- FEM
- Converts PDE into a set of linear algebraic equations
 - To obtain approximate solutions to boundary-value problems (BVPs)
- Two methods:
- Variational method (Rayleigh-Ritz method):
 - Starts with variational representation of the BVPs
- Weighted residual method
 - Similar to MoM

- Variational method (Rayleigh-Ritz method):
 - In BVPs,
 - it is often possible to replace the problem of integrating a differential equation
 - by the equivalent problem of seeking a function that gives a minimum value of some integral (functional)
- Problems of this type are called *variational problems*
- Was first presented by Rayleigh in 1877 and extended by Ritz in 1909

- Use Calculus of Variations in solving BVPs
- What is Calculus of Variations?
- Calculus of Variations:
 - It is an extension of ordinary calculus
 - it is concerned primarily with the theory of maxima and minima
- In FEM, we will try to find the extrema of an integral expression involving a function of function (functionals)

Consider the problem of finding a function Φ(x) {consider
 Φ is dependent only on x} such that the function

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$$I(\Phi) = \int_a^b F(x, \Phi, \Phi') dx$$

- Subject to the boundary condition $\Phi(a) = A, \Phi(b) = B$
- The integrand $F(x, \Phi, \Phi')$ is a given function of x, Φ and $\Phi' = \frac{d\Phi}{dx}$
- The $I(\Phi)$ is called a *functional or variational principle*
- The problem here is finding an extremizing function $\Phi(x)$ for which the functional $I(\Phi)$ has an extremum

- Let us introduce an operator δ called the *variational symbol*
- The variation $\delta \Phi$ of a function $\Phi(x)$ is an infinitesimal change in Φ for a fixed value of the independent variable x, i.e., for $\delta x = 0$
- Note that total differential of $F(x, \Phi, \Phi')$ is

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$$\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} d\Phi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi'} d\Phi'$$

• where $\delta x = 0$ since x does not change when Φ changes from $\Phi + \delta \Phi$

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$$\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} d\Phi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi'} d\Phi'$$

- Note that δ operator is similar to differential operator
- A necessary condition for $I(\Phi)$ to have an extremum is
- $\delta I = 0$
- Let h(x) be an increment in $\Phi(x)$
- In order that the boundary condition $\Phi(a) = A, \Phi(b) = B$ is satisfied
- h(a) = 0, h(b) = 0
- The corresponding increment in I is
- $\Delta I = I(\Phi + h) I(\Phi)$

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$$\Delta I = I(\Phi + h) - I(\Phi)$$

• =
$$\int_{a}^{b} [F(x, \Phi + h, \Phi' + h') - F(x, \Phi, \Phi')] dx$$

- On applying Taylor's series expansion
- $\Delta I = \int_{a}^{b} [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h']dx + higher order terms = \delta I + O(h^2)$

• where
$$\delta I = \int_a^b [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h - F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h']dx$$

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Integration by parts

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

- Take $v = F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi'), u = h, du = h'dx$
- for the second term in the integrand $\delta I = \int_{a}^{b} [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h'] dx$
- Integration by parts
- $\delta I = \int_a^b \left[F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h \frac{d}{dx} \left(F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) h \right] dx + F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h|_{x=a}^{x=b}$

• The last term is zero

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$$\delta I = \int_a^b \left[F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h - \frac{d}{dx} \left(F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) h \right] dx$$

• For $\delta I = 0$, we have, integrand equal to zero

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$$F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi') - \frac{d}{dx} \left(F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) = 0$$

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$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} - \frac{d}{dx}(F_{\Phi'}) = 0$$

- This is called Euler's (Euler-Lagrange) equation
- Thus necessary condition for *I*(Φ) to have an extremum for a given function Φ(x) is that Φ(x) satisfies Euler's equation

• The function $\Phi(x)$ that gives minimum of the functional I therefore satisfies the equation which is called Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{d\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi}\right)}{dx} = 0; \phi' = \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

