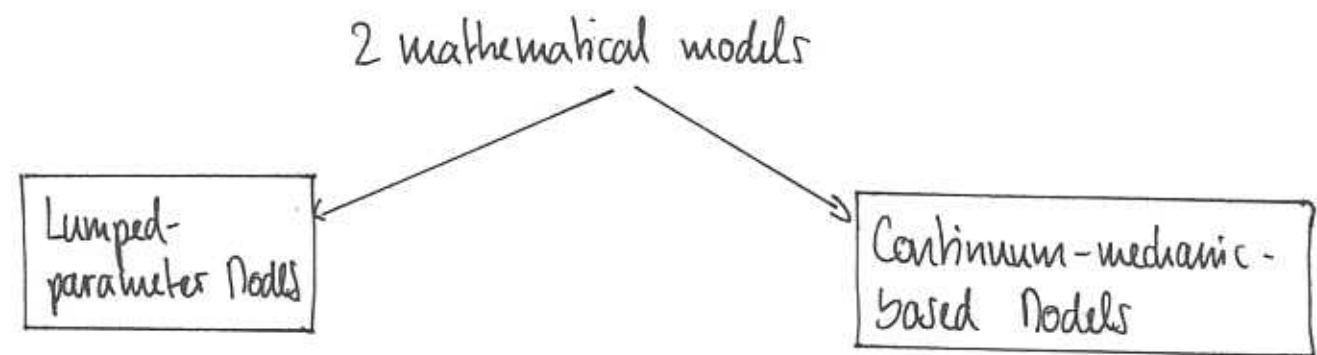


Chapter 3:

Some Basic Concepts of Engineering Analysis and an Introduction to the Finite Element Method

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Objective: Discuss some classical techniques used for the formulation and solution of mathematical models of engineering systems



also: "discrete systems"

- the systems response is described by the solution of a finite number of state variables

"continuous systems"

- instead of a set of algebraic equations for the unknown state variables, differential equations govern the response

=> Engineer must decide whether the system should be represented by a lumped-parameter or a continuum-mechanic-based model

# Lumped-parameter Models

## A) Discrete Problems

Exp. 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5

The solution requires the following steps:

- 1) System idealization
- 2) Element equilibrium
- 3) Element assemblage
- 4) Calculation of response

## B) Variational Formulation

$$\Pi = U - W$$

$\Pi$  := total potential

$U$  := strain Energy

$W$  := total potential of the loads

for instance: Structural mechanics:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_V \sigma_{ij} \cdot \epsilon_{ij} dV$$

$f_i$  : body forces

$$W = - \int_{\mathcal{R}} f_i \cdot u_i \cdot d\mathcal{R}$$

$u_i$  : deformation field(s).

Note: The state variables can in many analysis also be obtained using an extremum of a given functional

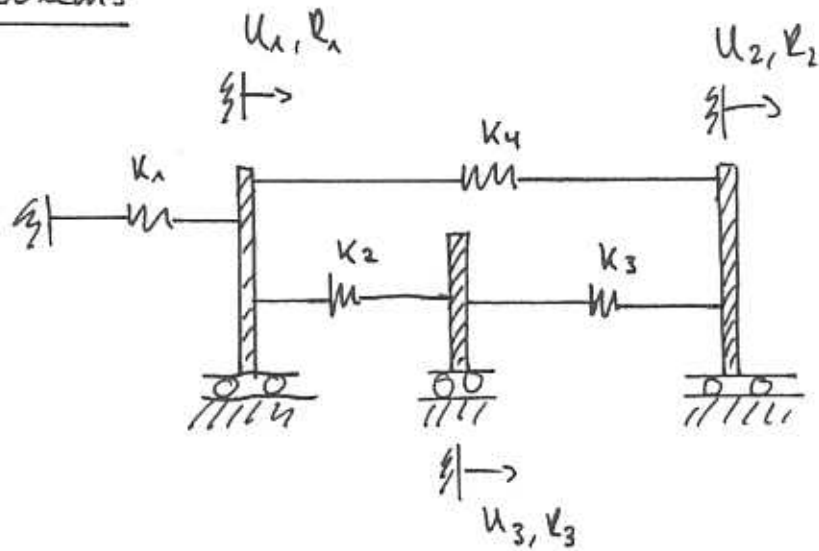
$$\bar{\Pi}(u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_i)$$

