ALE finite-element hydrodynamics

March 11, 2024

1 Lagrangian governing equations

We consider Lagrangian fluid particles, for which we define the position $\mathbf{x}^+ = \mathbf{x}^+(t, \mathbf{y})$, the density $\rho^+ = \rho^+(t, \mathbf{y})$, the velocity $\mathbf{u}^+ = \mathbf{u}^+(t, \mathbf{y})$, and the internal energy $e^+ = e^+(t, \mathbf{y})$, where \mathbf{y} is the location of each fluid particle at time zero. The Eulerian counterparts for the density, velocity, and internal energy are, respectively, $\rho = \rho(t, \mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})$, and $e = e(t, \mathbf{x})$. Also consider the volume Ω_0 as the set of all \mathbf{y} vectors that make up the initial domain. The control volume $\Omega^+ = \Omega^+(t, \Omega_0)$ is then defined by

$$\Omega^+ = \{ \mathbf{x}^+ : \mathbf{y} \in \Omega_0 \}. \tag{1}$$

Note that $\Omega^+(0,\Omega_0) = \Omega_0$.

The governing equations for the Lagrangian fluid particles are derived in my fluid-mechanics notes (see section on kinematics, Lagrangian governing equations, etc.). These are shown below

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^+}{\partial t} = \mathbf{u}^+,\tag{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial J^+ \rho^+}{\partial t} = 0,\tag{3}$$

$$\rho^{+} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{+}}{\partial t} = (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{+}}, \tag{4}$$

$$\rho^{+} \frac{\partial e^{+}}{\partial t} = (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{+}}. \tag{5}$$

In the above, $\sigma = \sigma(t, \mathbf{x})$ is the stress tensor, and $J^+ = J^+(t, \mathbf{y})$ is the determinant of the Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J}^+ = \mathbf{J}^+(t, \mathbf{y})$, which itself is defined as $\mathbf{J}^+ = \partial \mathbf{x}^+/\partial \mathbf{y}$.

A note on notation. The products that involve a tensor au can be expressed in Einstein notation as

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j},\tag{6}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \nabla \alpha = \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_j},\tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \nabla \alpha = f_i \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x_j},\tag{8}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} : \nabla \mathbf{f} = \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_i}. \tag{9}$$

where α is a scalar and \mathbf{f} a vector. In these notes we'll mostly be using indices i and j for FE expansions, rather than for Einstein notation.

2 Lagrangian finite elements

We introduce a Lagrangian basis function $\Phi_i^+ = \Phi_i^+(t, \mathbf{y})$ and an Eulerian basis function $\Phi_i = \Phi_i(t, \mathbf{x})$. These are related to each other as any other Lagrangian-Eulerian pair, namely

$$\Phi_i^+(t, \mathbf{y}) = \Phi_i(t, \mathbf{x}^+(t, \mathbf{y})). \tag{10}$$

We now introduce the Lagrangian variable $f^+ = f^+(t, \mathbf{y})$ and the Eulerian counterpart $f = f(t, \mathbf{x})$, and they also satisfy

$$f^{+}(t, \mathbf{y}) = f(t, \mathbf{x}^{+}(t, \mathbf{y})). \tag{11}$$

The expansion of an Eulerian variable in terms of basis functions is as follows

$$f = \sum_{i}^{n} F_i \Phi_i, \tag{12}$$

where $F_i = F_i(t)$. Plugging in \mathbf{x}^+ for \mathbf{x} in the above, and using eqs. (10) and (11) gives

$$f^{+} = \sum_{i}^{n} F_i \Phi_i^{+}. \tag{13}$$

Thus, both the Lagrangian and Eulerian variables share the same finite-element coefficients F_i . As shown in my fluid mechanics notes, we also have

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_i^+}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{\partial \Phi_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \Phi_i\right)_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+},\tag{14}$$

where $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(t, \mathbf{x})$ is the Eulerian counterpart to \mathbf{u}^+ . We'll introduce the restriction that Φ_i^+ is constant in time, that is $\partial \Phi_i^+/\partial t = 0$, which gives

$$\frac{\partial \Phi_i}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \Phi_i = 0. \tag{15}$$

Thus, F_i in eq. (13) accounts for the time dependence of F^+ , whereas Φ_i^+ accounts for the dependence on \mathbf{y} .