• When the function $\Phi(x,y,z)$ depends on three independent variables, the 3-D form of the Euler equation

where

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_x}\right)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_y}\right)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_z}\right)}{\partial z} = 0$$

$$\phi_x = \frac{d\phi}{dx}, \phi_y = \frac{d\phi}{dy}, \phi_z = \frac{d\phi}{dz}$$



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- Example:
- Given the functional

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$$I(\Phi) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2 \right) - f(x, y) \Phi \right] dx dy$$

- Obtain the Euler's equation.
- Solution:
- The integrand of the function or variational principle is
- $F(x, y, \Phi, \Phi_x, \Phi_y) = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2) f(x, y)\Phi$
- It has two independent variables

- Therefore, $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_x}\right)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_y}\right)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_z}\right)}{\partial z} = 0$ • where
- $F(x, y, \Phi, \Phi_x, \Phi_y) = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2) f(x, y)\Phi$
- Hence,
- $-f(x,y) \Phi_{xx} \Phi_{yy} = 0$
- $\Rightarrow \Phi_{xx} + \Phi_{yy} = -f(x, y) \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y)$
- which is the Poisson's equation

Construction of functionals from PDE

- We will try to find functional or variational principle for a given differential equation
- It involves four steps
- (1) Multiply the $\mathcal{L}\Phi = f$ (Euler's equation) with the variational $\delta\Phi$ of the dependent variable Φ and integrate over the domain of the problem
- (2) Use integration by parts to transfer the derivatives to variation $\delta \Phi$

- (3) Express the boundary integrals in terms of the specified boundary condition
- (4) Bring the variational operator δ outside the integrals
- For instance,
- We want to find the functional or variational principle of the Poisson's equation

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$$\nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y) \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 \Phi - f(x, y) = 0$$

• (1) $\delta I = \int \int [-\nabla^2 \Phi - f(x, y)] \delta \Phi dx dy = -\int \int \nabla^2 \Phi \delta \Phi dx dy - \int \int f(x, y) \delta \Phi dx dy$

• (2) Integration by parts

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

• Hence the first term of

 $\delta I = -\int \int \nabla^2 \Phi \delta \Phi dx dy - \int \int f(x, y) \delta \Phi dx dy$

- is simplified as
- $\int \int (-\nabla^2 \Phi) \delta \Phi dx dy =$

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$$-\int \int (\Phi_{xx} + \Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dx dy =$$

• $-\int \int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx dy - \int \int (\Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dx dy$

• In order to find using integration by parts $\int \int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx dy$

• Let us take
•
$$v = \delta \Phi, du = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right) dx = \Phi_{xx} dx, u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = \Phi_x$$

• and $dv = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi dx$

• Hence integration by parts of the first integration

$$\int \left[\int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx \right] dy = \int \left[\delta \Phi \Phi_x - \int \Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi dx \right] dy$$

- In order to find using integration by parts $\int \int (\Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dx dy$
- Let us take • $v = \delta \Phi, du = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \right) dy = \Phi_{yy} dy, u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} = \Phi_y$
- and $dv = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi dy$
- Hence integration by parts of the first integration $\int \left[\int (\Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dy \right] dx = \int \left[\delta \Phi \Phi_y - \int \Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi dy \right] dx$

• Hence

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$$\delta I = \int \int \left[\Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi + \Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi - f(x, y) \delta \Phi \right] dx dy - \int \delta \Phi \Phi_x dy - \int \delta \Phi \Phi_y dx$$

• $= \frac{\delta}{2} \int \int \left[(\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 - 2f \Phi \right] dx dy - \delta \int \Phi \Phi_x dy - \delta \int \Phi \Phi_y dx$

• If we assume homogeneous Drichlet or Neuman boundary conditions

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$$\delta I = \delta \int \int \frac{1}{2} \left[(\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 - 2f\Phi \right] dxdy$$