$u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_i :=$  state variables

$$\frac{\delta \bar{\Pi}}{\delta u_i} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

# Exp. Discrete Problems

Exp. 3.1

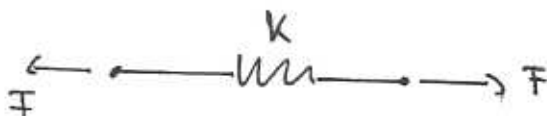


State variables :  $u_1, u_2, u_3$

loads :  $P_1, P_2, P_3$

Spring stiffness :  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$

• local equilibrium:

Spring law : 

$$\boxed{F = \Delta X \cdot K}$$

• Element assemblage:

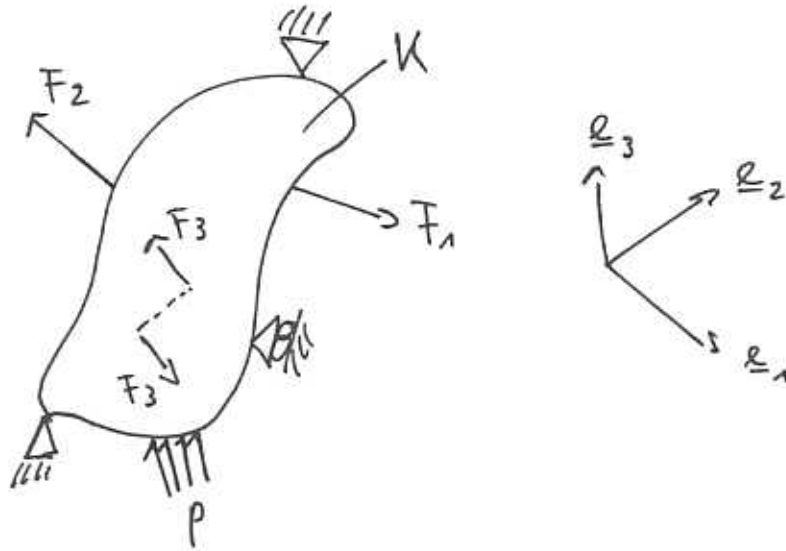
$$\boxed{\underline{K} \cdot \underline{u} = \underline{P}}$$

Other Problems:

Heat transfer, electrical, fluid flow, structural

# Continuum-mechanic-based models

Main problem of continuum-mechanic is:



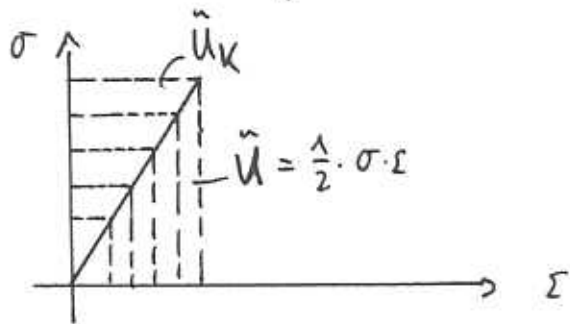
Given: Structure  $K$  with kinematic and static boundary conditions

to seek:

- stress distribution in  $K$
- deformation

# Principle of Minimum complementary strain Energy

$$U_K = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_V \sigma_{ij} \cdot \epsilon_{ij} dV \quad : \text{complementary strain Energy}$$



Def: permissible stress field  $\sigma_{ij}^{**}(x)$  satisfies

- :  $\sigma_{ij,i}^{**} + f_i = 0$
- :  $\sigma_{ij}^{**}(\text{bound.})$

constitutive law:  $\epsilon_{kr}^{**}(x) = C_{kr} \cdot \sigma_{ij}^{**}$

compatible distortion field:

$\epsilon_{kr}^{**}$  satisfies not

- $\epsilon_{ij}^{**} \neq \frac{1}{2} (u_{i,j}^{**} + u_{j,i}^{**})$
- Kinematic boundary conditions
- continuity

$$U_K = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \sigma_{ij}^{**} \epsilon_{ij}^{**} dV$$

Ref: real stress field with permissible  $\epsilon_{kr}$

$$U_K = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \sigma_{ij} \cdot \epsilon_{ij} dV$$

$U_K^{**} \geq U_K$

lower bound

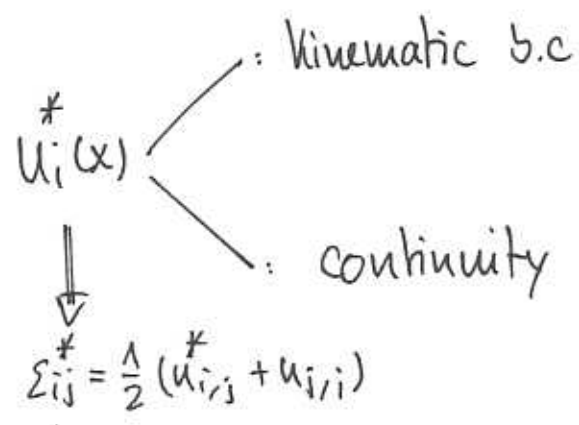
$\Rightarrow$  Castigliano is based on the principle of Min. complementary strain Energy.

# Principle of Minimum potential Energy

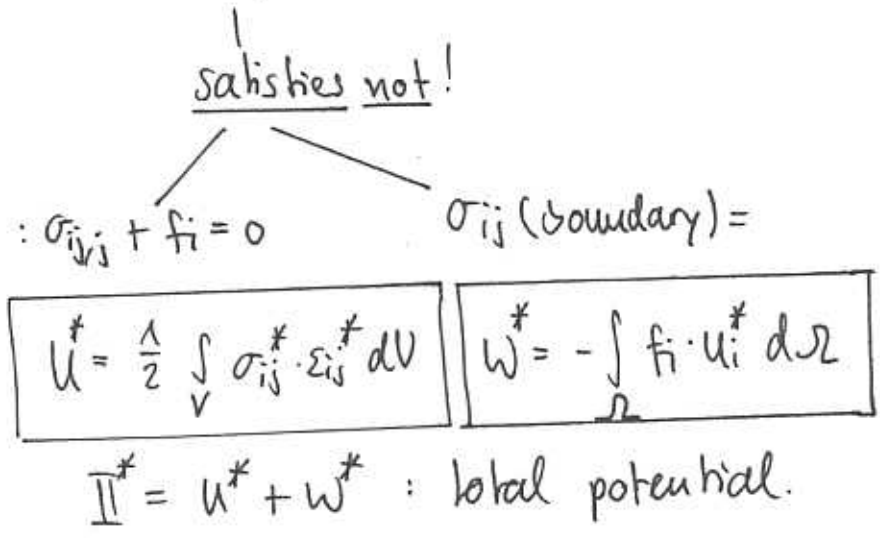
Given Structure

- 1)  $\sigma_{ij}$  (boundary c.)
- 2)  $f_i$  : Body forces
- 3)  $u_i$  (boundary c.)

• permissible deformation field :



• compatible stress field :



• real/exact deformation field  $u_i(x)$  satisfies,

- kinematic b.c
  - continuity
- its stress-field  $\sigma_{ij}$  :  $\begin{cases} \sigma_{i,j,i} + f_i = 0 & \text{ok} \checkmark \\ \sigma_{ij}(\text{b.c}) & \text{ok} \checkmark \end{cases}$

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_V \sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} dV - \int_{\Omega} f_i \cdot u_i d\Omega$$

$\Pi^* \geq \Pi$ 
upper bound.

