

ME40064: Systems Modelling & Simulation

ME50344: Engineering Systems Simulation

Lecture 3

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Overview Of Fem Course

1. Derive equations to be solved - Lecture 3
2. Define solution domain & generate finite element mesh - Lecture 4
3. Define the order of solution representation
 - 3.1. Linear solution - Lecture 4
 - 3.2. Quadratic solution - Lecture 10
4. Convert the equation into a form suitable for FEM (Galerkin weak form) - Lecture 5
5. Calculate each element's contribution (local matrix) to the equation
 - 5.1. Calculate by hand - Lecture 6
 - 5.2. Calculate numerically - Lecture 9
6. Create a matrix (global matrix) to contain all these element contributions for the entire mesh, to be solved as simultaneous equations - Lecture 7
7. Apply boundary conditions and solve the system of equations - Lecture 8
8. Determine numerical errors and test rate of convergence - Lecture 11
9. Derive the same method for transient equations - Lectures 12 & 13

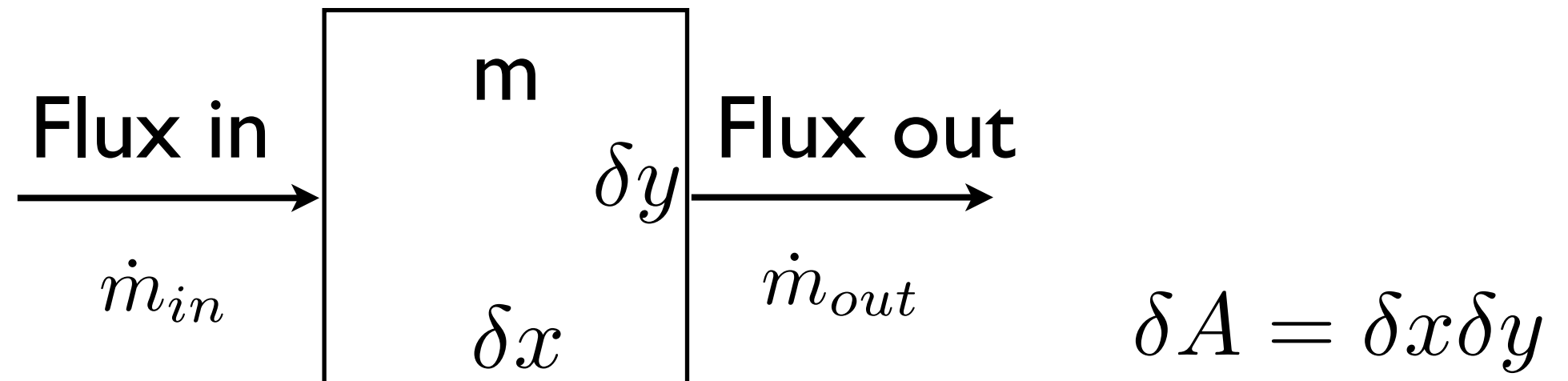
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PDES For Heat Transfer Modeling

- Able to derive the transient advection-diffusion-reaction equation
- Understand reasons for simplifying the model
- Possess a range of strategies for model simplification

CONTINUITY EQUATION

A Conceptual Explanation



Change in mass in control volume

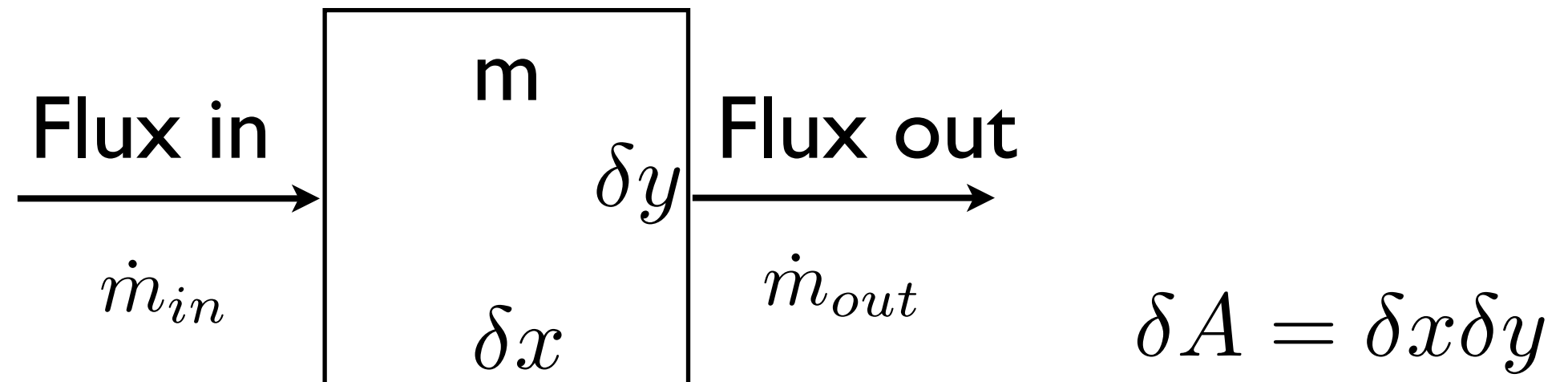
$$\delta m = (\dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out}) \delta t$$

