

# ALE finite-element hydrodynamics

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## 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  $\Omega_0$  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

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

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

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^+}{\partial t} = \mathbf{u}^+, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial J^+ \rho^+}{\partial t} = 0, \quad (3)$$

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

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

In the above,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(t, \mathbf{x})$  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  $\boldsymbol{\tau}$  can be expressed in Einstein notation as

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

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

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

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} : \nabla \mathbf{f} = \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}. \quad (9)$$

where  $\alpha$  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

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

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

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

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

$$f = \sum_i^n F_i \Phi_i, \quad (12)$$

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

$$f^+ = \sum_i^n F_i \Phi_i^+. \quad (13)$$

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

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

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

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

Thus,  $F_i$  in eq. (13) accounts for the time dependence of  $F^+$ , whereas  $\Phi_i^+$  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  $\phi_i^+$  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

$$\mathbf{x}^+ = \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j w_j^+, \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^+ = \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j^+, \quad (17)$$

$$e^+ = \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_j \phi_j^+. \quad (18)$$

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

$$\mathbf{u} = \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j. \quad (19)$$

## 4 Semi-discrete Lagrangian governing equations

### 4.1 Position and Jacobian

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

$$\sum_j^{N_w} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{x}}_j}{dt} w_j^+ = \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j^+. \quad (20)$$

To satisfy the equation above, we'll require

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

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

$$\frac{d\mathbf{X}}{dt} = \mathbf{U}. \quad (22)$$

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

$$\mathbf{J}^+ = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j w_j^+ = \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j \nabla_{\mathbf{y}} w_j^+. \quad (23)$$

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

$$\frac{\partial J^+}{\partial t} = J^+ \left( \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \right)_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^+}, \quad (24)$$

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

$$\rho^+ = \frac{\rho_0^+}{J^+}, \quad (25)$$

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

### 4.3 Velocity

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

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

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

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

For the left-hand side we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^+}{\partial t} w_i^+ dV_y &= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \sum_j^{N_w} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{dt} w_j^+ w_i^+ dV_y, \\ &= \sum_j^{N_w} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{dt} \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ w_i^+ w_j^+ dV_y, \\ &= \sum_j^{N_w} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(w)}, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^+} w_i^+ J^+ dV_y &= \int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} w_i)_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^+} J^+ dV_y \\ &= \int_{\Omega^+} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} w_i dV_x \\ &= - \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i dV_x. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

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

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

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

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

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  $\alpha$  denotes the first index of  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ . We introduce the matrix  $\mathbf{F}$ , whose components are  $\mathbf{f}_{ij}$ . We also

expand the field with constant value of one as follows

$$1 = \sum_i^{N_\phi} \hat{c}_i \phi_i. \quad (33)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{FC} &= \sum_j^{N_\phi} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \hat{c}_j \\ &= \sum_j^{N_\phi} \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i \phi_j dV_x \hat{c}_j \\ &= \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i \left( \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{c}_j \phi_j \right) dV_x \\ &= \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i dV_x. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the left-hand side we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \frac{\partial e^+}{\partial t} \phi_i^+ dV_y &= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{c}_j}{dt} \phi_j^+ \phi_i^+ dV_y, \\ &= \sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{c}_j}{dt} \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \phi_j^+ \phi_i^+ dV_y, \\ &= \sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{c}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_0} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u})_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^+} \phi_i^+ J^+ dV_y &= \int_{\Omega_0} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_i)_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^+} J^+ dV_y \\ &= \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_i dV_x. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Combining results we have

$$\sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{e}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} \phi_i dV_x. \quad (41)$$

We now show that

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \left( \sum_k^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k w_k \right) = \sum_k^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_k, \quad (42)$$

and hence the previous result is written as

$$\sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{e}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \sum_k^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \cdot \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_k \phi_i dV_x. \quad (43)$$

The above is finally re-written as

$$\sum_j^{N_\phi} \frac{d\hat{e}_j}{dt} m_{ij}^{(\phi)} = \sum_k^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ki}. \quad (44)$$

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

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

We now introduce the vector  $\mathbf{E}$  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

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

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  $\mathbf{E}$ , 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.

$$\begin{aligned}
IE &= \int_{\Omega^+} \rho e \, dV_x \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho^+ e^+ J^+ \, dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ e^+ \, dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_j \phi_j^+ \, dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_j \phi_j^+ \left( \sum_i^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_i \phi_i^+ \right) \, dV_y \\
&= \sum_i^{N_\phi} \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_i \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \phi_i^+ \phi_j^+ \, dV_y \hat{e}_j \\
&= \sum_i^{N_\phi} \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{e}_i m_{ij}^{(\phi)} \hat{e}_j \\
&= \mathbf{CM}^{(\phi)} \mathbf{E}
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
KE &= \int_{\Omega^+} \frac{1}{2} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dV_x \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \frac{1}{2} \rho^+ \mathbf{u}^+ \cdot \mathbf{u}^+ J^+ \, dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \frac{1}{2} \rho_0^+ \mathbf{u}^+ \cdot \mathbf{u}^+ \, dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \frac{1}{2} \rho_0^+ \left( \sum_i^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i w_i^+ \right) \cdot \left( \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j^+ \right) \, dV_y \\
&= \sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_w} \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \cdot \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ w_i^+ w_j^+ \, dV_y \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \\
&= \sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_w} \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \cdot m_{ij}^{(w)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \mathbf{U}.
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\mathbf{n}} &= \int_{\Omega^+} \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dV_x \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho^+ \mathbf{u}^+ \cdot \mathbf{n} J^+ dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \mathbf{u}^+ \cdot \mathbf{n} dV_y \\
&= \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ \left( \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j w_j^+ \right) \cdot \left( \sum_i^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i w_i^+ \right) dV_y \\
&= \sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \int_{\Omega_0} \rho_0^+ w_i^+ w_j^+ dV_y \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \\
&= \sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_w} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot m_{ij}^{(w)} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_j \\
&= \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \mathbf{U}.
\end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