Comment: The majority of the FEM-Software Programs are dealing with the principle of Minimum potential energy.

- $\Pi :=$  functional of the problem
- Two classes of boundary conditions:
  - i) essential {b.c} (geometric)
  - ii) natural b.c (force b.c)
- $\delta :=$  Variational symbol.

The essence of the variational approach is to calculate the total potential ( $\Pi$ ) of the system and to invoke the stationarity of  $\Pi \rightarrow \delta \Pi = 0$ , with respect to the state variables.

In structural mechanics problems, we employ the Principle of Minimum potential Energy for the variational formulations.



# Exp. 1 Principle of the Minimum potential Energy (P.o.t. Π.p.E.)

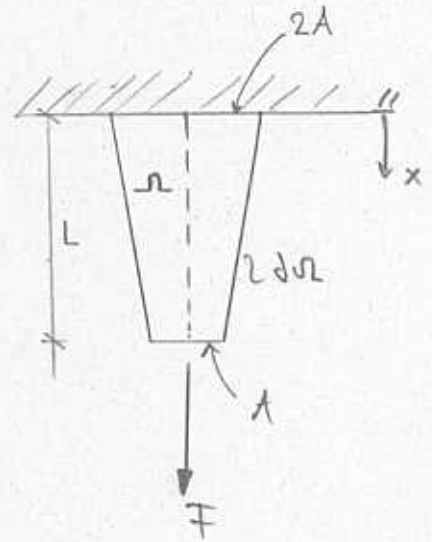
given:

Structure with:

- $\sigma_{ij}(x)$ : stress boundary conditions
- $u_i(x)$ : geometric boundary conditions

A: Surface [m]

F: Force [N]



→ displacement field: arbitrary, permissible:  $u^*(x) = u_0^* \cdot \frac{x}{L}$  (willkürlich zulässiges Verschiebungsfeld)

Strain Energy:  $U_{tot}^* = \int_{\Omega} u^* dV$       $u^* = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sigma_{ij}^* \cdot \varepsilon_{ij}^*$       $\sigma_{ij}^* = C_{ijkl} \cdot \varepsilon_{kl}^*$

$$= \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} \cdot E \cdot \varepsilon^{*2} \cdot (2A - A \frac{x}{L}) dx$$

$$\varepsilon^* = \frac{1}{2} (u_{i,i} + u_{j,j}) = \frac{u_0^*}{L}$$

$$U_{tot}^* = \frac{3}{4} \frac{AE}{L} \cdot u_0^{*2}$$

Potential of the external Forces:  $V_{tot}^* = - \int_{\Omega} u^* \cdot f^0 dA$       $f^0$ : body force =  $\frac{F}{A}$

$$= - u_0^* \cdot \left(\frac{F}{A}\right) \cdot A = - F \cdot u_0^*$$

$$\Pi^* = U_{tot}^* + V_{tot}^* = \frac{3}{4} \frac{AE}{L} \cdot u_0^{*2} - F \cdot u_0^*$$

Total Potential of the System.

minimise  $\Pi^*$

$$\frac{d\Pi^*}{du_0^*} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{AE}{L} \cdot u_0^* - F = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{\underline{u_0^* = 0,667 \frac{FL}{AE}}}$$

More accurate solution:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{F}{A} = \frac{F}{A(2 - \frac{x}{L})} \quad ; \text{ permissible stress field.}$$

$$\varepsilon(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{E} = \frac{F}{AE(2 - \frac{x}{L})} \quad ; \text{ compatible distortion field}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_0 \Big|_{x=L} = \int_0^L \varepsilon(x) \cdot dx = \frac{F}{AE} \int_0^L \frac{dx}{2 - \frac{x}{L}} = \log(2) \cdot \frac{FL}{AE} \approx \underline{\underline{0,693 \frac{FL}{AE}}}$$

▽

- Ansatzlösung von  $u^*(x)$  führt auf  $u_0^* < u_0$ , als wäre Material steifer.



