



B1 The Finite Element Method

Lecture 2: Continuum mechanics

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The Poisson problem (heat equation)

Strong formulation:

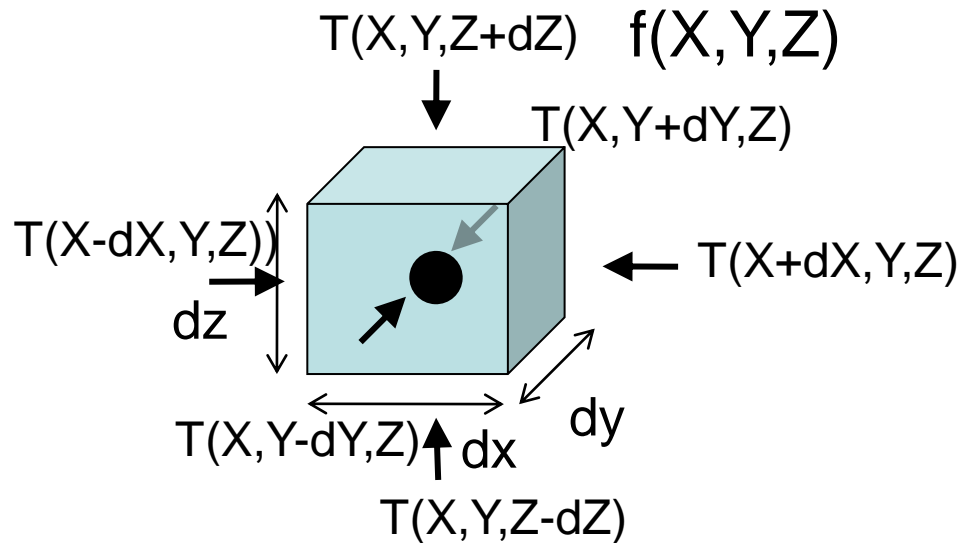
The following conditions are valid for all $\mathbf{X}(t)$ of $\Omega_o(t)$ for all t

- Conservation of internal energy
- Initial conditions
- Boundary conditions

Conservation of internal energy (1/2)

Volumetric heat source: f
Temperature: T

(Fourier's law: $\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla T$)



Along x

Along y

Along z

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -k(T(X+dX)-T(X)) \, dY \, dZ/dX - k(T(Y+dY)-T(Y)) \, dX \, dZ/dY - k(T(Z+dZ)-T(Z)) \, dY \, dX/dZ \\
 & -k(T(X-dX)-T(X)) \, dY \, dZ/dX - k(T(Y-dY)-T(Y)) \, dX \, dZ/dY - k(T(Z-dZ)-T(Z)) \, dY \, dX/dZ
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ f \, dX \, dY \, dZ = 0$$

Conservation of internal energy (2/2)

Static:

$$-k \nabla^2 T = f$$

Dynamic:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T + f$$

(from now on, assume $k=1$)

Initial/Boundary Conditions

- Initial conditions:

$$\varphi: (\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^+) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

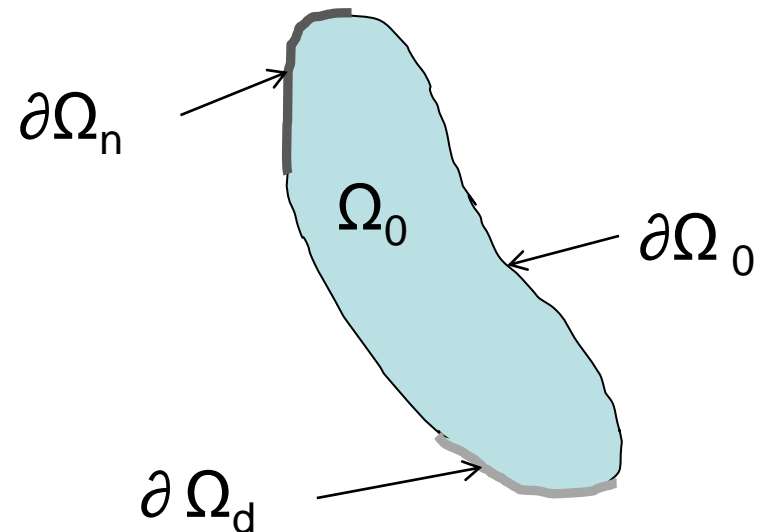
$$(X, t) \mapsto T$$

$$\varphi(X, 0) = T_0(X) \quad \forall X \in \Omega_0$$

- Boundary conditions:

$$q = \bar{q} \quad \forall X \in \partial\Omega_n$$

$$T = \bar{T} \quad \forall X \in \partial\Omega_d$$



Heat equation functional

- The functional $J(T)$ is defined by:

