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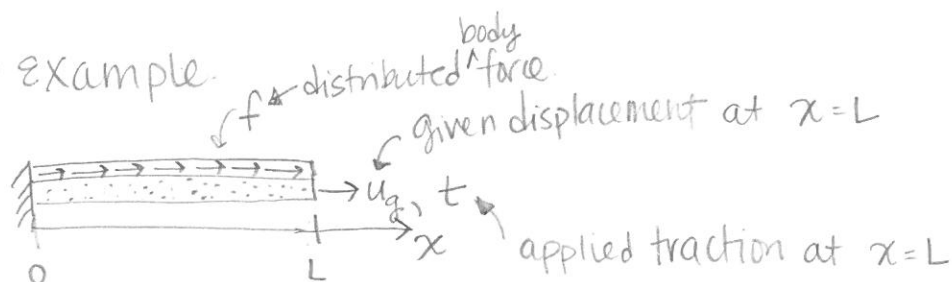
Intro to Finite Element Methods

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- Linear Elliptic Differential Equations in One Dimension

- for example: (1) 1D Heat conduction @ steady state.
 (2) 1D Mass diffusion at steady state.
 (3) 1D Elasticity at steady state.
- } ALL
LINEAR

- example



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Find $u(x): (0, L) \mapsto \mathbb{R}^1$ } defines a mapping.
 ↑ specifies 1D space.
 NOTE: This is an OPEN interval.

Given u @ $x=0$ is u_0 , u_g or t , $f(x)$,
 $u(0) = u_0$

& the constitutive relation: $\sigma = E u_{,x}$

such that the following holds:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f = 0 \text{ in } (0, L) \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f = 0} \right\} \text{ This is our differential Equation}$$

with the boundary conditions

$$u(0) = u_0 \quad \& \quad u(L) = u_g \text{ -OR- } \sigma(L) = t$$

↑
always holds

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must be one or the other.

Boundary Conditions:

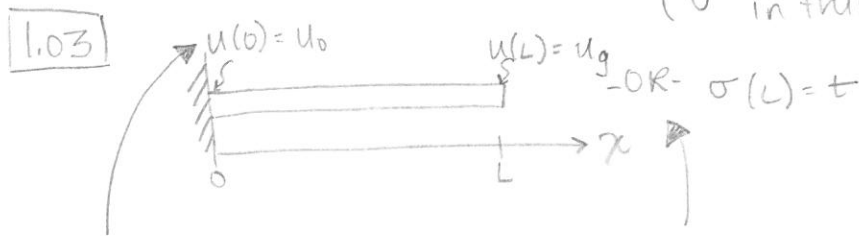
$$u(0) = u_0, \quad u(L) = u_g \quad \left\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(or displacement B.C.)} \\ \star \text{ Dirichlet Boundary} \\ \text{Conditions.} \end{array} \right.$$

follows from
the constitutive relation

$$\Rightarrow (E u_{,x}) \Big|_{x=L} = t \quad \left\} \begin{array}{l} \star \text{ (or traction B.C.)} \\ \text{Neumann Boundary} \\ \text{Condition} \end{array} \right.$$

applied to the
spacial derivative of
the primal field.

(σ in this case)



ALWAYS A
DIRICHLET B.C.

@ $u(0)$

CAN BE EITHER
DIRICHLET OR NEUMANN B.C.

\star WE DO NOT CONSIDER A CASE WHEN
BOTH B.C. ARE NEUMANN! (@ either end)

CONSIDER: Neumann B.C.'s at $x=0$ & $x=L$

$$\sigma(0) = E u_{,x} \Big|_{x=0} = t_0$$

$$\sigma(L) = E u_{,x} \Big|_{x=L} = t_L$$

Consider $u(x)$ satisfying these B.C.'s and the differential equation:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (E u_{,x}) + f = 0$$

But $u(x) + \bar{u}$ is also a solution! \therefore no unique solution.
 \uparrow
 constant wrt x .

The solution $u(x)$ is non-unique up to a constant displacement field (i.e. rigid body motion), \bar{u} , which is a constant.

⇒ DIRICHLET B.C.'s guarantee a unique solution!

⇒ Neumann B.C.'s alone can be specified for the time-dependent elasticity problem. (this is hyperbolic PDEs)

↖ but right now, we are only considering steady state.

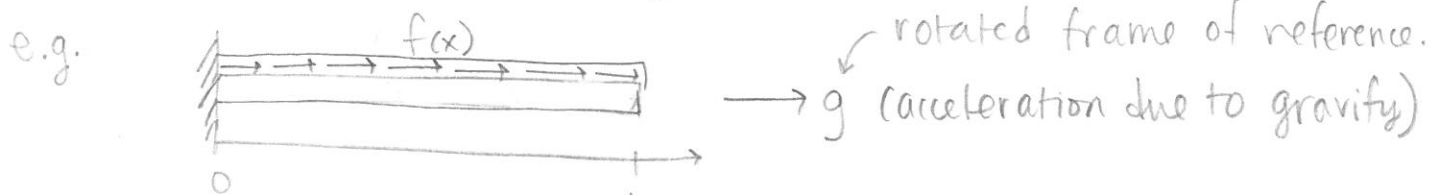
(elliptic PDEs)

↖ Term in context of elasticity.

