

Virtual Work Principle (Day 7)

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Preparatory reading:

- Handout Day 7
- Chapter 4 in Cook et al.
- Read up on planar elasticity in tensor notation (c.f. in strength of materials II book by Tvergaard)

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Virtual Work Principle

$$\int_V \{\delta \epsilon\}^T \{\sigma\} dV = \int_S \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{F\} dS + \int_V \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{\Phi\} dV + \sum_i \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}_i^T \{p\}_i,$$

which has to hold for any kinematically admissible displacement variations $\{\delta \mathbf{u}\}$, associated strain variations $\{\delta \epsilon\}$ and nodal displacement variations $\{\delta D\}$.

Or

$$\delta \Omega = \delta W$$

where

$\delta \Omega$ is variation in internal energy
 δW is variation in external work
 V is structural volume
 S is surface area
 $\{F\}$ is surface traction
 $\{\Phi\}$ is body force
 $\{\delta \mathbf{u}\}$ is virtual displacement variation
 $\{\sigma\}$ is the stress vector
 $\{\delta \epsilon\}$ is the virtual strain variation vector
 $\{p\}_i$ is a concentrated (nodal) load vector

Definition:

$$\delta \Omega \equiv \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial D_i} \delta D_i$$

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Virtual Work Principle (in words)

Or in words:

Arbitrary virtual displacement variations must lead to identical variations in internal and external work

Basically, it is an alternative way of expressing structural equilibrium (energy balance)

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VWP can be derived in two (or more) ways

Part I

a) Stationarity principle

From minimum of Total Potential Energy (i.e. reversible and non-dissipative)

Part II

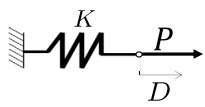
b) Galerkin method

Derived from basic equilibrium equations, and holds for any system (incl. dissipative ones)

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DTU Minimum Total Potential Energy – 1dof problem



Elastic (strain) energy: $\Omega = \frac{1}{2}KD^2$ $\delta\Omega \equiv \frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial D} \delta D$

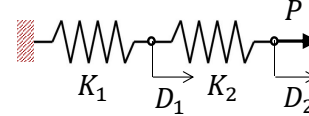
Potential work of external force: $W = PD$

Total Potential Energy: $\Pi = \Omega - W = \frac{1}{2}KD^2 - PD$

Stationarity (minimum): $\frac{\partial\Pi}{\partial D} = \frac{\partial\Omega}{\partial D} - \frac{\partial W}{\partial D} = KD - P = 0$

Variational (VWP) form: $\delta\Pi = \delta\Omega - \delta W = \delta DKD - \delta DP = 0, \forall \delta D$
 $\Rightarrow KD - P = 0 \Rightarrow KD = P$

DTU Minimum Total Potential Energy – 2dof problem



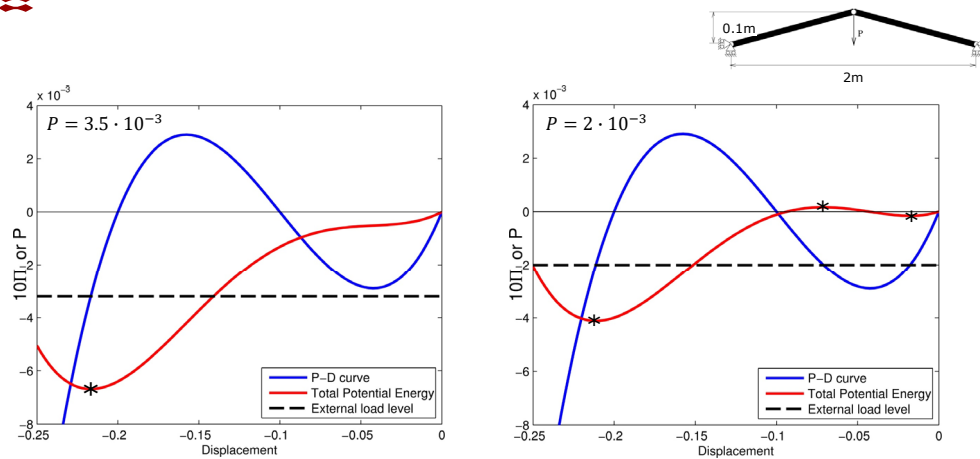
Total Potential Energy:

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2}K_1D_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}K_2(D_2 - D_1)^2 - PD_2$$

or: $\Pi = \frac{1}{2}\begin{Bmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} K_1 + K_2 & -K_2 \\ -K_2 & K_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ P \end{Bmatrix}$
 $= \frac{1}{2}\{D\}^T[K]\{D\} - \{D\}^T\{P\}$

Stationarity: $\delta\Pi = \frac{\partial\Pi}{\partial\{D\}}\{\delta D\} = \{\delta D\}^T[K]\{D\} - \{\delta D\}^T\{P\} = 0, \forall\{\delta D\}$
 $\Rightarrow [K]\{D\} = \{P\}$

DTU Minimum Total Potential Energy – non-linear problem



DTU Minimum of Total Potential Energy – Warning!

Let the true (exact) solution be: $\{D_\infty\}$ i.e. $[K]\{D_\infty\} = \{P\}$

Total potential energy of the true solution: $\Pi_\infty = \frac{1}{2}\{D_\infty\}^T[K]\{D_\infty\} - \{D_\infty\}^T\{P\}$

Non-perfect (approximate) solution: $\{D\} = \{D_\infty\} + \epsilon\{\delta D\}$

Total potential energy of approximate solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{1}{2}\{D\}^T[K]\{D\} - \{D\}^T\{P\} = \frac{1}{2}(\{D_\infty\} + \epsilon\{\delta D\})^T[K](\{D_\infty\} + \epsilon\{\delta D\}) - (\{D_\infty\} + \epsilon\{\delta D\})^T\{P\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{D_\infty\}^T[K]\{D_\infty\} - \{D_\infty\}^T\{P\} + \epsilon(\{\delta D\}^T[K]\{D_\infty\} - \{\delta D\}^T\{P\}) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2\{\delta D\}^T[K]\{\delta D\} \\ &= \Pi_\infty + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2\{\delta D\}^T[K]\{\delta D\} \end{aligned}$$

Hence: $\Pi(\{D\}) \geq \Pi_\infty, \forall \{D\} \neq \{D_\infty\}$

Minimum of Total Potential Energy – Warning!

The Total Potential Energy of an approximate solution is always larger than for the true solution:

$$\Pi(\{D\}) \geq \Pi_{\infty} \text{ for } \forall \{D\} \neq \{D_{\infty}\}$$

This simplifies to the important observation for compliance:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\{D\}^T\{P\} \geq -\frac{1}{2}\{D_{\infty}\}^T\{P\} \text{ for } \forall \{D\} \neq \{D_{\infty}\}$$

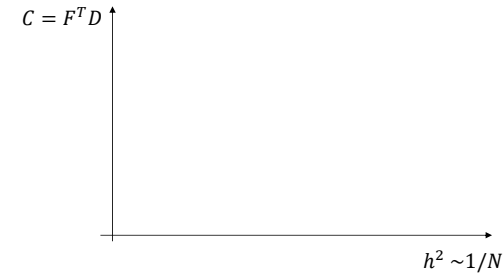
or:

$$\{D\}^T\{P\} \leq \{D_{\infty}\}^T\{P\} \text{ for } \forall \{D\} \neq \{D_{\infty}\}$$

i.e. the approximate FE solution is always too "stiff" !!!

The error, however, gets smaller as we approach the exact solution.

Minimum of Total Potential Energy – convergence



* Holds for certain continuity conditions

Minimum of TPE – continuum version

Elastic strain energy

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \{\epsilon\}^T \{\sigma\} dV = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \{\epsilon\}^T [C] \{\epsilon\} dV$$

Potential work of external forces

$$W = \int_{S_F} \{\mathbf{u}\}^T \{F\} dS + \int_V \{\mathbf{u}\}^T \{\Phi\} dV$$

Stationarity

$$\delta \Pi = \delta \Omega - \delta W = \int_V \{\delta \epsilon\}^T \{\sigma\} dV - \int_{S_F} \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{F\} dS - \int_V \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{\Phi\} dV = 0$$