Rate of change in mass in control volume

$$\frac{\delta m}{\delta t} = \dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out}$$

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Concentration = mass/volume

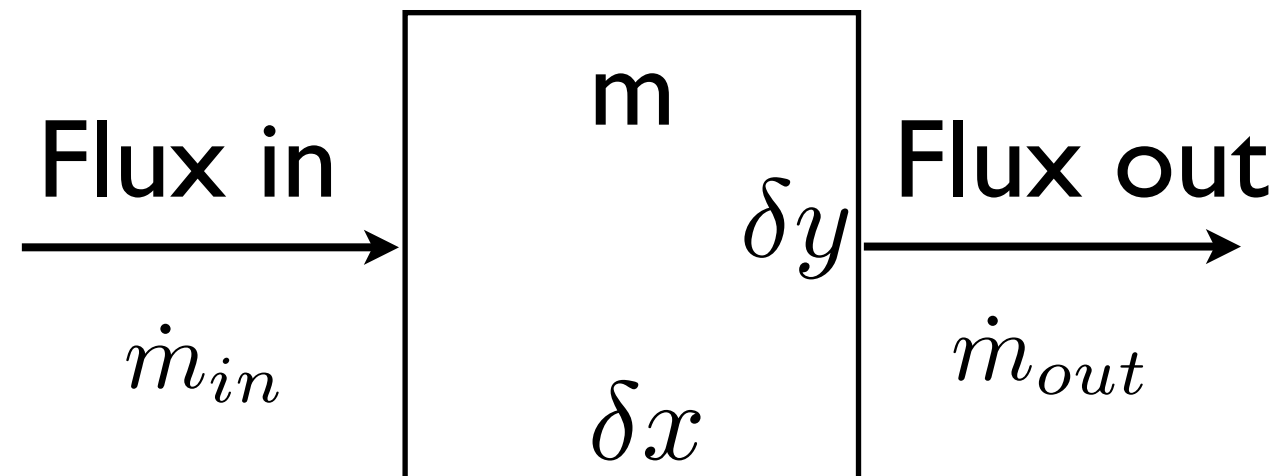
$$\delta c = \delta m / \delta A \quad \therefore \delta m = \delta c \delta x \delta y$$

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$$\frac{\delta c \delta x \delta y}{\delta t} = \dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out}$$

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$$\delta A = \delta x \delta y$$

$$\frac{\delta c \delta x \delta y}{\delta t} = \dot{m}_{in} - \dot{m}_{out}$$

$\mathbf{J} = J_x \mathbf{i}$ = flux of mass = mass per unit length (area) per unit time

$$\frac{\delta c \delta x \delta y}{\delta t} = J_x(x) \cdot \delta y - J_x(x + \delta x) \cdot \delta y$$

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$$\frac{\delta c \delta x \delta y}{\delta t} = - (J_x(x + \delta x) \cdot \delta y - J_x(x) \cdot \delta y)$$

Dividing by the lengths

$$\frac{\delta c}{\delta t} = - \frac{(J_x(x + \delta x) - J_x(x))}{\delta x}$$

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As the deltas tend to zero

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial J_x}{\partial x}$$

The next step is to define the flux operator J

CONTINUITY EQUATION

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This law can be generalised to 3D

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = 0$$

using the following definitions:

$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \quad \mathbf{J} = J_x \mathbf{i} + J_y \mathbf{j} + J_z \mathbf{k}$$

Deriving this will be an exercise for Tutorial 2

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Fick's Law Of Diffusion

Fick's law of diffusion states that a quantity diffuses in proportion to the local concentration gradient

$$J_{diff} = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial x}$$

where D is the diffusion coefficient

Note the minus sign, as flux is in opposite direction to the gradient

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Fick's Law Of Diffusion

In general form this is written:

$$\mathbf{J}_{diff} = -\mathbf{D}\nabla c$$

where flux \mathbf{J} is now a vector, and \mathbf{D} is a tensor diffusion coefficient

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Advective Flux

This accounts for the passive transport of a scalar quantity by a fluid velocity, \mathbf{u}

$$\mathbf{J}_{adv} = \mathbf{u}c$$

Total flux is sum of advection & diffusion

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_{diff} + \mathbf{J}_{adv}$$

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Source & Reaction Terms

Fluxes entering/leaving the domain not the only source of mass - it can be created/destroyed within e.g.

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = S$$

where S is a source (+ve) or sink (-ve) term, and is defined: mass/(volume * time)

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Examples Of Source & Reaction Terms

Mass sources/sink e.g. a pollution source in environmental flows

$$S = f$$

Linear reaction-type sources/sinks

$$S = \lambda c$$

A linear reaction, where λ is a constant, is a source term proportional to the concentration - commonly found in combustion type models (non-linear reactions are also possible but trickier to solve)

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Equation

Putting terms all together gives transient advection-diffusion-reaction equation

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla c = D \nabla^2 c + \lambda c + f$$

This equation will form the basis of Parts 1 & 2 of the module

SCALAR TRANSPORT EQUATION

Some Other Uses For This Equation

Mathematical finance

Black-Scholes equation

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV = 0$$

Incompressible fluid mechanics

Navier-Stokes equation

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \left(\frac{p}{\rho} \right) + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

In silico medical Imaging

Contrast enhanced magnetic resonance imaging

Poroelastic advection-diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial (J\phi^f c^f)}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot [c^f \mathbf{W} - J\mathbf{F}^{-1} \phi^f D^f \mathbf{F}^{-T} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} c^f] = JQ_{tot} + J\phi^f \phi^s \alpha (c^s - c^f)$$

Poroelastic diffusion equation

$$\frac{\partial (J\phi^s c^s)}{\partial t} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}} + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot [-J\mathbf{F}^{-1} \phi^s D^s \mathbf{F}^{-T} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} c^s] = -J\phi^f \phi^s \alpha (c^s - c^f)$$

