

# Numerical discretization of port-Hamiltonian plate models <sup>★</sup>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

In this section the models under consideration are recalled. The details can be found in Brugnoli et al. (2019a,b).

### 2.1 Notations

For a scalar field  $u : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the gradient is defined as

$$\text{grad}(u) = \nabla u := (\partial_{x_1} u \dots \partial_{x_d} u)^\top.$$

For a vector field  $\mathbf{u} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , with components  $u_j$ , the gradient is defined as

$$\text{grad}(\mathbf{u})_{ij} := (\nabla \mathbf{u})_{ij} = \partial_{x_i} u_j.$$

The symmetric part of the gradient operator Grad (i. e. the deformation gradient in continuum mechanics) is given by

$$\text{Grad}(\mathbf{u}) := \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^\top \mathbf{u}).$$

The Hessian operator of  $u$  is then computed as follows

$$\text{Hess}(u) = \nabla^2 u = \text{Grad}(\text{grad}(u)),$$

For a tensor field  $\mathbf{U} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ , with components  $u_{ij}$ , the divergence is a vector, defined column-wise as

$$\text{Div}(\mathbf{U}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} := \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{x_i} u_{ij} \right)_{j=1, \dots, d}.$$

The double divergence of a tensor field  $\mathbf{U}$  is then a scalar field defined as

$$\text{div}(\text{Div}(\mathbf{U})) := \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_{x_i} \partial_{x_j} u_{ij}.$$

### 2.2 Plate models in port-Hamiltonian form

**2.2.0.1. Mindlin-Reissner plate** The Mindlin model is a generalization to the 2D case of the Timoshenko beam model and is expressed by a system of three coupled PDEs (Timoshenko and Woinowsky-Krieger (1959))

$$\begin{cases} \rho h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} &= \text{div}(\mathbf{q}), \\ \frac{\rho h^3}{12} \frac{\partial^2 \boldsymbol{\theta}}{\partial t^2} &= \mathbf{q} + \text{Div}(\mathbf{M}), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  is the mass density,  $h$  the plate thickness,  $w$  the vertical displacement,  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_x, \theta_y)^\top$  collects the deflection of the cross section along axes  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. Variables  $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{q}$  represent the momenta tensor and the shear stress. The Hooke law relates those to the curvature tensor and shear deformation vector

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &:= \mathcal{D} \mathbf{K}, & \mathbf{K} &:= \text{Grad}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \\ \mathbf{q} &:= \mathcal{C} \boldsymbol{\gamma}, & \boldsymbol{\gamma} &:= \text{grad}(w) - \boldsymbol{\theta}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C}$  are symmetric positive tensors. The kinetic and potential energy density  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  read

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K} &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \rho h \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \frac{\rho h^3}{12} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}{\partial t} \right\}, \\ \mathcal{U} &= \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbf{M} : \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\gamma} \}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{M} : \mathbf{K} := \sum_{i,j} m_{ij} k_{ij}$  is the tensor contraction. The Hamiltonian is easily written as

$$H = \int_{\Omega} (\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{U}) \, d\Omega. \quad (3)$$

To get a port-Hamiltonian formulation suitable energy variables must be selected. The appropriate set is the following

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_w &= \rho h \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}, & \alpha_\theta &= \frac{\rho h^3}{12} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}{\partial t}, \\ \mathbf{A}_\kappa &= \mathbf{K}, & \alpha_\gamma &= \boldsymbol{\gamma}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The co-energy variables are found by computing the variational derivative of the Hamiltonian

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$$\begin{aligned} e_w &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha_w} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}, & e_\theta &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha_\theta} = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}, \\ \mathbf{E}_\kappa &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \mathbf{A}_\kappa} = \mathbf{M}, & \mathbf{e}_\gamma &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha_\gamma} = \mathbf{q}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Energy and co-energy are relative by a positive symmetric operator  $\alpha = \mathcal{Q}e$

$$\mathcal{Q} = \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\rho h}, \frac{12}{\rho h^3}, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C}\right)$$

The port-Hamiltonian system is expressed as follows

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_w \\ \alpha_\theta \\ \mathbf{A}_\kappa \\ \alpha_\gamma \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \text{div} \\ 0 & 0 & \text{Div} & \mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2} \\ 0 & \text{Grad} & 0 & 0 \\ \text{grad} & -\mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_J \begin{pmatrix} e_w \\ e_\theta \\ \mathbf{E}_\kappa \\ e_\gamma \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

This system defines a Stokes-Dirac structure, therefore, the boundary values can be found by evaluating the time derivative of the Hamiltonian.

**2.2.0.2. Kirchhoff plate** The Kirchhoff Model is a generalization to the 2D case of the Euler-Bernoulli beam model. The classical equations for this model Timoshenko and Woinowsky-Krieger (1959) are

$$\rho h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} = -\text{div}(\text{Div}(\mathbf{M})) \quad (7)$$

The bending moment tensor and the curvature are related as in the Mindlin model  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{K}$ . Following the Kirchhoff assumption the curvature tensor is the Hessian of the vertical displacement

$$\mathbf{K} := \text{Grad}(\text{grad}(w)).$$

The kinetic and potential energy densities  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  read

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{2} \rho h \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \right)^2, \quad \mathcal{U} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{M} : \mathbf{K}, \quad (8)$$

The Hamiltonian is easily written as

$$H = \int_{\Omega} (\mathcal{K} + \mathcal{U}) \, d\Omega. \quad (9)$$

Selecting as energy variables

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_w &= \rho h \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}, & \text{Linear momentum,} \\ \mathbf{A}_\kappa &= \mathbf{K}, & \text{Curvature tensor.} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

co-energy variables are found by computing the variational derivative of the Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} e_w &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \alpha_w} = w_t, & \text{Vertical Velocity,} \\ \mathbf{E}_\kappa &:= \frac{\delta H}{\delta \mathbf{A}_\kappa} = \mathbf{M}, & \text{Momenta tensor,} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where  $w_t := \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}$  for compactness. The coercive operator linking energy and co-energies reads

$$\mathcal{Q} = \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\rho h}, \mathcal{D}\right)$$

The port-Hamiltonian system is expressed as follows

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_w \\ \mathbf{A}_\kappa \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\text{div} \circ \text{Div} \\ \text{Grad} \circ \text{grad} & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathcal{J}} \begin{pmatrix} e_w \\ \mathbf{E}_\kappa \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

### 3. CONCLUSION

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