Introduction to Computational Methods

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Designing and Modeling in Engineering

general idea















A recent study sponsored by the United States Government concluded that enterprise-wide "... modeling and simulation are emerging as key technologies to support manufacturing in the 21st century, and no other technology offers more potential than modeling and simulation for improving products, perfecting processes, reducing design-to-manufacturing cycle time, and reducing product realization costs..."

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Design is IMPERFECT, TRADE-OFFS are required, RISK must be ACCEPTED but MITIGATED

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deterministic/stochastic distribution

• An example of a linear problem Find function $u(x) \in C^2(\Omega)$: $R^2 \ni \Omega \to R$ such that

- in general
 - $L(u) = -q \ (+b.c.)$ or b(v,u) = l(v) $\forall v \in V$

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Fig. 6.1 A tetrahedral volume. (Always use a consistent order of numbering, e.g., for *p* count the other node: in an anticlockwise order as viewed from *p*, giving the element as *ijmp*, etc.).

Solution Aproximation

- basis functions
$$u_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \varphi_i(x)$$

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- Mathematics in modeling
 - If we are not sure that a solution exists then what we try to approximate numerically?
 - If we do not know which class of functions the solution belongs to, then we cannot properly define its approximation and the measure for the accuracy
 - Classical error control theory is mainly focused on approximation errors

Air flow around an airplane wing

Scattering of electromagnetic waves Exterior of a ball discretized by finite and infinite elements

Modeling - ~

Columns in Syria

$$\sigma = \sigma(x), \quad b = b(x) \qquad \rightarrow \quad \sigma(x)A = N(x), \quad b(x)A = q(x)$$

elastic material
$$\rightarrow \quad \sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x)$$

small displacement gradients
$$\rightarrow \quad \varepsilon(x) = \frac{du}{dx} \quad \rightarrow \quad \sigma = E\frac{du}{dx}$$

short range of intermolecular forces

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Find u(x) such that:

$$AE\frac{du}{dx}(x + \Delta x) - AE\frac{du}{dx}(x) = -\int_{x}^{x + \Delta x} q(y) \, \mathrm{d}y \qquad \forall \omega \subset (0, l) + \text{b.c.} \quad \rightarrow \mathsf{FVM}$$

- Taylor formula:
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Find $u(x) \in C^2([0, l])$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} AE\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = -q(x) & \forall x \in (0,l) \\ u(0) = 0 \\ AE\frac{du}{dx}(l)n(l) = P \end{cases}$$

 \rightarrow FDM

