

# Computational Mechanics

## Chapter 2 Strong and Weak Forms for 1D Problems



# 5-Step Analysis in FEM

- Preprocessing: subdividing the target domain into finite elements by automatic mesh generators.

Fundamental mechanics analysis related to FEM equation formulation

- Element formulation: development of equations for elements.

- Assembly: obtaining equations for the whole system by gathering ones at the element-level.
- Solving equations.
- Postprocessing: calculation results visualization and output.



# Introduction to Strong and Weak Forms

- This section focuses on 1D analysis for various physical problems from the **viewpoint of FEM**.
- Strong form: governing equations (**partial differential ones**) and boundary conditions from physical analysis
- Weak form: an integral form of the strong form – to reduce requirement for the trial solution.

Strong form:

✓ Easy to build

✗ Difficult to solve

Finite difference method with simple regions

Weak form:

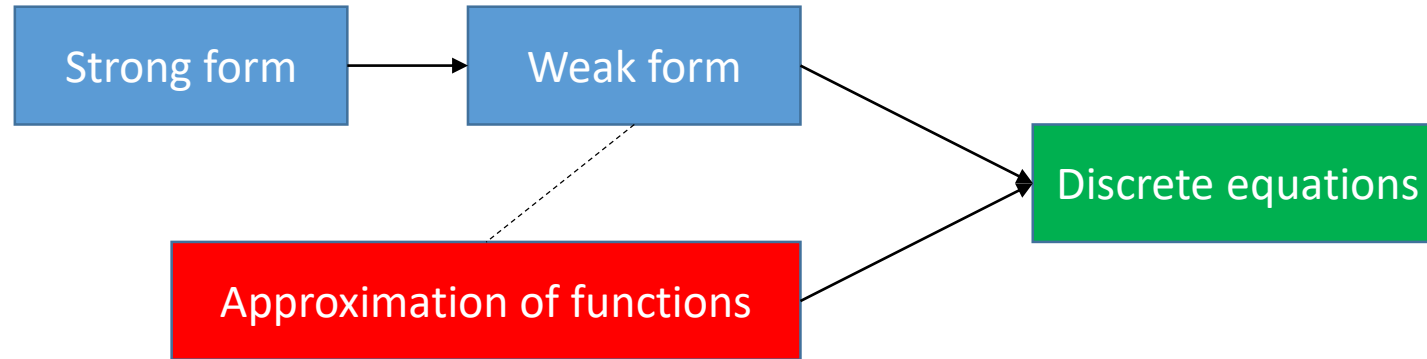
✗ Complex to build

✓ Easy to solve

Finite element method



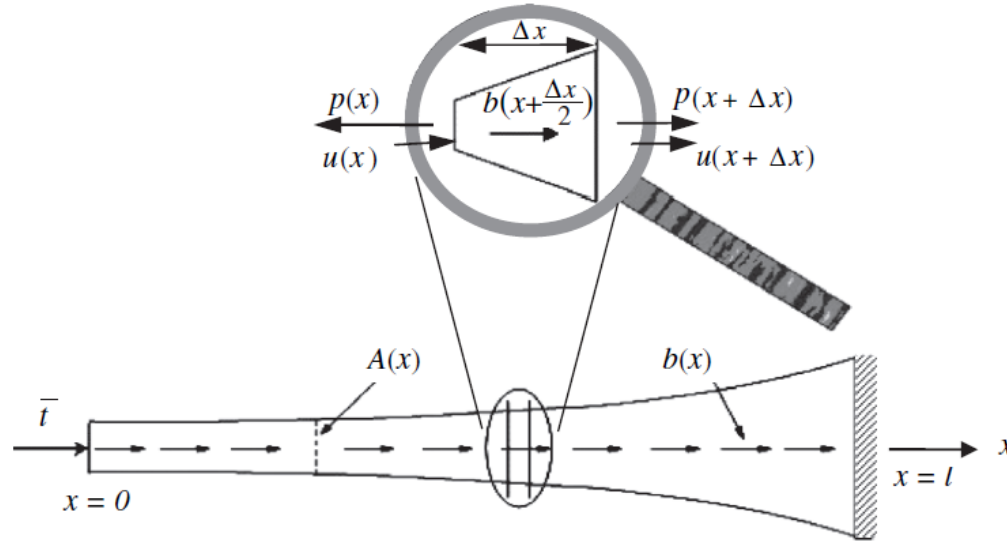
# Roadmap of FEM



- Advantage of weak form – complicated geometry for real engineering problems



