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# **Boundary Element Method**

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### 1-D Boundary Elements



- To describe a boundary of a 2-D domain

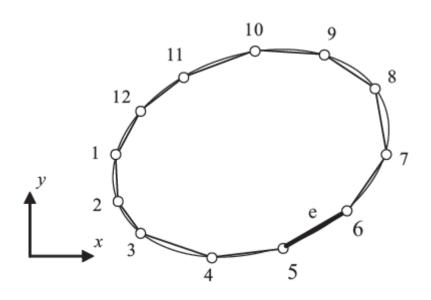


Figure from Beer

- ✓ Essentially same with 1-D finite elements except their usage
- Shape functions
- → Gaussian quadrature

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i} N_i \mathbf{x}_i^e$$

### 2-D or 3-D Elements

- 2-D boundary elements
  - To describe boundaries of 3-D domains or to evaluate 2-D volume integrals

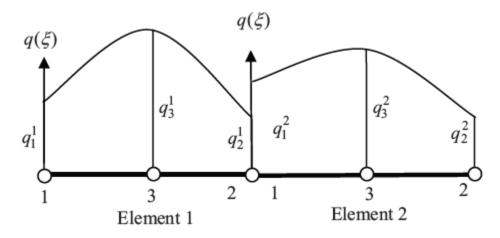
- 3-D cells
  - To evaluate 3-D volume integrals



### **Iso-parametric Elements**



- Same shape functions for coordinates (element shape) and for physical quantity interpolation.
- The physical quantities can be discontinuous at element interfaces.



### **Differential Geometry**



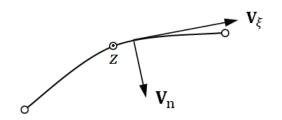
Tangential vector

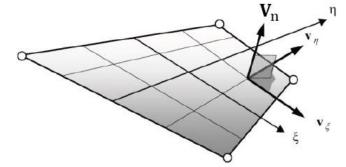
$$\mathbf{V}_{\xi} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \xi} = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial N_{i}}{\partial \xi} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{e}$$

- Normal vector
  - Line element

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{n}} = \mathbf{V}_{\xi} \times \mathbf{n}_{z} = \left(\frac{dy}{d\xi}, -\frac{dx}{d\xi}, 0\right)^{T}$$

Surface element

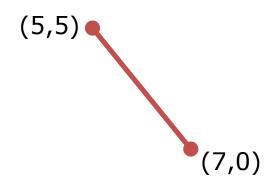




$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{n}} = \mathbf{V}_{\xi} \times \mathbf{V}_{\eta} = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial z}{\partial \xi}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial z}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi}\right)^{T}$$

$$V_n = |V_n| = J$$
 (Jacobian)

### Do It Yourself



- Imagine that you should apply BEM and take the above line segment as a (1-D) bar element. Find the relation between the actual coordinates and the natural coordinates of a point on this element.
- Calculate the Jacobian.

### Singular Integrals

- Weakly singular integrals
  - Ex.)  $\int_0^1 \ln|x \alpha| dx$  where  $0 < \alpha < 1$

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_0^{\alpha - \varepsilon} \ln|x - \alpha| \, dx + \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{\alpha + \varepsilon}^1 \ln|x - \alpha| \, dx$$

- Integrands
  - 2-D: functions of order log r
  - 3-D: functions of order 1/r
- These integrals can be handled by the Gaussian quadrature.

### Singular Integrals



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- Integrands
  - 2-D: functions of order 1/r
  - 3-D: functions of order  $1/r^2$
- These integrals are evaluated as Cauchy principal values.
  - Determination of Cauchy principal values is tricky.
     Sometimes they can be replaced by other equations.

### **Basic Ideas of BEM**

- Use functions satisfying the PDE to approximate the solution
- Then actually, only boundary conditions are needed to be approximated
- Iso-parametric elements + numerical integration

### **Pros & Cons**

### Pros

- Efficiency ← relatively small number of nodes
- Semi-analytical → good accuracy
- Visualization-friendly (ex.: exact contours)
- Good for extreme systems
  - Ex.) concentrated stress, infinite domain

### Cons

- Inefficiency ← handling BEM matrices
- Fundamental solution is required → Rarely applicable to inhomogeneous or non-linear systems

### **Comparison to FEM**

### **BEM**

- Discretizing boundary
- Small input data
- Small full matrices
- Better for infinite or semi-infinite domains
- Fundamental solution: required
- Hardly applicable to inhomogeneous or non-linear PDEs

### **FEM**

- Discretizing entire domain
- Rare singularities
- Large sparse matrix
- Better for finite domains
- Fundamental solution: not required
- Applicable to any PDE systems

### **Application**

- Solid Mechanics
  - Fracture, contact
- Acoustics
- Soil-structure, mining & tunnelling
- Fluid mechanics, solid-fluid interaction
- Electromagnetics



Green's second identity

$$\int_{D} (\phi \Delta \psi - \psi \Delta \phi) dV = \oint_{\partial D} \left( \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \psi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) dS$$