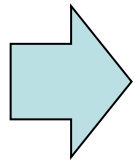
$$\begin{aligned} F(\nabla T) &= \frac{1}{2} (\nabla T \cdot \nabla T) - T f \\ \Phi(\mathbf{u}) &= \begin{aligned} &T n_i \bar{q}_i && \text{on } \partial\Omega_n \\ &= n_i q_i (T - \bar{T}) && \text{on } \partial\Omega_d \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

- Applying Euler-Lagrange (wrt T , ∇T) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 T + f &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_0 \\ &\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} q_i = \bar{q}_i & \text{on } \partial\Omega_n \\ 0 = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega_d \end{array} \right. \\ J(\mathbf{u}) &= \iiint_{\Omega_0} F(\mathbf{X}, T, \nabla T, \dots) dV - \iint_{\partial\Omega_n} \Phi(\mathbf{X}, T, \nabla T, \dots) dS \end{aligned}$$

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \iiint_{\Omega_0} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\nabla T \cdot \nabla T) - T f \right) dV - \iint_{\partial\Omega_n} T \bar{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$$

All for what?!



Weak form!

T minimises J



$$\iiint_{\Omega_0} \dot{T} \eta \, dV + \iiint_{\Omega_0} \nabla T \cdot \nabla T \, dV = \iint_{\partial\Omega_n} \bar{q}_i n_i \eta \, dS + \iiint_{\Omega_0} f \eta \, dV, \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\iiint_{\Omega_0} (-\nabla^2 T \equiv f) \eta \, dV = 0, \forall \eta \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

Strong form

Continuum mechanics

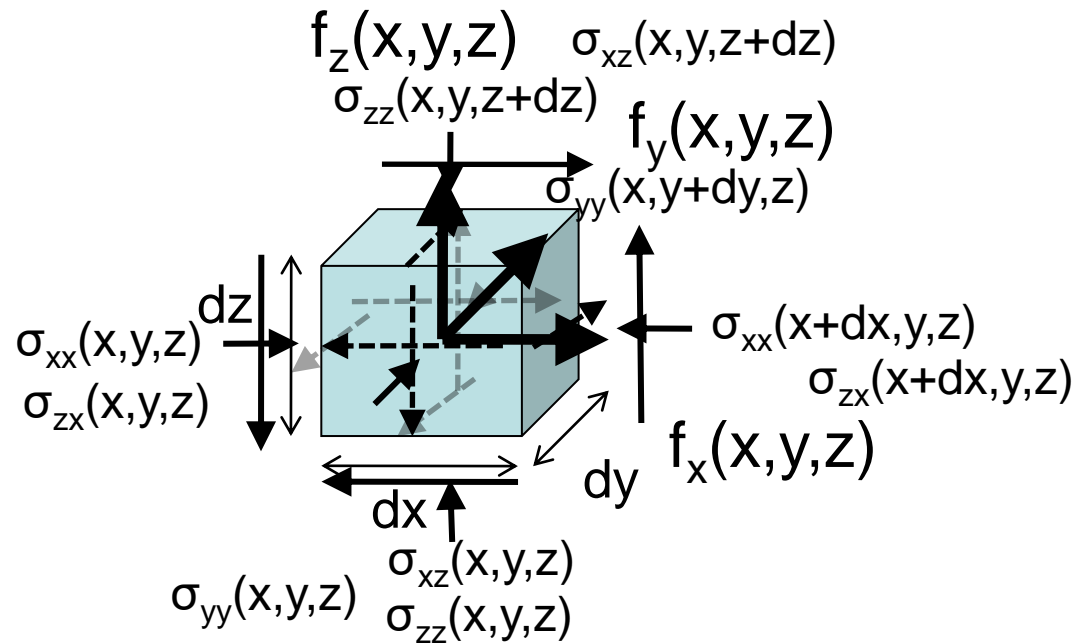
Strong formulation:

The following conditions are valid for all $\mathbf{x}(t)$ of $\Omega(t)$ for all t

- Conservation of linear momentum
- Conservation of angular momentum
- Initial conditions
- Boundary conditions (Neumann & Dirichlet)

Conservation of linear momentum (1/2)

Body forces: \mathbf{f}
Stress tensor: $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$



Along x

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\sigma_{xx}(x+dx) - \sigma_{xx}(x)) dy dz \\
 &+ (\sigma_{xy}(y+dy) - \sigma_{xy}(y)) dx dz \\
 &+ (\sigma_{xz}(z+dz) - \sigma_{xz}(z)) dx dy \\
 &+ f_x dx dy dz = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Along y

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\sigma_{yy}(y+dy) - \sigma_{yy}(y)) dx dz \\
 &+ (\sigma_{yz}(z+dz) - \sigma_{yz}(z)) dx dy \\
 &+ (\sigma_{yx}(x+dx) - \sigma_{yx}(x)) dy dz \\
 &+ f_y dx dy dz = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Along z