# Analysis for An Axially Loaded Elastic Bar



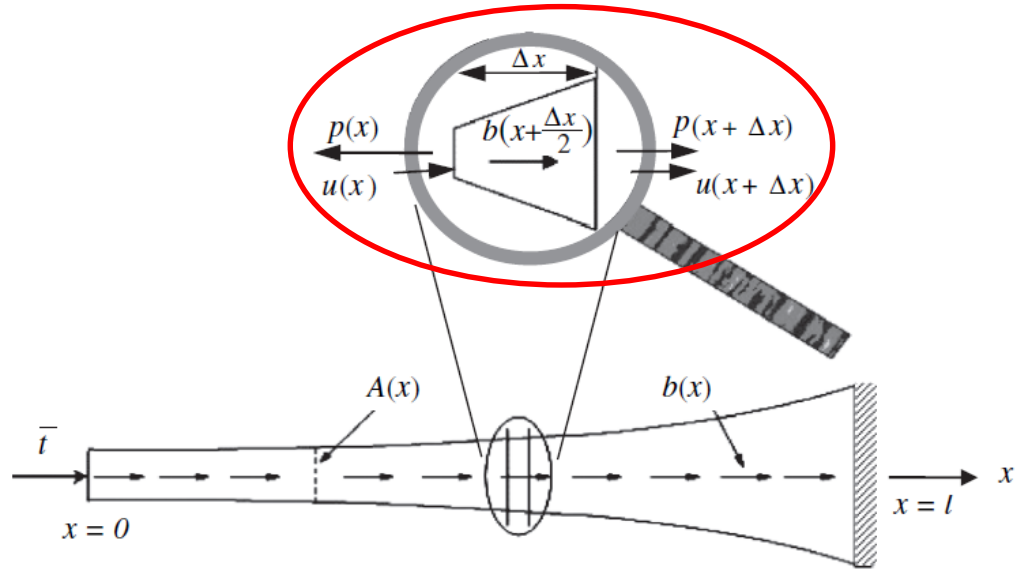
- Static, elastic, linear and infinitesimal deformation:

1. Equilibrium constraint
2. Hooke's law of the material
3. Compatible displacement field
4. Strain-displacement equation



# Force Equilibrium Conditions

- Equilibrium of a **small segment** in a complex object:



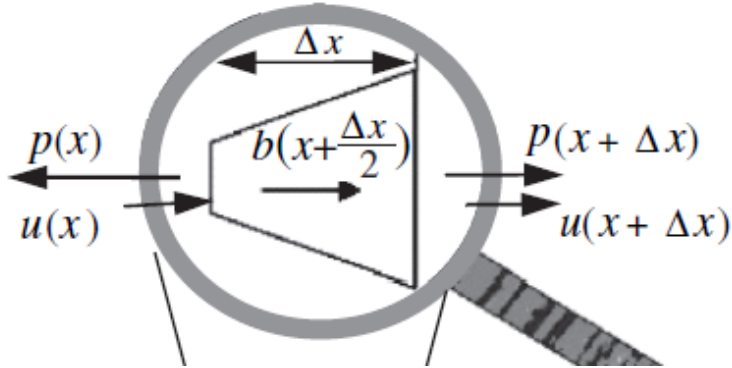
$$-p(x) + b\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) \cdot \Delta x + p(x + \Delta x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p(x + \Delta x) - p(x)}{\Delta x} + b\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dp(x)}{dx} + b(x) = 0$$



# Calculation of the Governing Equation



- Hooke's Law:

$$\sigma(x) = E(x)\varepsilon(x)$$

$$\frac{dp(x)}{dx} + b(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( \underline{AE \frac{du}{dx}} \right) + b = 0$$

2<sup>nd</sup> order ODE

- Stress:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{p(x)}{A(x)} \Rightarrow p(x) = A(x)\sigma(x)$$

- Strain:

$$\varepsilon(x) = \frac{u(x + \Delta x) - u(x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon(x) = \frac{du}{dx}$$

Definition based on infinitesimal deformation



# Strong Form for an Axially Loaded Elastic Bar

- Governing equation:

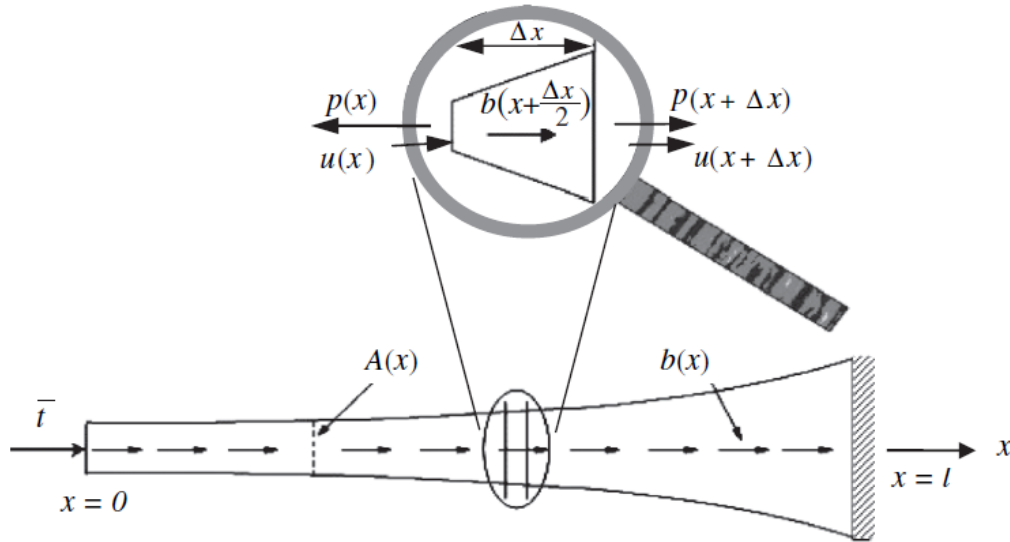
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, \quad 0 < x < l$$

- Traction boundary condition:

$$\sigma(x = 0) = E\varepsilon = E \frac{du}{dx} = -\bar{t}$$

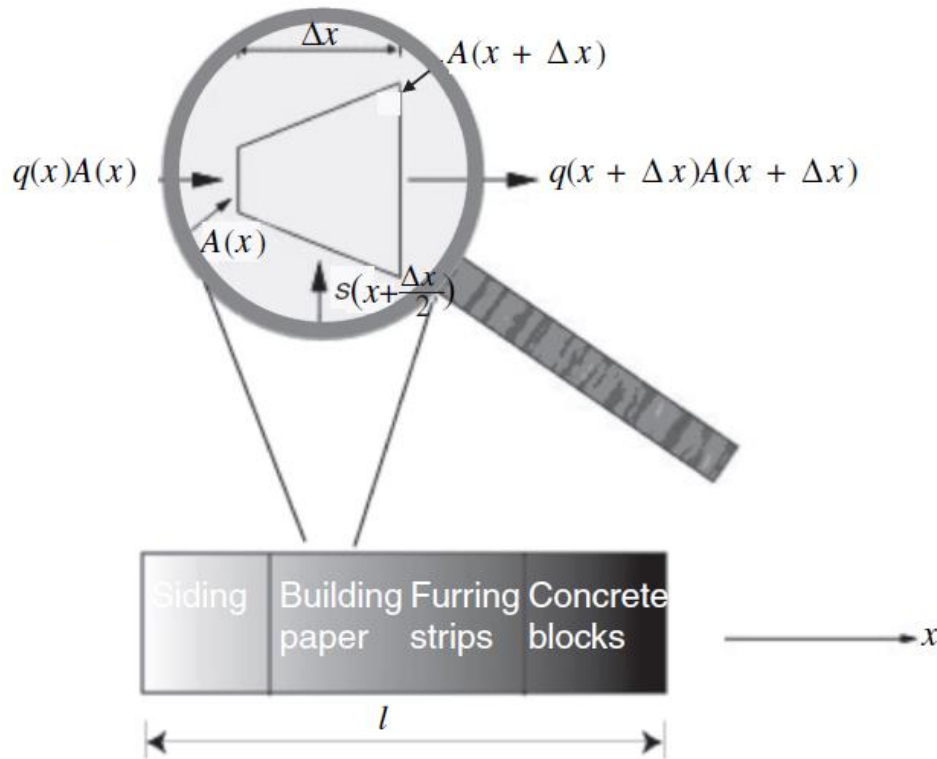
- Displacement boundary condition:

$$u(x = l) = \bar{u}$$





# Strong Form for 1D Heat Conduction



- Stable heat conduction analysis for a **small segment**:

$$\frac{q(x)A(x)}{P} + \frac{s}{b} \left( x + \frac{\Delta x}{2} \right) \cdot \Delta x - q(x + \Delta x)A(x + \Delta x) = 0$$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d(qA)}{dx} - s = 0$$