- n: outward surface normal vector
- Integral equation for Laplace equation

$$\int_{D} (\varphi(\mathbf{r})\Delta\psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r}) - \psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r})\Delta\varphi(\mathbf{r})) dV_{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$= \oint_{\partial D} \left( \varphi(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \in D \cup \partial D; \mathbf{q} \in \partial D; \mathbf{r} \in D$$

$$\Delta\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \quad \Delta\psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r}) = -\delta(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{r})$$

 $\psi$ : auxiliary function



- Green function
  - Solution of  $L\psi(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{r}) = \delta(\mathbf{p} \mathbf{r})$ 
    - L: linear differential operator
    - It is difficult to find  $\psi$  if L is non-linear, anisotropic, or inhomogeneous.
  - Green functions for  $\Delta \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = -\delta(\mathbf{p} \mathbf{r})$ 
    - 2-D:  $\psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |\mathbf{p} \mathbf{r}|$
    - 3-D:  $\psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi |\mathbf{p} \mathbf{r}|}$



Boundary integral equation

$$-C(\mathbf{p})\varphi(\mathbf{p}) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\partial D - \partial D_{\epsilon}} \left( \varphi(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$+ \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\partial D_{\epsilon}^{i}} \left( \varphi(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \in D \cup \partial D_{\epsilon}; \mathbf{q} \in \partial D - \partial D_{\epsilon} \text{ or } \partial D_{\epsilon}^{i}$$



$$C(\mathbf{p})\varphi(\mathbf{p}) + \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\partial D - \partial D_{\epsilon}} \left( \varphi(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} - \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) dS_{\mathbf{q}} = 0 \qquad \partial D - \partial D_{\epsilon}$$

$$\mathbf{p} \in D \cup \partial D_{\epsilon}; \mathbf{q} \in \partial D$$

Geometric coefficient: 1/2 for smooth boundary 1 for inner domain



Simple discretization

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} H(j,k)\varphi_{k} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} G(j,k)\gamma_{k}$$

$$H(j,k) = \oint_{\partial D_{k}} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} (\mathbf{p}_{j}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}} + C(\mathbf{p}_{j}) \delta_{j,k}$$

$$G(j,k) = \oint_{\partial D_{k}} \psi (\mathbf{p}_{j}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}}, \qquad \gamma_{k} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} (\mathbf{p}_{k})$$

$$\rightarrow$$
 Hh = Gg form

Discretization with shape functions

$$\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \to \sum N_k(\mathbf{q}) \varphi_k^e, \qquad \frac{\partial \varphi(\mathbf{q})}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \to \sum N_k(\mathbf{q}) \gamma_k^e$$

$$\lim \int \longrightarrow \sum \int$$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\partial D - \partial D_{\epsilon}} \quad \to \sum_{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}}$$

$$C(\mathbf{p}_j)\varphi(\mathbf{p}_j) + \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \varphi_k^e \int_{\partial D_e} N_k(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} (\mathbf{p}_j, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$-\sum_{e}\sum_{k}\gamma_{k}^{e}\int_{\partial D_{e}}N_{k}(\mathbf{q})\psi(\mathbf{p}_{j},\mathbf{q})dS_{\mathbf{q}}=0$$

$$\checkmark \varphi(\mathbf{p}_j) = \sum N_k(\mathbf{p}_j)\varphi_k^e. \varphi(\mathbf{p}_j) = \varphi_k^e \text{ if } \mathbf{p}_j = \mathbf{p}_k \text{ (kth node)}$$

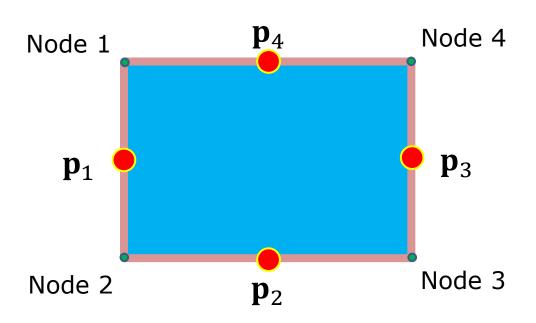
 $\checkmark \mathbf{p}_{i}$ 's are called collocation points.

### **Discretization Example**



- 2-D rectangle
  - Index j: collocation points  $(\mathbf{p}_1 \sim \mathbf{p}_4)$
  - Index k: nodes

# of nodes
 = # of shape functions





- Usually integration of polynomials.
- But in BEM, you must integrate  $\log r$ ,  $r^{-1}$ ,  $r^{-2}$ , or  $r^{-3}$  terms.  $\rightarrow$  often approximated as high order polynomials
- From the formula of Strout and Secrest (Gaussian Quadrature Formulas, 1966), the upper bound of the integration error for  $r^{-1}$  is

$$\varepsilon \le \frac{4}{(4r/L)^{2N}}$$

- L: element length, N: number of Gauss points.
- Note that  $r = |\mathbf{p}_i \mathbf{q}|$ .