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(\sigma_{zz}(z+dz) - \sigma_{zz}(z)) dy dx \\
 &+ (\sigma_{zx}(x+dx) - \sigma_{zx}(x)) dy dz \\
 &+ (\sigma_{zy}(y+dy) - \sigma_{zy}(y)) dx dz \\
 &+ f_z dx dy dz = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Conservation of linear momentum (2/2)

Static:

$$f_i + \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = 0$$

Dynamic:

$$\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{div}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \rho \ddot{\mathbf{x}}$$

Conservation of angular momentum

- Applying the same approach, the conservation of angular momentum yields:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T$$

- This is often applied directly through the constitutive law and doesn't need to be “reinforced”

Initial/Boundary Conditions

- Initial conditions:

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}: (\Omega_0, \mathbb{R}^+) \rightarrow \Omega$$

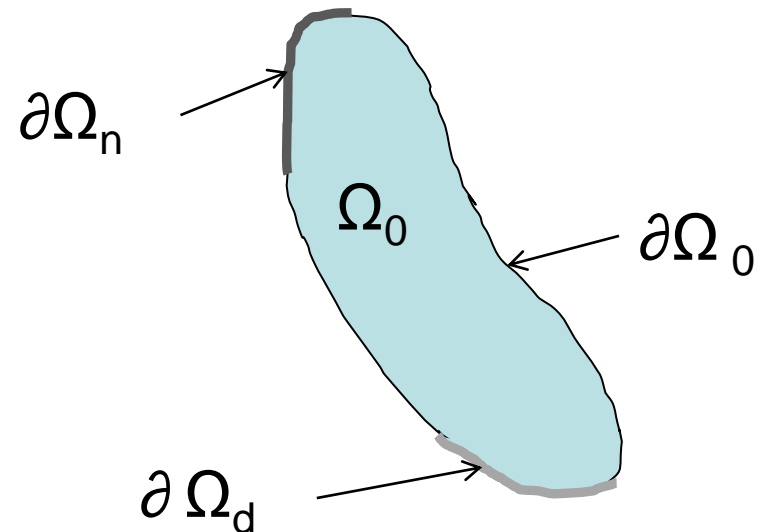
$$(X, t) \mapsto \boldsymbol{x}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(X, 0) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}_0(X), \dot{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}(X, 0) = \dot{\boldsymbol{\varphi}}_0(X) \quad \forall X \in \Omega_0$$

- Boundary conditions:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{n} = \bar{\boldsymbol{t}}, \quad \forall X \in \partial\Omega_n$$

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \bar{\boldsymbol{u}}, \quad \forall X \in \partial\Omega_d$$



Hu-Washizu functional

- Applied to small deformation of materials, defined with Cauchy stress tensor $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$, strain tensor $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and Helmholtz free energy $W(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})$, the Hu-Washizu functional $J(\mathbf{u})$ is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} F(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) &= W(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f_i u_i + \sigma_{ij} (v(i,j) - \varepsilon_{ij}) \\ \Phi(\mathbf{u}) &= \begin{aligned} &u_i \bar{t}_i && \text{on } \partial\Omega_n \\ &- n_j \sigma_{ij} (u_i - \bar{u}_i) && \text{on } \partial\Omega_d \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

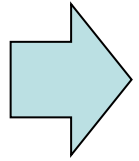
- Applying Euler-Lagrange (wrt $\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$) we obtain:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} f_i + \sigma_{ij,j} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon_{ij}} - \sigma_{ij} &= 0 \\ v(i,j) - \varepsilon_{ij} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right. \quad \text{in } \Omega \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij} n_j &= \bar{t}_i && \text{on } \partial\Omega_n \\ 0 &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega_d \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \iiint_{\Omega} F(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \dots) dV - \iint_{\partial\Omega} \Phi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{u}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \dots) dS$$

$$J(\mathbf{u}) = \iiint_{\Omega} (W(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) - f_i u_i) dV - \iint_{\partial\Omega_n} \bar{t}_i u_i dS$$

All for what?!



Weak form!

u minimises J



$$\iiint_{\Omega} \rho \ddot{x}_i \eta_i dV + \iiint_{\Omega} \sigma_{ij} \eta_{i,j} dV = \iint_{\partial\Omega_n} \bar{t}_i \eta_i dS + \iiint_{\Omega} f_i \eta_i dV, \forall \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \Omega$$

$$\iiint_{\Omega} (f_i + \sigma_{ij,j} \equiv \rho \ddot{x}_i) \eta_i dV = 0, \forall \boldsymbol{\eta} \in \Omega$$

Strong form