Hence, VWP can be derived from minimum of potential energy principle

PS! Derivations like this was used for above derivations: $\delta \Omega \equiv \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \{\epsilon\}} \{\delta \epsilon\} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \{\epsilon\}} \frac{\partial \{\epsilon\}}{\partial \{D\}} \{\delta D\} = \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \{\epsilon\}} \{\delta \epsilon\}$, $\delta \Pi \equiv \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial \{D\}} \{\delta D\}$

Integration by parts (Green's theorem)

Green's theorem may be seen as an application of "Integration by Parts"

$$\int_a^b f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx = - \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} g dx + [f g]_a^b \quad 1d$$

Consider the volume integral

$$\int_V \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dV$$

This may also be written as

$$\int_{y_L}^{y_U} \int_{x_L}^{x_R} \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx dy$$

By partial integration this is equal to

$$- \int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \psi dV + \int_{y_L}^{y_U} [\phi \psi]_{x=x_R}^{x=x_L} dy$$

On the right and left hand sides of the boundary we have that

$$dy = n_x dS \text{ and } dy = -n_x dS,$$

Therefore the last integral of (1) may be rewritten as a surface integral

$$\int_S \phi \psi n_x dS$$

which results in

$$\int_V \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dV = - \int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \psi dV + \int_S \phi \psi n_x dS \quad 2d/3d$$

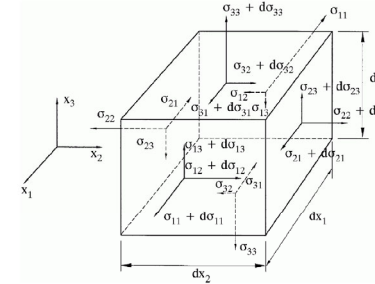
Galerkin method

Write up PDE (equilibrium) and boundary conditions

1. Convert PDE to weak form (introduce test fields)
2. Apply Green's theorem (integration by parts)
3. Discretize system (c.f. Days 1 or 5)

Mechanical equilibrium equations

$$\sigma_{ji,j} \equiv \frac{\partial \sigma_{ji}}{\partial x_j}$$

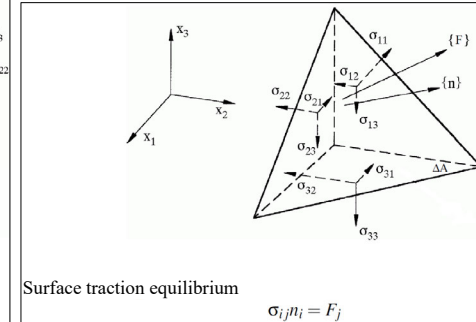


Volume force equilibrium

$$\sigma_{ji,j} + \Phi_i = 0$$

Moment equilibrium

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$$



Surface traction equilibrium

$$\sigma_{ij} n_i = F_j$$

Galerkin method (1)

The PDE (equilibrium) and boundary conditions

Volume force equilibrium:	$\sigma_{ji,j} + \Phi_i = 0$	in V
Moment equilibrium:	$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$	in V
Surface traction equilibrium:	$\sigma_{ij} n_i = F_j$	on S_F
Support BC's:	$u_i = u_i^*$	on S_u

Also referred to as the “strong form” ... and not suitable for computations

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By partial integration this is equal to

$$- \int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \psi dV + \int_{y_L}^{y_U} [\phi \psi]_{x_L}^{x_R} dy = - \int_V \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \psi dV + \int_{y_L}^{y_U} [(\phi \psi)_{x=x_R} - (\phi \psi)_{x=x_L}] dy$$

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Therefore the last integral of (1) may be rewritten as a surface integral

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Galerkin method (1+2)

"test function", "weight function",
"virtual displacement" etc.

Step 1 – Multiply by test field and integrate

$$\int_V \delta u_i (\sigma_{ji,j} + \Phi_i) dV = 0 \quad , \text{with } \delta u_i \text{ being kinematically admissible}$$

Step 2 – Employ Green's Theorem (or integration by part)

... and rewrite the first term (using Green's Theorem);

$$\int_V \delta u_i \sigma_{ji,j} dV = - \int_V \underbrace{\delta u_{i,j} \sigma_{ji}}_{\delta u_{i,j} \sigma_{ji} = \delta \varepsilon_{ij} \sigma_{ij}} dV + \int_S \underbrace{\delta u_i \sigma_{ji} n_j}_{\sigma_{ji} n_j = F_i \text{ on } S_F} dS$$

$\delta u_i = 0 \text{ on } S_u$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ji,j} + \Phi_i &= 0 & \text{in } V \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \sigma_{ji} & \text{in } V \\ \sigma_{ij} n_i &= F_j & \text{on } S_F \\ u_i &= u_i^* & \text{on } S_u \end{aligned}$$

Galerkin method (2+3)

Note 1: this time we made no
assumption on the constitutive
behaviour.