- Fourier's law:

$$q = -k \frac{dT}{dx} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( Ak \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + s = 0$$

- Boundary conditions:

$$-q(x = 0) = k \frac{dT(x = 0)}{dx} = \bar{q}, \quad T(x = l) = \bar{T}$$

Similar to mechanical analysis, can be solved using one method



# Introduction of Weight Function

- Stress analysis as an example:

➤ Governing equation:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, 0 < x < l \Rightarrow \int_0^l w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx = 0, \forall \underline{w}$$

Arbitrary smooth weight function

➤ Traction boundary condition:

$$\left( E \frac{du}{dx} = -\bar{t} \right)_{x=0} \Rightarrow \left( wA \left( E \frac{du}{dx} + \bar{t} \right) \right)_{x=0} = 0, \forall w$$

- Equation simplification at the essential boundary:

$$w(l) = 0$$



# Review of the *Integration by Parts*

$$\int_0^l w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx = 0, \forall w$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^l w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx + \int_0^l w b dx = 0, \forall w$$

- Derivation of *Integration by parts*:

$$\int_0^l w \frac{df}{dx} dx = (wf)_{x=l} - (wf)_{x=0} - \int_0^l f \frac{dw}{dx} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^l w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx \\ &= \left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^l - \int_0^l \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \frac{dw}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^l - \int_0^l \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \frac{dw}{dx} dx + \int_0^l w b dx \\ &= 0, \quad \forall w \end{aligned}$$

$$w(l) = 0 \Rightarrow - \left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right)_{x=0} - \int_0^l \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \frac{dw}{dx} dx + \int_0^l w b dx = 0, \quad \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$



# 1D Weak Form

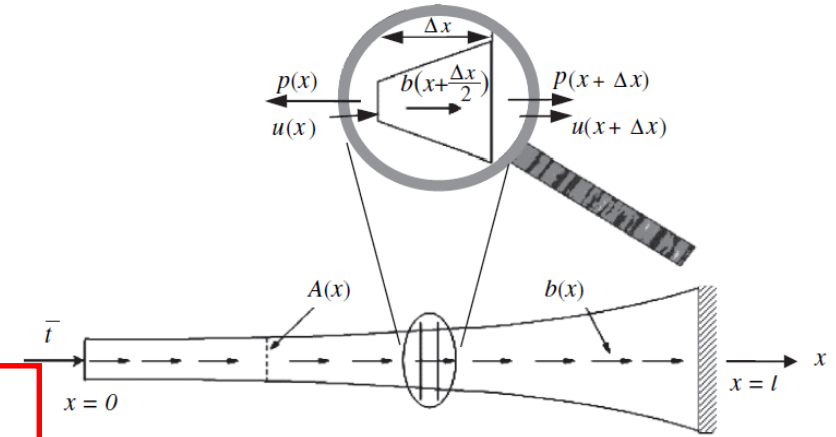
$$-\left(\underbrace{wAE \frac{du}{dx}}_{\sigma}\right)_{x=0} - \int_0^l \left(AE \frac{du}{dx}\right) \frac{dw}{dx} dx + \int_0^l w b dx = 0, \quad \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

- Given the traction boundary condition:  
 $wA\sigma(x=0) = -wA\bar{t}$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^l \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = (wA\bar{t})_{x=0} + \int_0^l w b dx, \quad \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

1<sup>st</sup> order derivative

- Find solution  $u(x)$  among the **smooth** functions that satisfy  $u(l) = \bar{u}$  and the above integration



