega} f v \, dx \, dy$.

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Example 7. $\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla u) + a_0 u = f, & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \big|_{\partial \Omega_N} = g_N, & u \big|_{\partial \Omega_D} = g_D. \end{cases}$



Find the weak Form.

Solution. Find $g \big|_{\partial \Omega_D} = g_D$. Let $u = U + g$

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla U) + a_0 U = \nabla \cdot (a_1 \nabla g) + a_0 g + f \equiv F,$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial U}{\partial n} \big|_{\partial \Omega_N} = g_N - \frac{\partial g}{\partial n}, & U \big|_{\partial \Omega_D} = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \underbrace{\iint_{\Omega} (a_1 \nabla U \cdot \nabla v + a_0 U v) dx dy}_{a(U, v)} - \underbrace{\int_{\partial \Omega_N} a_1 (g_N - \frac{\partial g}{\partial n}) v ds}_{\ell(v)} - \iint_{\Omega} F v dx dy.$$

For $v \in \{v \mid v \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ and } v \big|_{\partial \Omega_D} = 0\}$, $a(U, v) - \ell(v) = 0$.

Example 8. $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = k \Delta u + f(x, y, t), & (x, y) \in \Omega, t > 0, & (\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy}) \\ u(x, y, 0) = \psi(x, y), & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ u(x, y, t) \big|_{\partial \Omega} = 0, \end{cases}$

Find the weak Form.

Solution. $0 = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - k \Delta u - f \right) v dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} v dx dy - k \iint_{\Omega} \Delta u \cdot v dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v dx dy$

$$\stackrel{v(x,y)}{\stackrel{\frac{\partial uv}{\partial t}}{\frac{d}{dt}}} \iint_{\Omega} u v dx dy + k \iint_{\Omega} (u_x v_x + u_y v_y) dx dy - \iint_{\Omega} f v dx dy.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\Omega} u v dx dy + a(u, v) - (f, v) = 0, \quad v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

$$\iint_{\Omega} u(x, y, 0) v(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} \psi(x, y) v(x, y) dx dy.$$

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