Note 2: The Principle of Virtual
Work Principle is generally
applicable – and always used!

Step 2 – Employ Green's Theorem (continued)

Rearranging terms yields;

$$\int_V \delta \varepsilon_{ij} \sigma_{ij} dV = \int_{S_F} \delta u_i F_i dS + \int_V \delta u_i \Phi_i dV, \quad \forall \delta u_i \text{ kin. adm.}$$

or in matrix notation;

$$\int_V \{\delta \mathbf{e}\}^T \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} dV = \int_{S_F} \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{F\} dS + \int_V \{\delta \mathbf{u}\}^T \{\Phi\} dV$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ji,j} + \Phi_i &= 0 & \text{in } V \\ \sigma_{ij} &= \sigma_{ji} & \text{in } V \\ \sigma_{ij} n_i &= F_j & \text{on } S_F \\ u_i &= u_i^* & \text{on } S_u \end{aligned}$$

Step 3 – Discretize the system (as in Days 1 or 5)

$$\{\mathbf{u}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & \dots & N_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{Bmatrix} = [N] \{d\} \quad \text{etc.}$$

Imposing displacement boundary conditions (3 ways)

"0's and 1's" Day 1

Penalty approach

Cook 13.3

In the alternative approach we add a penalty term to the potential energy Π

$$\tilde{\Pi} = \Pi + \alpha \int_{S_u} (u_i - u_i^*)^2 dS.$$

Taking the variation, we get

$$\delta \tilde{\Pi} = \delta \Pi + \alpha \int_{S_u} 2 \delta u_i (u_i - u_i^*) dS.$$

This results in the penalty method for imposing displacement constraints in DAY 1 of the course.

Lagrangian multipliers

Cook 13.2

Here we augment the potential energy Π with an extra term

$$\tilde{\Pi} = \Pi + \int_{S_u} \lambda (u_i - u_i^*) dS.$$

Taking the variation, we get

$$\delta \tilde{\Pi} = \delta \Pi + \int_{S_u} \delta \lambda (u_i - u_i^*) dS + \int_{S_u} \delta u_i \lambda dS.$$

This results in an extra set of equations and unknowns that have to be included in the global system equations before solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} K & C^T \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} D \\ \lambda \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} R \\ Q \end{Bmatrix}$$

Today

Exercise 7.1

Poisson's equation represents a well-established model for steady-state heat conduction in a solid material. The strong form of the equation posed on a domain V with a partitioned boundary S ($S = S_u \cup S_h$ and $S_u \cap S_h = \emptyset$) takes the form

$$-\nabla \cdot (k \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } V \quad (7.39a)$$

$$(k \nabla u) \cdot \mathbf{n} = h \quad \text{on } S_h \quad (7.39b)$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{on } S_u \quad (7.39c)$$

where $u = u(x,y)$ is the scalar temperature field, $k > 0$ is the conductivity constant of the material and f is the volumetric heating. \mathbf{n} denotes the outward unit normal and h is a prescribed heat flux. To simplify the problem only $u = 0$ is prescribed on S_u .

For the PDE (7.39) derive

- the corresponding variational problem, (i.e. the Virtual Work Principle) for the heat conduction problem.
- the discrete finite element equation based on the variational problem
- element stiffness matrices, surface load vectors, etc., equivalent to the expressions derived for stiffness analysis in chapter 5. Please also use the notation of chapter 5.

+finish band implementation and stress plots from Day 6

Proceeding to iso-parametric formulation on Day 8!



Second Assignment

First 2 (out of 4) sub-assignments for 2. Assignment available today

5pm on Learn

NB! For first exercise download band minimization programs bandfem/renum from Inside

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Mid-term evaluation

Please answer questionnaire on Learn!

Available from noon today until noon 25 October (Monday after the fall break)

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