Strong form

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0$$

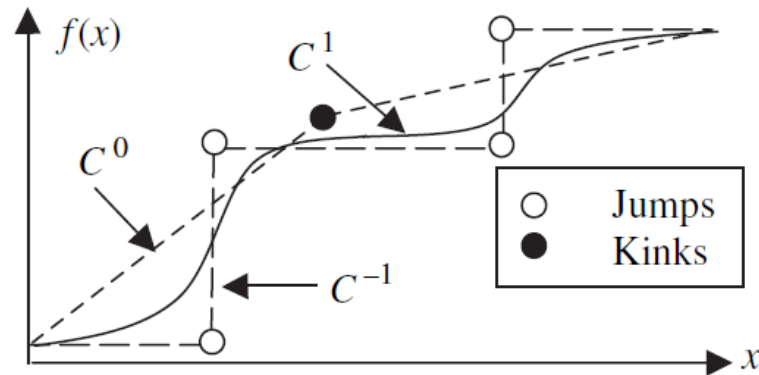
2<sup>nd</sup> order derivative

Weak form



# Continuity of functions

- $C^n$  function: its derivatives of order  $j$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n$  **exist and are continuous** in the whole domain



Examples of  $C^{-1}$ ,  $C^0$  and  $C^1$  functions.

- $\frac{d}{dx} C^n = C^{n-1}$

| Smoothness of functions. |                    |                      |                                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                          | Weak discontinuity | Strong discontinuity |                                       |
| Smoothness               | Kinks              | Jumps                | Comments                              |
| $C^{-1}$                 | Yes                | Yes                  | Piecewise continuous                  |
| $C^0$                    | Yes                | No                   | Piecewise continuously differentiable |
| $C^1$                    | No                 | No                   | Continuously differentiable           |

Weak form  $\int_0^l \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = (wAt)_{x=0} + \int_0^l w b dx$  ✓

Strong form  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0$  ✗

- Smooth surface in CAD usually utilize  $C^1$ , while FEM employs  $C^0$  approximation

# Equivalence between Weak and Strong Forms (1/3)

- From weak form to strong form:

$$\int_0^l w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx = \left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^l - \int_0^l \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \frac{dw}{dx} dx$$

part of strong form

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^l \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = \left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^l - \int_0^l w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx$$

weak form

$$\int_0^l \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = (w A \bar{t})_{x=0} + \int_0^l w b dx, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

$$\left( w AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) \Big|_0^l - \int_0^l w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx = (w A \bar{t})_{x=0} + \int_0^l w b dx, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

$$\int_0^l w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx + w A (\bar{t} + \underline{\sigma})_{x=0} = 0, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

$E \frac{du}{dx}$



# The Equivalence between Weak and Strong Forms (2/3)

$$\int_0^l w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx + wA(\bar{t} + \sigma)_{x=0} = 0, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

- Utilize **arbitrariness** of  $w(x)$ :

$$w(x) = \psi(x) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right]$$

$$\psi(x) \begin{cases} \text{smooth function} \\ > 0, & 0 < x < l \quad (\psi(x) = x(l-x)) \\ = 0, & x = 0 \text{ or } l \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^l \psi(x) \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right]^2 dx = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, 0 < x < l$$



# The Equivalence between Weak and Strong Forms (3/3)

$$\int_0^l w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx + wA(\bar{t} + \sigma)_{x=0} = 0, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

0

$$\Rightarrow wA(\bar{t} + \sigma)_{x=0} = 0, \forall w \text{ with } w(l) = 0$$

- Utilize the arbitrariness of  $w(x)$ :

$$w(0) = 1 \text{ and } w(l) = 0 \text{ (} w = (l - x)/x \text{)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{(\bar{t} + \sigma)_{x=0} = 0}$$

Traction boundary condition





# Generalized Strong Form for 1D Stress Analysis

Exact positions of boundary conditions can be arbitrary

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, \quad l_0 < x < l_1$$

Traction and stress sign difference:

$n = -1$  when  $x = l_0$

$n = +1$  when  $x = l_1$

$$\sigma n = En \frac{du}{dx} = \bar{t}, \quad x \in \Gamma_t$$

- Traction boundary conditions
- Natural boundary conditions
- 1<sup>st</sup> order derivative boundaries

$$u = \bar{u}, \quad x \in \Gamma_u$$

- Displacement boundary conditions
- Essential boundary conditions
- Function boundaries

- Complementary boundaries:

$$\Gamma_t \cup \Gamma_u = \Gamma, \quad \Gamma_t \cap \Gamma_u = \emptyset$$



# Generalized Weak Form for 1D Stress Analysis

- Strong form:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, \quad 0 < x < l$$

$$\sigma n = En \frac{du}{dx} = \bar{t}, \quad x \in \Gamma_t$$

$$u = \bar{u}, \quad x \in \Gamma_u$$

- Derivation to weak form:

$$\int_{\Omega} w \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b \right] dx = 0, \forall w$$

$$w(\bar{t} - \sigma n) = 0, \quad x \in \Gamma_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} w \frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx \\ &= wAE \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{\Gamma_u + \Gamma_t} - \int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow wA\bar{t} \Big|_{\Gamma_t} + \int_{\Omega} wbdx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