- Therefore variational principle or functional
- for Poisson's equation $\nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y)$
- After taking all terms to RHS $-\nabla^2 \Phi f(x, y) = 0$ for

•
$$I = \int \int \frac{1}{2} \left[(\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 - 2f\Phi \right] dxdy$$

- For $L\Phi = g$ is obtained by extremizing the functional $I(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \iint \left[\left| \nabla \Phi \right|^2 k^2 \Phi^2 + 2\Phi g \right] ds$
- for Euler's equation $\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = g$ after taking all terms to RHS

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$$-\nabla^2 \Phi - k^2 \Phi + g = 0$$

• FEM analysis of transmission lines (Variational approach)



• Telegrapher's equation

$$\frac{\partial I(z,t)}{\partial z} = -C(z)\frac{\partial V(z,t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial V(z,t)}{\partial z} = -L(z)\frac{\partial I(z,t)}{\partial t}$$

• In frequency domain

$$\frac{\partial I(z)}{\partial z} = -j\omega C(z)V(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial V(z)}{\partial z} = -j\omega L(z)I(z)$$

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• 1-D wave equation in TL

$$\frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{1}{L}\frac{dV(z)}{dz}\right) = -j\omega\frac{dI(z)}{dz} = -\omega^2 CV$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{dV(z)}{dz}\right) + \omega^2 LCV = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 V(z)}{dz^2} + \omega^2 LCV = 0$$

• Boundary condition $V(z=l) = V_0$ $\therefore I(z=0) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dz}\Big|_{z=0} = 0$

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- Euler's equation $\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = g$
- Functional is

$$I(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \iint \left[\left| \nabla \Phi \right|^2 - k^2 \Phi^2 + 2\Phi g \right] ds$$

• Euler's equation
$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{d^2 V(z)}{dz^2} + \omega^2 C V = 0$$

• Transfer all terms to RHS,
$$-\frac{1}{L}\frac{d^2V(z)}{dz^2} - \omega^2 CV = 0$$

• Therefore, functional is

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{l} \left[\frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{dV}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2} C V^{2} \right] dz$$

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• Hence, the integrand of the functional is

$$F\left(V,\frac{dV}{dz},z\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{L}\left(\frac{dV}{dz}\right)^2 - \omega^2 CV^2\right]$$

• Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial V} = -\omega^2 CV; \frac{\partial F}{\partial V_z} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dV}{dz} = \frac{1}{L} V_z$$

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• Euler equation



• Hence the PDE for this case is

$$\omega^2 CV + \frac{1}{L} \frac{d^2 V}{dz^2} = 0$$

• It is the wave equation of the TL



• This functional can be expressed as

$$-\frac{1}{2}\omega^{2}\int_{I}\left[LI^{2}+CV^{2}\right]dz \quad \because -\frac{1}{j\omega L}\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}=I$$

• The integrand look like stored electric and magnetic energy per unit length, so energy-related functional

- The approximate voltage for element lying between z_l and z_r : $V^e = \alpha_l(z)V_l + \alpha_r(z)V_r$
- where the interpolation functions are given by

$$\alpha_l(z) = \frac{z_r - z_l}{z_r - z_l}; \alpha_r(z) = \frac{z - z_l}{z_r - z_l}$$

• Assume that a TL of length l is discretized into N elements, each of length $h_e=1/N$

• Interpolation functions



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• Substituting the approximate voltage in the functional

$$F^{e}\left(V^{e}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{z_{l}}^{z_{r}} \left[\frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{dV^{e}}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2} C \left(V^{e}\right)^{2} \right] dz$$

$$F^{e}\left(V^{e}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{z_{l}}^{z_{r}} \left[\frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{d\left(\alpha_{l}\left(z\right)V_{l} + \alpha_{r}\left(z\right)V_{r}\right)}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2}C\left(\alpha_{l}\left(z\right)V_{l} + \alpha_{r}\left(z\right)V_{r}\right)^{2} \right] dz$$

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