Consider finite element spatial discretization of the position and density

$$\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{a=1}^{n_{\text{en}}} N_a(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \boldsymbol{x}_a \tag{1}$$

$$\rho(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \sum_{a=1}^{n_{\text{en}}} N_a(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \rho_a \tag{2}$$

Further, let us introduce a squared distance function as

$$d(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \| x(\xi) - x_g \|^2$$
 (3)

The problem at hand can be formulated as

$$\begin{cases}
\text{find} & \boldsymbol{\xi} = \arg\min d(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \\
\text{subjected to} & \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \rho_{t} \\
\xi_{i} = \bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}}
\end{cases} \tag{4}$$

This constrained problem can be refolmulated as an unconstrained one using the method of Lagrange multipliers. To this end, let us introduce the Lagrangian as

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \lambda) = d(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \lambda_1 \left(\rho(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \rho_t \right) + \lambda_2 \left(\xi_i - \bar{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \right) \tag{5}$$

Its extremal point $(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$ have to satisfy

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \lambda)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} = \frac{\partial d(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} + \frac{\partial \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \lambda_1 + \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \lambda_2 = 0$$
 (6)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda_1} = \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \rho_t = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda_2} = \xi_i - \bar{\xi} = 0 \tag{8}$$

This is a system of non-linear algebraic equation which can be resolved for instance by the Newton-Raphson method. To this end one must perform the Taylor expansion around point $(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \lambda_k)$ up to first order

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^2} \Delta \boldsymbol{\xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi} \partial \lambda_1} \Delta \lambda_1 + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi} \partial \lambda_2} \Delta \lambda_2 = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \Delta \boldsymbol{\xi} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1^2} \Delta \lambda_1 + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2} \Delta \lambda_2 = 0 (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k})}{\partial \lambda_{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k})}{\partial \lambda_{2} \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \Delta \boldsymbol{\xi} + \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k})}{\partial \lambda_{2} \partial \lambda_{1}} \Delta \lambda_{1} + \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{k})}{\partial \lambda_{2}^{2}} \Delta \lambda_{2} = 0$$
(11)

which can be written in matrix notation as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi} \partial \lambda_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi} \partial \lambda_{2}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \lambda_{1} \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \lambda_{2} \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \boldsymbol{\xi} \\ \Delta \lambda_{1} \\ \Delta \lambda_{2} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \lambda_{1}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{k}}{\partial \lambda_{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(12)

In the sequal, all required derivatives will be derived

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_2^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}_k)}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \lambda_2} = 0$$
 (13)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda_1 \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} = \frac{\partial \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}}$$
 (14)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda_2 \partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} = \frac{\partial \xi_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \tag{15}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}_k}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \left(\frac{\partial d(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} + \frac{\partial \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \lambda_1 + \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \lambda_2 \right)$$
(16)

$$= \frac{\partial^2 d(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \rho(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^2} \lambda_1 \tag{17}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial d(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \| \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \boldsymbol{x}_g \|^2 \right)$$
 (18)

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \boldsymbol{x}_g \right\} \cdot \left\{ \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \boldsymbol{x}_g \right\} \right)$$
(19)

$$= \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \cdot \{\boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \boldsymbol{x}_g\}$$
 (20)

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 d(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}} \cdot \{ \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \boldsymbol{x}_g \} \right)$$
(21)

$$= \frac{\partial^2 x(\xi)}{\partial \xi^2} \cdot \{x(\xi) - x_g\} + \frac{\partial x(\xi)}{\partial \xi} \cdot \frac{\partial x(\xi)}{\partial \xi}$$
 (22)