$F(x) = P(x)$

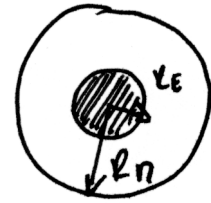
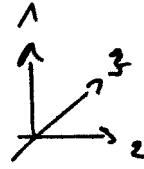
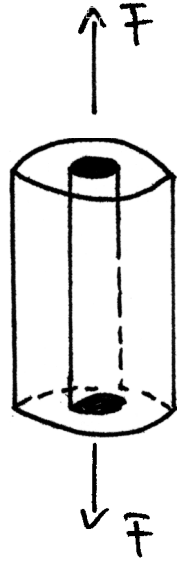
# Exp. 2 Principle of Minimum complementary strain Energy

## Fiber composite

$$= \frac{N}{A}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_{11}}{E_{\lambda}}$$

$$\epsilon_{22} = \epsilon_{33} = -\nu \cdot \epsilon_{11}$$

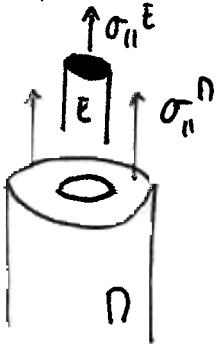


$r_E$ : Radius of the Embedding

$r_D$ : Radius " " Matrix

$$c := \frac{r_E^2}{r_D^2} : \text{Fiber concentration}$$

### a.1) permissible stress field :



equilibrium:

$$\sigma_{11}^D (\bar{r} \cdot r_D^2 - \bar{r} \cdot r_E^2) + \sigma_{11}^E \cdot \bar{r} \cdot r_E^2 = \sigma_{11} \cdot \bar{r} \cdot r_D^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-c) \sigma_{11}^D + c \cdot \sigma_{11}^E = \sigma_{11}$$

### compatible distortion field

$$\epsilon_{11}^D = \epsilon_{11} = \epsilon_{11}^E$$

$$\sigma_{11}^D = E_D \cdot \epsilon_{11}$$

$$\sigma_{11}^E = E_E \cdot \epsilon_{11}$$

$$\sigma_{11} = E_{\lambda} \cdot \epsilon_{11}$$

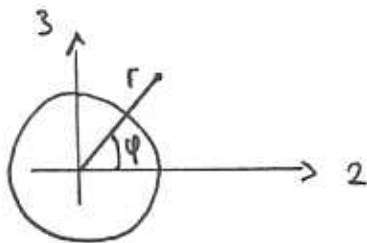
$$E_{\lambda}^{**} = (1-c) E_D + c \cdot E_E$$

$E_{\lambda}^{**}$ : lower bound.

a.2) Check if the displacement-field is permissible?

$$\Sigma_{11}^{**}, \Sigma_{22}^{**}, \Sigma_{33}^{**} \neq 0 \quad \text{const. in } X_1, X_2, X_3$$

$$\Sigma_{11}^{**} = u_{1,1}^{**} \rightarrow u_1^{**} = \Sigma_{11}^{**} \cdot X_1.$$



$$X_2, X_3 \rightarrow r, \varphi$$

lateral strain:

• in the embedding :

$$\Sigma_{\varphi}^{**} = \frac{u_r^{**}}{r} = -\nu_E \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u_r^{**} = -\nu_E \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \cdot r} \quad \text{d.f.}$$

$$\Sigma_r^{**} = u_{r,r}^{**} = -\nu_E \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \quad \text{ok!}$$

• in the matrix :

$$\Sigma_{\varphi}^{**} = \frac{u_r^{**}}{r} = -\nu_D \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**}$$

$$\underline{u_r^{**} = -\nu_D \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \cdot r}$$

$$\Sigma_r^{**} = u_{r,r}^{**} = -\nu_D \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \quad \text{ok.}$$

• transition condition at  $r = R_E$

$$u_r(R_E^+) \stackrel{?}{=} u_r(R_E^-)$$

$$-\nu_E \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \cdot R_E^+ = -\nu_D \cdot \Sigma_{11}^{**} \cdot R_E^- \quad \Rightarrow \Sigma_{11}^{**} = \Sigma_{11}^{**}$$

not satisfied if  $\nu_E \neq \nu_D$

$\rightarrow$  No continuity !!!