- Gaussian quadrature
  - The required number of Gauss points depends on R/L where R is the distance between  $\mathbf{p}_j$  and its closest element boundary point when  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is out of the element.
  - $\Leftrightarrow$  Minimum R/L for integration order 4 & 5

| N | R/L         |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | $O(r^{-1})$ | $O(r^{-2})$ | $O(r^{-3})$ |
| 3 | 1.4025      | 2.3187      | 3.4170      |
| 4 | 0.6735      | 0.9709      | 1.2908      |

➤ U. Eberwien, C. Duenser, & W. Moser, *Engineering Analysis* with Boundary Elements **29**, 447 (2005).



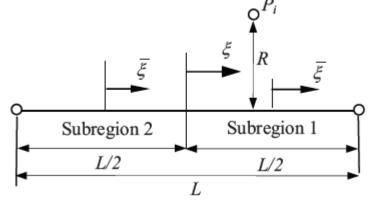
- Gaussian quadrature
  - If the integrand has singularity of  $\log r$ , you should evaluate the integration analytically or use the Gauss-Laguerre type quadrature.

$$\int_0^1 f(\bar{\xi}) \log \frac{1}{\bar{\xi}} d\bar{\xi} \to \sum w_i f(\bar{\xi}_i)$$

- Note:  $0 < \bar{\xi} < 1$ 
  - Cf.)  $-1 < \xi < 1$  in the Gauss-Legendre type



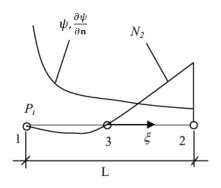
- If  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is not located in the integration region, the integrals can be evaluated by using Gaussian quadrature.
  - If  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is close to the integration region, subdivision is required to increase R/L. (This is not increasing the number of elements. Don't confuse.)

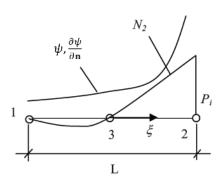






- If  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is in the integration region, the functions  $\psi$  &  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}$  usually tend to diverge.
  - If the integral is weakly singular or  $N_k$  is zero at  $\mathbf{p}_j$ , still you can use Gaussian quadrature.
  - Otherwise, you can't choose but use techniques for strongly singular integrals.





### **BEM Procedure**

- 1. Data input & initialization
- 2. Determination of connectivity of nodes & elements
- 3. Determination of element boundary conditions
- 4. Local element equation & integration
- 5. Assembly & solving
- 6. Postprocessing



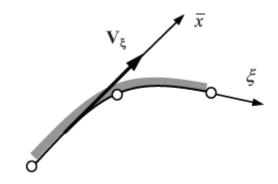


- Boundary results
  - From the result you've got  $\varphi = \sum N_k \varphi_k^e$ , you can get its derivatives along the boundary.
    - Remember the tangential vector  $\mathbf{V}_{\xi} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \xi} = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial N_{i}}{\partial \xi} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{e}$

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \bar{x}} = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial N_{i}}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \bar{x}} \varphi_{k}^{e}$$

•  $\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \bar{x}}$ : inverse Jacobian. For 2-D,

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial \bar{x}} = \left(V_{\xi,x}^2 + V_{\xi,y}^2\right)^{-1/2}$$



# Postprocessing



- Internal domain results
  - Remember

$$\varphi(\mathbf{p})$$

$$= \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \gamma_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q}) \psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}} - \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \varphi_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

- Derivatives at p
  - X-direction, for example,

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p})$$

$$= \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \gamma_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}} - \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \varphi_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

## **Corners & Edges**



$$C(\mathbf{p})\varphi(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \gamma_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q})\psi(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}} - \sum_{e} \sum_{k} \varphi_{k}^{e} \int_{\partial D_{e}} N_{k}(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) dS_{\mathbf{q}}$$

- $C(\mathbf{p}) = 1 \frac{\alpha}{2\pi}$  for sharp corners at  $\mathbf{p}$ 
  - where  $\alpha$  is the interior angle of the corner
- Discontinuous Elements
  - All interpolation nodes are located inside the element.
  - This type of elements are used to avoid indefinite  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}}$  values.

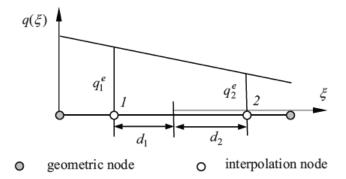
### **Corners & Edges**



- Discontinuous Elements
  - 1-D linear shape functions

$$N_1(\xi) = \frac{d_1 - \xi}{d_1 + d_2}, N_2(\xi) = \frac{d_2 - \xi}{d_1 + d_2}$$

•  $\xi \neq \pm 1$  at interpolation nodes



- Integration
  - Same as for continuous elements if  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is not located at one of interpolation nodes
  - You should divide the integration region at  $\mathbf{p}_j$  if  $\mathbf{p}_j$  is located at an interpolation node.

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