

# TMA4220 - PDEs /w FEM

## Programming Project

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Finite Element Methods on Free Vibrations

## The Free Vibration Equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \sigma(u) \quad (1)$$

- Is it possible to model



with Finite Element Methods?

- We want a variational formulation of (1)
- Usual procedure: Multiply (1) with a test function  $v$  and integrate over the domain to obtain

$$\rho \int_{\Omega} \ddot{u} \cdot v d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} \epsilon(v) \cdot C \epsilon(u) d\Omega \quad (2)$$

- Semi-discretization on (2) yields

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{u}} = -A\mathbf{u} \quad (3)$$

$$A = [A_{ij}] = \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon(\varphi_i)^T C \varepsilon(\varphi_j) d\Omega$$
$$M = [M_{ij}] = \int_{\Omega} \rho \varphi_i^T \varphi_j d\Omega$$

- Assuming  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}e^{i\omega t}$  on (3) yields the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\omega^2 M\mathbf{u} = A\mathbf{u} \quad (4)$$

# Building $A$ and $M$

$$\varphi_{\hat{i},1} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{\hat{i}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \varphi_{\hat{i},2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \varphi_{\hat{i}} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \varphi_{\hat{i},3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \varphi_{\hat{i}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\varphi_{\hat{i}}|_{T_k} = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 y + c_3 z$$

$$\epsilon(\varphi_{\hat{i},d}) = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_2 \\ 0 \\ c_1 \\ 0 \\ c_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c_3 \\ 0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Stiffness matrix  $A$ :

$$\varepsilon(\varphi_i)^T C \varepsilon(\varphi_j) \text{area}(T_k)$$

- Mass matrix  $M$ :

$$\rho \cdot \det(B) M_{\alpha,\beta}^P$$

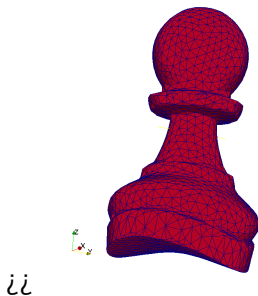
# Implementation

- Solve  $\omega^2 M \mathbf{u} = A \mathbf{u}$  for the  $k$  lowest eigenvalues using MATLAB's `eigs`
- Use the different eivenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_i$  to make animations
- $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \alpha \mathbf{u}_i \sin(t)$
- Collection of MATLAB scripts/functions
- Open to different geometries (chess pawn, gun, plate) and materials
- ParaView for the post processing

# Boundary condition

Can we have boundary conditions?

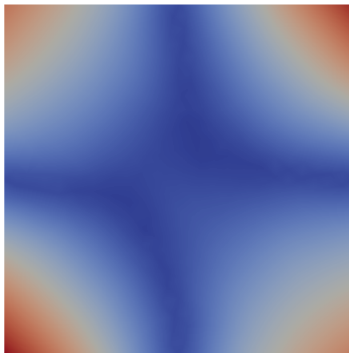
- Physical interpretation
- Free vibration
- Can use Dirichlet





# Back to the plate

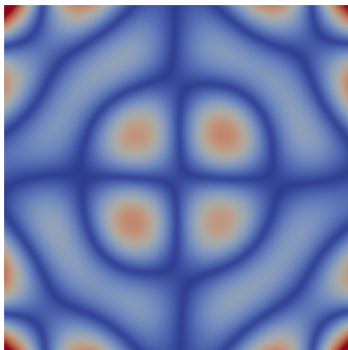
- An example of our results (3443 Hz):



- Needs finer mesh

## Back to the plate (cont.)

- Finer mesh gives (3031.6 Hz):



- Picks up frequencies closer together.