Recall the body force, $f(x)$:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f(x) = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

The "forcing function" in general PDEs



↖ density function.

$$f(x) = \rho(x)g$$

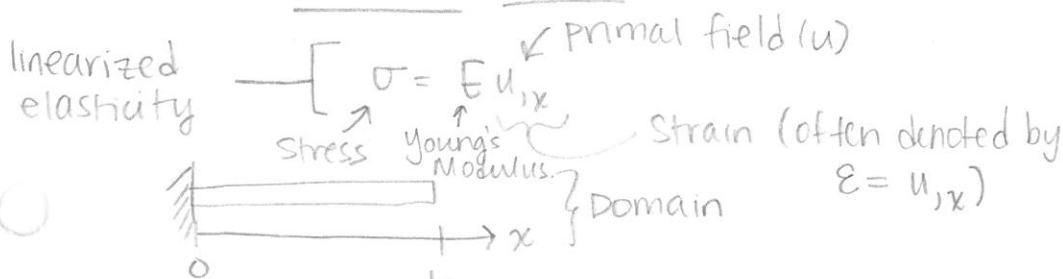
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The differential equation:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f(x) = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

★ OPEN interval. (implies that the domain between $x=0$ & $x=L$, excluding the end points 0 & L themselves)

The constitutive relation:



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B.C.'s take care of these points. The problem would be over constrained if the interval were closed.

The 1D (scalar) linear elliptic problem also models heat or diffusive mass transport.

temperature

→ Find $u(x): (0, L) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ given u_0 and u_g -OR- \bar{j}
 f and the constitutive relation

$j = -k u_x$ such that
 heat flux
 negative divergence of the heat flux. $-\frac{dj}{dx} = f(x)$ in $(0, L)$
 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS:

$$u(0) = u_0 \text{ \& \; } \begin{cases} u(L) = u_g \\ \text{-OR-} \\ j(L) = -\bar{j} \end{cases}$$

- Dirichlet B.C.'s imply temperature boundary conditions.

- Neumann B.C.'s imply a heat flux boundary condition

$$j(L) = -\bar{j}$$

\bar{j} = heat influx at $x = L$.

1.05 The Strong Form of a linear PDE of elliptic type in one dimension.

Find $u(x)$ given u_0, u_g -OR- $t, f(x)$ and the constitutive relation

$$\sigma = E u_x$$

such that

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f = 0 \text{ in } (0, L)$$

$$\text{w/ b.c.'s: } u(0) = u_0 \text{ \& \; } \begin{cases} u(L) = u_g \\ \text{-OR-} \\ \sigma(L) = t \end{cases}$$

This is called the STRONG FORM of the equation.
 → condition must hold at EVERY point.

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(E \frac{du}{dx} \right) \right] + f = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

NOTE: u should be a function such that two derivatives are possible (i.e. no discontinuities).

We require STRONG CONDITIONS of "smoothness" on $u(x)$ because the Strong Form has two spatial derivatives.

We require the PDE to hold pointwise in the interval of interest: $(0, L)$.

AN ANALYTIC SOLUTION:

$$\int_0^y \frac{d\sigma}{dx} dx = \int_0^y (-f dx) \quad \text{where } y \text{ belongs to } [0, L]$$

$y \in [0, L]$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(y) - \sigma(0) = - \int_0^y f dx$$

$$\Rightarrow E u_{,x}(y) - E u_{,x}(0) = - \int_0^y f dx$$

Write as $E \frac{du}{dy} = - \int_0^y f dx + E \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_0$

$$\int_0^z E \frac{du}{dy} dy = - \int_0^z \int_0^y f dx dy + \int_0^z E \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_0$$

$$\Rightarrow E u(z) - E u(0) = - \int_0^z \int_0^y f dx dy + E \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_0 z$$

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{E} \left[- \int_0^z \int_0^y f dx dy + \underbrace{E \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_0}_{\text{determined by B.C. @ L.}} z + \underbrace{E u(0)}_{u_0} \right]$$

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The Weak Form of a linear elliptic PDE in one dimension.

Find $u(x) \in \mathcal{S}$ ^{a space of functions}

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ u \mid u(0) = u_0 \right\}$$

contains all u such that $u(0) = u_0$.

Basically, we bake in the Dirichlet B.C..

Given u_0, t, f , and constitutive relation $\sigma = E u_{,x}$

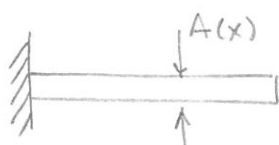
such that for all w belonging to \mathcal{V}

$$\forall w \in \mathcal{V} = \left\{ w \mid w(0) = 0 \right\}$$

homogeneous
Dirichlet B.C.