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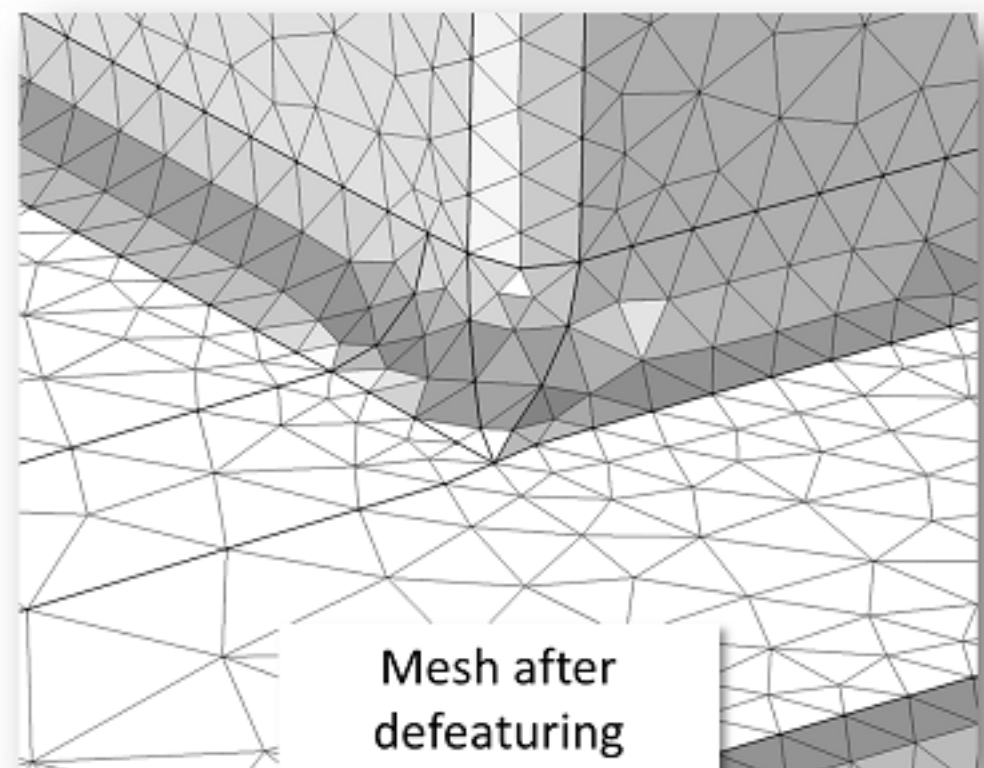
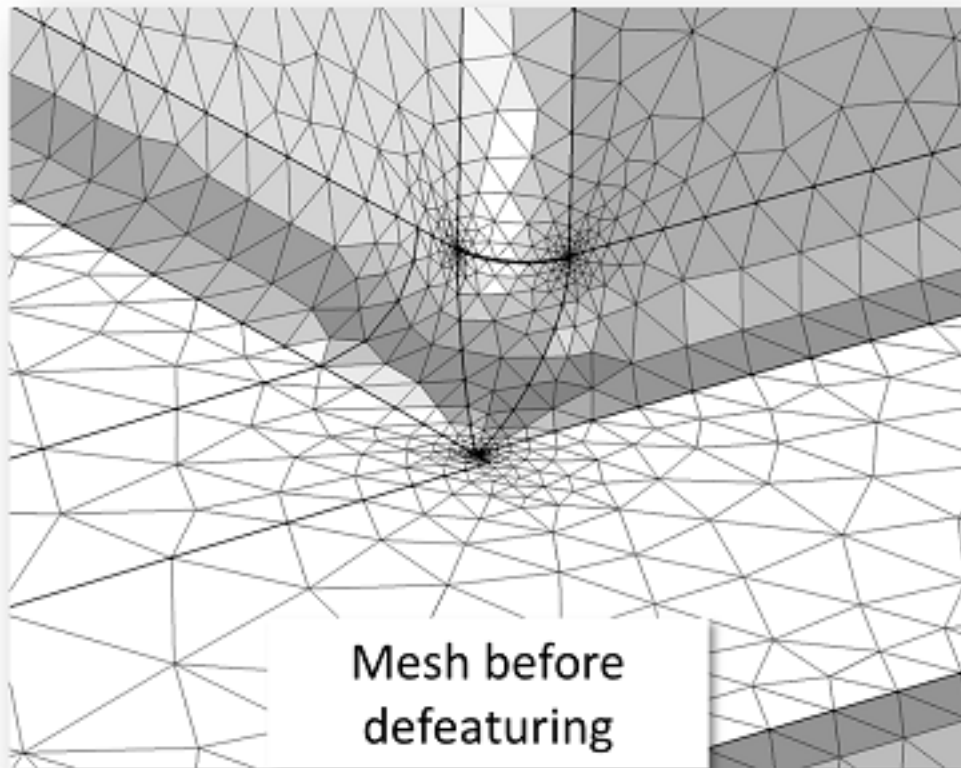
MODEL SIMPLIFICATION

Possible Approaches

- Geometric simplification
- Dimensional reduction
- Use of symmetry
- Simplification of model physics

GEOMETRIC SIMPLIFICATION

- De-featuring - common when taking CAD models into FEA/CFD codes



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- Approximation by canonical geometries
 - spheres, cylinders, cubes

USE OF SYMMETRY

- Can reduce computational run time by factor of 2 or more
- Reflectional symmetry e.g. a car, boat, airplane
- Rotational symmetry e.g. pipes, turbine engines

DIMENSIONAL REDUCTION

Through The Use Of Symmetry

- Examine material parameters & boundary conditions
- Look for a coordinate axis where solution won't vary due to this combination
- Remove that dimension from the model


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- Estimate magnitude of each
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FURTHER READING

- Blog post about defeaturing & other topics related to FEM & CAD

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