3 Finite element expansion

We introduce the coefficients $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i(t)$, $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i(t)$ and $\hat{e}_i = \hat{e}_i(t)$, as well as the Lagrangian basis functions $\phi_i^+ = \phi_i^+(\mathbf{y}) \in L^2$, and $w_i^+ = w_i^+(\mathbf{y}) \in H^1$. We note that $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i$ are each vectors, e.g., the components of $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i$ are $\hat{u}_{i,\alpha} = \hat{u}_{i,\alpha}(t)$ for $\alpha = x, y, z$. We also note that ϕ_i^+ and w_i^+ have Eulerian counterparts $\phi_i = \phi_i(t, \mathbf{x})$ and $w_i = w_i(t, \mathbf{x})$, respectively. The coefficients are used in the following expansions

$$\mathbf{x}^+ = \sum_{j}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j w_j^+, \tag{16}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^+ = \sum_{j}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j^+,\tag{17}$$

$$e^{+} = \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{e}_{j} \phi_{j}^{+}. \tag{18}$$

We note that the expansion coefficients are the same for the Lagrangian and Eulerian variables, as shown in section 2. For example, for the Eulerian velocity, we have

$$\mathbf{u} = \sum_{j}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j. \tag{19}$$

4 Semi-discrete Lagrangian governing equations

4.1 Position and Jacobian

Plugging in eqs. (16) and (17) in eq. (2) gives

$$\sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j}}{dt} w_{j}^{+} = \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j} w_{j}^{+}.$$
 (20)

To satisfy the equation above, we'll require

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}_j^+}{dt} = \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j. \tag{21}$$

We now introduce the vectors **X** and **U**, whose components are $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}_i$, respectively. Thus, the above is written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{X}}{dt} = \mathbf{U}.\tag{22}$$

To obtain \mathbf{J}^+ we plug in eq. (16) into its definition, that is

$$\mathbf{J}^{+} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j} w_{j}^{+} = \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} w_{j}^{+}. \tag{23}$$

Note that for any function \mathbf{x}^+ , whether it be an exact analytical expression or a finite-element expansion as given by eq. (16), one can derive the following equation for the determinant of the Jacobian

$$\frac{\partial J^{+}}{\partial t} = J^{+} \left(\frac{\partial u_{k}}{\partial x_{k}} \right)_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{+}}, \tag{24}$$

In the above \mathbf{u} is the Eulerian counterpart to \mathbf{u}^+ , which is given by eq. (2).

4.2 Density

Equation (3) allows us to write

$$\rho^{+} = \frac{\rho_0^{+}}{J^{+}},\tag{25}$$

where $\rho_0^+ = \rho^+(0, \mathbf{y})$.

4.3 Velocity

Plugging in eq. (25) in eq. (4) we get

$$\rho_0^+ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^+}{\partial t} = (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} J^+. \tag{26}$$

We then multiply both sides of the above by the basis functions for velocity and integrate over all space to obtain

$$\int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^+}{\partial t} w_i^+ dV_y = \int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} w_i^+ J^+ dV_y.$$
 (27)

For the left-hand side we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{+}}{\partial t} w_{i}^{+} dV_{y} = \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}}{dt} w_{j}^{+} w_{i}^{+} dV_{y},$$

$$= \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}}{dt} \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} w_{i}^{+} w_{j}^{+} dV_{y},$$

$$= \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}}{dt} m_{ij}^{(w)},$$
(28)

where

$$m_{ij}^{(w)} = \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ w_i^+ w_j^+ dV_y \tag{29}$$

is a mass bilinear form (which is independent of time). For the right-hand side we have

$$\int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} w_i^+ J^+ dV_y = \int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} w_i)_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} J^+ dV_y$$

$$= \int_{\Omega^+} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} w_i dV_x$$

$$= -\int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i dV_x. \tag{30}$$

The second equality above follows from integration by substitution. Combining results we have

$$\sum_{j}^{N_w} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(w)} = -\int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i \, dV_x. \tag{31}$$

We introduce the matrix $\mathbf{M}^{(w)}$ whose components are $m_{ij}^{(w)}$. Thus, the left-hand side of eq. (31) can be written as $\mathbf{M}^{(w)} d\mathbf{U}/dt$. We also introduce the vector bilinear form

$$\mathbf{f}_{ij} = \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i \phi_j \, dV_x. \tag{32}$$