THIS IS
THE WEAK
FORM

$$\left\{ \int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma dx = \int_0^L w f dx + w(L) t \right.$$



Multiply the above equation through by $A(x)$, creating volume integrals.

$$\int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma \underbrace{A(x) dx}_{\text{volume element}} = \int_0^L w f \underbrace{A(x) dx}_{\text{volume element}} + w(L) \underbrace{A(x) \cdot t}_{\text{Boundary force}}$$

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THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD IS BASED ON
THIS WEAK FORM.

It is also the basis of other variationally based numerical methods.

The Strong Form and Weak Form are equivalent!

↳ (each implies the other)

Consider the Strong Form:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} + f = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

B.C.'s: $u(0) = u_0$

$$\sigma(L) = t, \quad \text{where } \sigma = E u_{,x}$$

Introduce $w \in \mathcal{V} = \{w \mid w(0) = 0\}$

w : weighting function

$$w \frac{d\sigma}{dx} + wf = 0$$

Multiply Strong form by w and integrate over $(0, L)$

$$\int_0^L w A(x) \frac{d\sigma}{dx} dx + \int_0^L w A(x) f dx = 0$$

INTEGRATE BY PARTS.

$$-\int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma A(x) dx + w \sigma A(x) \Big|_0^L + \int_0^L w A(x) f dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma A(x) dx = \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w \sigma A(x) \Big|_0^L$$

$$\int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma A(x) dx = \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) \sigma(L) A(L) - \underbrace{w(0) \sigma(0) A(0)}_{\text{Homogeneous Dirichlet}}$$

HOORAY THE WEAK FORM! $\rightarrow \int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma A(x) dx = \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) \overset{\sigma(L)=t}{t} A(L)$

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Now go in reverse & start w/ the WEAK FORM.Find $u \in \mathcal{S} = \{u \mid u(0) = u_0\}$ such that

$$\forall w \in \mathcal{V} = \{w \mid w(0) = 0\}$$

$$\int_0^L w_{,x} \sigma A(x) dx = \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) (t) A(L)$$

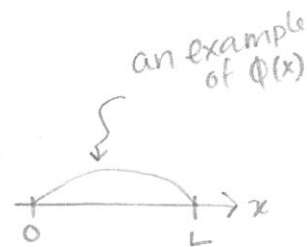

 Integrate by parts

$$-\int_0^L \frac{d\sigma}{dx} w A dx + w \sigma A \Big|_0^L = \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) \sigma(L) A(L)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\int_0^L \frac{d\sigma}{dx} w A(x) dx + \cancel{w(L) \sigma(L) A(L)} - \cancel{w(0) \sigma(0) A(0)} &= \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) (t) A(L) \\
 &= \int_0^L w A(x) f dx + w(L) (t) A(L)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-\int_0^L w A(x) f dx - \int_0^L \frac{d\sigma}{dx} w A(x) dx + w(L) A (\sigma(L) - t) = 0$$

$$\int_0^L w A(x) \left[-f - \frac{d\sigma}{dx} \right] dx + w(L) A (\sigma(L) - t) = 0$$

This holds $\forall w \in \mathcal{V} = \{w \mid w(0) = 0\}$
 \hookrightarrow Also holds for $w(x) = \phi(x) (-\sigma_{,x} - f)$
where $\phi(x) > 0$ for $x \in (0, L)$ $\phi(x) = 0$ at $x = \{0, L\}$ 

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ensures that $w(L)=0$ & $w(0)=0$

This gets rid of the term $w(L) A(\sigma(L) - t)$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L \phi(x) (-\sigma_{,x} - f) (-\sigma_{,x} - f) A dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^L \underbrace{\phi(x)}_{\substack{\text{this} \\ \text{is } > 0 \\ \text{for the} \\ \text{interior domain}}} \underbrace{(-\sigma_{,x} - f)^2}_{\substack{\text{must be} \\ > 0 \text{ since} \\ \text{it is a} \\ \text{square.}}} A(x) dx = 0$$

This can only hold if $\underbrace{(-\sigma_{,x} - f)} = 0$ for $(0, L)$

Return to $\int_0^L w (-\sigma_{,x} - f) A(x) dx + w(L) A(L) (\sigma(L) - t) = 0$

$\forall w \in V$

$\therefore w(L) A(L) (\sigma(L) - t) = 0$

\Downarrow

$\sigma(L) = t \leftarrow \text{NEUMANN BC! } \checkmark$
(since $w(L)$ & $A(L) \neq 0$)

NOTE: The weak form already has the Dirichlet boundary condition baked in:

$u \in \mathcal{S} = \{u \mid u(0) = u_0\}. \checkmark$

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