Approach for the displacement field:

$$u_r^E = a_E \cdot r + b_E / r$$

$$u_r^{\eta} = a_{\eta} \cdot r + b_{\eta} / r$$

i) essential b. conditions

$$u(r=0) = 0 \quad : \text{embedding}$$

$$u_r(r_E^+) = u_r(r_E^-) \quad : \text{transition cond.}$$

ii) natural b. conditions

$$\sigma_r(r_E^+) = \sigma_r(r_E^-) \quad : \text{transition cond.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  find  $a_E, b_E, a_{\eta}, b_{\eta}$

solution for  $\bar{E}_{\lambda}$ -Modul

$$\bar{E}_{\lambda} = c \cdot E_E + (\lambda - c) E_{\eta} + \frac{2 \cdot c (\lambda - c) (v_{\eta} - v_E)^2 \cdot E_{\eta}}{\lambda + v_{\eta} + (\lambda + v_{\eta}) / (\lambda - 2v_{\eta}) \cdot c + \frac{E_{\eta}}{E_E} (\lambda + v_E) (\lambda - 2v_E) (\lambda - c)}$$

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$\hookrightarrow$  correction-term in the area of %...!!!

For more complex systems, approximate procedures of solution must be employed.

Weighted Residual Methods, Ritz Method are classical techniques which are used to obtain an approximate solution.

### Weighted Residual Method

$$L_{2m}[\phi] = r \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \sigma_{ij,i} + f_i = 0$$

$L_{2m}[\phi]$  := linear differential operator

$\phi$  := state variables

$r$  := forcing function

Basic step in the weighted residual and Ritz analysis is, to assume:

$$\bar{\phi} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot q_i$$

$q_i$  = linearly independent trial functions, shape functions

$a_i$  = multipliers, coefficients (to be determined)

$$R = r - L_{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot q_i \right]$$

Exact solution :  $\mathcal{L} = 0$

Aim: calculate  $a_i$  such that  $\mathcal{L}$  is small (minimum)

$\Rightarrow$  the trial functions need only satisfy the essential boundary conditions.

$\Rightarrow$  We know that the exact solution also satisfies the natural boundary conditions

## Ritz-Analysis-Method

The fundamental difference from the weighted residual method is that in the Ritz-method we operate on the functional  $\Pi$

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_V \sigma_{ij} \cdot \varepsilon_{ij} dV - \int_{\Omega} f_i \cdot u_i d\Omega$$

stationarity condition :  $\frac{\delta \Pi}{\delta a_i} = 0 \quad i=1, n$

The trial functions  $q_i$  only need to satisfy the essential boundary conditions, not the natural b.c.

$\frac{\delta \Pi}{\delta a_i} = 0 \Rightarrow$  sense: We minimize the violation of the internal equilibrium requirements and the violation of the natural boundary conditions.



## Steps of a Finite-Element Analysis

1) Discretization of a given domain into a collection of preselected finite elements

- i) Construct the finite-element mesh
- ii) Number of nodes and elements
- iii) generate the geometric properties

2) Derivation of element equations

- i) Construct the variational formulation
- ii) Assume that a typical dependent variable  $u$  :

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \cdot \phi_i \quad \phi_i : \text{shape function}$$

- iii) Substitute ii) in i) to obtain element equations in the form:

$$\boxed{K \cdot u = f}$$

- iv) Derive element interpolation functions  $N_i$  and compute element matrices

3) Assembly of element equations

4) Imposition of the boundary conditions

5) Solution of the assembled equations.

The End

Thank you for your

Attention :-))