The total energy is conserved, as shown below

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dt}(IE + KE) &= \mathbf{C} \mathbf{M}^{(\phi)} \frac{d\mathbf{E}}{dt} + \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} \\
&= \mathbf{C} \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{C} \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dP_{\mathbf{n}}}{dt} &= \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{M}^{(w)} \frac{d\mathbf{U}}{dt} \\
&= -\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{C} \\
&= -\sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \mathbf{f}_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{c}}_j \\
&= -\sum_i^{N_w} \sum_j^{N_\phi} \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \cdot \int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla w_i \phi_j dV_x \hat{\mathbf{c}}_j \\
&= -\int_{\Omega^+} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{n} dV_x \\
&= 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

## 6 The reference element

We introduce the reference element as the unit square in 2D or the unit cube in 3D. The domain of this reference element is labelled as  $\Omega_z$  and it doesn't change with time. We introduce the function



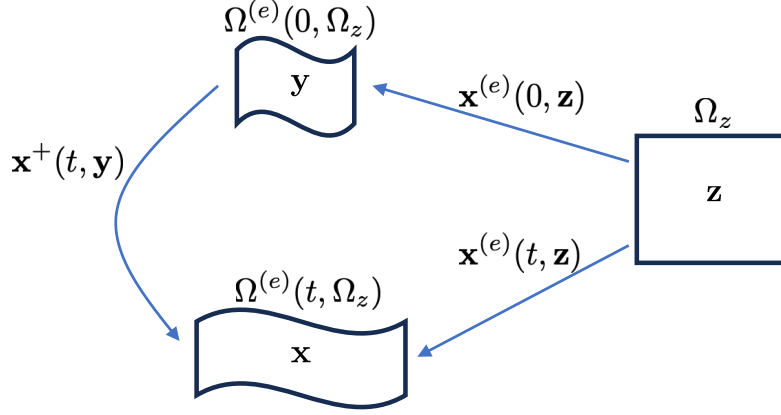


Figure 1: Schematic of the three domains  $\Omega_z$ ,  $\Omega^{(e)}(t, \Omega_z)$ ,  $\Omega^{(e)}(0, \Omega_z)$ .

$\mathbf{x}^{(e)} = \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$ , which maps from points  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $\Omega_z$  to points in the finite element  $e$  of the mesh. The evolving domain of the finite element  $e$  is given by the function  $\Omega^{(e)} = \Omega^{(e)}(t, \Omega_z)$ . A depiction of these domains and their mappings is shown in fig. 1. Whereas for  $\Omega^+$  we had  $\Omega^+(0, \Omega_0) = \Omega_0$ , for  $\Omega^{(e)}$  the analogue does not hold, that is,  $\Omega^{(e)}(0, \Omega_z) \neq \Omega_z$ .

The mapping functions  $\mathbf{x}^{(e)}$  and  $\mathbf{x}^+$  are related to each other as follows

$$\mathbf{x}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x}^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})). \quad (52)$$

We now introduce reference-element functions for density  $\rho^{(e)} = \rho^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$ , velocity  $\mathbf{u}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$ , and internal energy  $e^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$ . These satisfy the following expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z}) &= \rho^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})), \\ \mathbf{u}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z}) &= \mathbf{u}^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})), \\ e^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z}) &= e^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})). \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

We finally define the Jacobian  $\mathbf{J}^{(e)} = \mathbf{J}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$  as  $\mathbf{J}^{(e)} = \partial \mathbf{x}^{(e)} / \partial \mathbf{z}$ , and label its determinant as  $J^{(e)} = J^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})$ . Using eq. (52) in the definition of  $\mathbf{J}^{(e)}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}^{(e)} &= \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^+}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \right)_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \\ &= (\mathbf{J}^+)_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})} \mathbf{J}_0^{(e)}, \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_0^{(e)} = \mathbf{J}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})$ . Taking the determinant of the above gives

$$J^{(e)} = (J^+)_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})} J_0^{(e)}, \quad (55)$$

where  $J_0^{(e)} = J^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})$ .

We now show the following

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega_z} \rho^{(e)} J^{(e)} dV_z &= \int_{\Omega_z} \rho^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})) J^{(e)} dV_z \\
&= \int_{\Omega_z} \rho(t, \mathbf{x}^+(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z}))) J^{(e)} dV_z \\
&= \int_{\Omega_z} \rho(t, \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(t, \mathbf{z})) J^{(e)} dV_z \\
&= \int_{\Omega^{(e)}} \rho dV_x.
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

Additionally, we can evaluate eq. (25) at  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}^{(e)}(0, \mathbf{z})$  to obtain

$$\rho^{(e)} = \frac{\rho_0^{(e)} J_0^{(e)}}{J^{(e)}}. \tag{57}$$