This is a *vector* bilinear form since \mathbf{f}_{ij} has components $f_{ij,\alpha} = f_{ij,\alpha}(t)$, for $\alpha = x, y, z$, where α denotes the first index of σ . We introduce the matrix \mathbf{F} , whose components are \mathbf{f}_{ij} . We also

expand the field with constant value of one as follows

$$1 = \sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{c}_i \phi_i. \tag{33}$$

If we define the vector **C** as that with components \hat{c}_i , we can show that

$$\mathbf{FC} = \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \hat{c}_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_{i} \phi_{j} \, dV_{x} \hat{c}_{j}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_{i} \left(\sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{c}_{j} \phi_{j} \right) \, dV_{x}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_{i} \, dV_{x}. \tag{34}$$

The above is the negative of the right-hand side of eq. (31). Thus, combining all together we get

$$\mathbf{M}^{(w)}\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} = -\mathbf{FC}.\tag{35}$$

We note that since both the Lagrangian and Eulerian velocities share the same coefficients \mathbf{U} , we now have a solution for both.

4.4 Energy

Plugging in eq. (25) in eq. (5) we get

$$\rho_0^+ \frac{\partial e^+}{\partial t} = (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} J^+.$$
(36)

We then multiply both sides of the above by the basis functions for energy and integrate over all space to obtain

$$\int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \frac{\partial e^+}{\partial t} \phi_i^+ dV_y = \int_{\Omega_0} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} \phi_i^+ J^+ dV_y.$$
 (37)

For the left-hand side we have

$$\int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \frac{\partial e^{+}}{\partial t} \phi_{i}^{+} dV_{y} = \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} \phi_{j}^{+} \phi_{i}^{+} dV_{y},$$

$$= \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \phi_{j}^{+} \phi_{i}^{+} dV_{y},$$

$$= \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} \tag{38}$$

where

$$m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \phi_j^+ \phi_i^+ dV_y \tag{39}$$

is a mass bilinear form (which is independent of time). For the right-hand side we have

$$\int_{\Omega_0} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} \phi_i^+ J^+ dV_y = \int_{\Omega_0} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_i)_{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^+} J^+ dV_y$$

$$= \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_i dV_x. \tag{40}$$

Combining results we have

$$\sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_{i} \, dV_{x}. \tag{41}$$

We no show that

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \left(\sum_{k=1}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k w_k \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_k, \tag{42}$$

and hence the previous result is written as

$$\sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \sum_{k}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{k} \cdot \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_{k} \phi_{i} \, dV_{x}. \tag{43}$$

The above is finally re-written as

$$\sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \frac{d\hat{e}_{j}}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \sum_{k}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{k} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ki}. \tag{44}$$

Note that in the above there is a dot product in the right-hand side, that is, the right-hand side expanded out is

$$\sum_{k}^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ki} = \sum_{k}^{N_w} \sum_{\alpha = x, y, z} \hat{u}_{k,\alpha} f_{ki,\alpha}. \tag{45}$$

We now introduce the vector **E** whose components are \hat{e}_i . We also introduce the matrix $\mathbf{M}^{(\phi)}$ whose components are $m_{ij}^{(\phi)}$. Thus, eq. (44) can be succinctly written as

$$\mathbf{M}^{(\phi)} \frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{U}. \tag{46}$$

Note again that on the right-hand side above there is a matrix-vector product *and* a dot product. We also note that since both the Lagrangian and Eulerian internal energies share the same coefficients **E**, we now have a solution for both.

5 Momentum and energy conservation

We'll now define the internal energy IE = IE(t), the kinetic energy KE = KE(t), and the momentum $P_{\mathbf{n}} = P_{\mathbf{n}}(t)$ along a constant \mathbf{n} direction.

$$IE = \int_{\Omega^{+}} \rho e \, dV_{x}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho^{+} e^{+} J^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} e^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{e}_{j} \phi_{j}^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{e}_{j} \phi_{j}^{+} \left(\sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{c}_{i} \phi_{i}^{+} \right) \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{c}_{i} \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \phi_{i}^{+} \phi_{j}^{+} \, dV_{y} \hat{e}_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{\phi}} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{c}_{i} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} \hat{e}_{j}$$

$$= \mathbf{CM}^{(\phi)} \mathbf{E}$$

$$(47)$$

$$KE = \int_{\Omega^{+}} \frac{1}{2} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dV_{x}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \frac{1}{2} \rho^{+} \mathbf{u}^{+} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{+} J^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{0}^{+} \mathbf{u}^{+} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \frac{1}{2} \rho_{0}^{+} \left(\sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i} w_{i}^{+} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j} w_{j}^{+} \right) \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i} \cdot \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} w_{i}^{+} w_{j}^{+} \, dV_{y} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{i} \cdot m_{ij}^{(w)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \mathbf{U}. \tag{48}$$

$$P_{\mathbf{n}} = \int_{\Omega^{+}} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dV_{x}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho^{+} \mathbf{u}^{+} \cdot \mathbf{n} J^{+} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \mathbf{u}^{+} \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} \left(\sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j} w_{j}^{+} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{i} w_{i}^{+} \right) \, dV_{y}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{i} \cdot \int_{\Omega_{0}} \rho_{0}^{+} w_{i}^{+} w_{j}^{+} \, dV_{y} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{w}} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{i} \cdot m_{ij}^{(w)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_{j}$$

$$= \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \mathbf{U}. \tag{49}$$

The total energy is conserved, as shown below

$$\frac{d}{dt}(IE + KE) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{M}^{(\phi)}\frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dt} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)}\frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt}$$

$$= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{F}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{F}\mathbf{C}$$

$$= 0.$$
(50)

The momentum along a constant direction is conserved, as shown below

$$\frac{dP_{\mathbf{n}}}{dt} = \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt}
= -\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{FC}
= -\sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ij} \hat{c}_{j}
= -\sum_{i}^{N_{w}} \sum_{j}^{N_{\phi}} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_{i} \cdot \int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_{i} \phi_{j} \, dV_{x} \hat{c}_{j}
= -\int_{\Omega^{+}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{n} \, dV_{x}
= 0.$$
(51)

6 The reference element

We consider a subset of Ω_0 , namely $\Omega_{0,e}$, which consists of a single element in the mesh at time zero. At some later time, the domain of this single element could have changed, and it is then given

full domain	element's domain
Ω_0	$\Omega_{0,e}$
Ω^+	Ω_e^+
\mathbf{x}^{+}	\mathbf{x}_e^+
J^+	J_e^+

Table 1: Mapping within an element

by $\Omega_e^+ = \Omega_e^+(t, \Omega_{0,e})$. Whereas \mathbf{x}^+ maps from Ω_0 to Ω^+ , the variable \mathbf{x}_e^+ maps from $\Omega_{0,e}$ to Ω_e^+ . The corresponding determinant of the Jacobian is J_e^+ . A summary of these new variables is given in table 1.

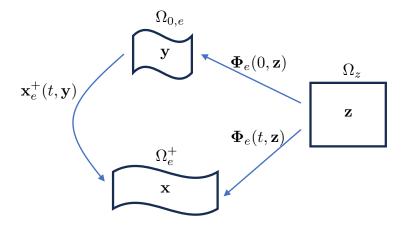


Figure 1: Schematic of the three domains $\Omega_{0,e}$, Ω_e^+ , Ω_z .

We also introduce the reference element as the unit square in 2D or the unit sphere in 3D. This element is labelled as Ω_z and it doesn't change with time. We introduce the mapping function $\Phi_e = \Phi_e(t, \mathbf{z})$, which maps from points \mathbf{z} in Ω_z to points in Ω_e^+ . A depiction of these domains and their mappings is shown in fig. 1. A condition satisfied by Φ_e is

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_e(t, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}_e^+(t, \mathbf{\Phi}_e(0, \mathbf{z})). \tag{52}$$

We can also define the Jacobian $\mathbf{J}_z = \mathbf{J}_z(t, \mathbf{z})$ as $\mathbf{J}_z = \partial \mathbf{\Phi}_e/\partial \mathbf{z}$, and label its determinant as $J_z = J_z(t, \mathbf{z})$. Thus, the volume of a single element can now be computed using either of the three integrals below

$$vol_{e} = \int_{\Omega_{e}^{+}} dV_{x} = \int_{\Omega_{0,e}} J_{e}^{+} dV_{y} = \int_{\Omega_{z}} J_{z} dV_{z}.$$
 (53)