$\forall w \text{ with } w|_{\Gamma_u} = 0$

Weak form

- Define smooth function set  $H^1 \in C^0$ :

➤ Trial solution set:  $U = \{u | u \in H^1, u|_{\Gamma_u} = \bar{u}\}$

➤ Weight function set:  $U_0 = \{w | w \in H^1, w|_{\Gamma_u} = 0\}$



# From Elastic to Heat Conduction Analysis

- Previous slides show elastic and heat conduction analysis share similar governing equations and boundary conditions in strong form:

Stress analysis:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( AE \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$\sigma n = En \frac{du}{dx} = -\bar{t}, \quad x \in \Gamma_t$$

$$u = \bar{u}, \quad x \in \Gamma_u$$

Heat conduction analysis:

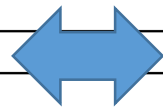
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( Ak \frac{dT}{dx} \right) + b = 0, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$qn = -kn \frac{dT}{dx} = \bar{q}, \quad x \in \Gamma_q$$

$$T = \bar{T}, \quad x \in \Gamma_T$$

- Weak form of elastic analysis can be transferred directly to weak form of heat conduction analysis:

| Elasticity |  | Heat conduction |
|------------|--|-----------------|
| $u$        |  | $T$             |
| $E$        |  | $k$             |
| $b$        |  | $s$             |
| $\bar{t}$  |  | $-\bar{q}$      |
| $\bar{u}$  |  | $\bar{T}$       |
| $\Gamma_t$ |  | $\Gamma_q$      |
| $\Gamma_u$ |  | $\Gamma_T$      |
| $k$        |  | $h$             |



This transferring method can also be applied to other similar systems, such as diffusion.



# Approximation of Solutions to 1D Weak Form

- Obtain a solution to the weak form:

Find  $u(x) \in U = \{u(x) | u(x) \in H^1, u = 10^{-4} \text{ on } \Gamma_u\}$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = 10wA \Big|_{\Gamma_t} + \int_{\Omega} 10wAx dx, \forall w \in U_0 = \{w(x) | w(x) \in H^1, w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u\}$$

where

- $\Gamma_u$  is  $x = 0$ ,  $\Omega$  is  $0 < x < 2$  and  $\Gamma_t$  is  $x = 2$
- $A$  is constant and  $E = 10^5$
- Approximation of solutions – FEM uses  $C^0$  functions:
  - Trial solutions:  $u(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x$
  - Weight functions:  $w(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
  - $\alpha_i$  are **unknown** parameters
  - $\beta_i$  are **arbitrary** parameters

$C^0$  functions can be piecewise for complex geometry.



# Determination of Parameters (1/2)

- Trial solutions:  $u(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x$
- Weight functions:  $w(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
- $w(x)$  vanishes at the essential boundary  $\Gamma_u$ :  
 $w(x = 0) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot 0 = \beta_0 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow w(x) = \beta_1 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dw}{dx} = \beta_1$$

- Essential boundary condition:  
 $u(x = 0) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cdot 0 = \alpha_0 = 10^{-4}$

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = 10^{-4} + \alpha_1 x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \alpha_1$$

- Integral in weak form:

$$A \int_0^2 \beta_1 E \alpha_1 dx = A \cdot 10 \beta_1 x \Big|_{x=2} + A \int_0^2 10 \beta_1 x^2 dx$$



# Determination of Parameters (2/2)

- Integral in weak form:

$$A \int_0^2 \beta_1 E \alpha_1 dx = A \cdot 10\beta_1 x \Big|_{x=2} + A \int_0^2 10\beta_1 x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\beta_1 E \alpha_1 = 20\beta_1 + \int_0^2 10\beta_1 x^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\beta_1 E \alpha_1 = 20\beta_1 + \frac{80}{3}\beta_1, \quad \forall \beta_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{70}{3E} = \frac{7}{3} \times 10^{-4}$$

- Linear trial solution:

$$u^{lin}(x) = 10^{-4} + \frac{7}{3} \times 10^{-4} x$$

$$\sigma^{lin} = nE \frac{du}{dx} = E \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{70}{3}$$

Only approximation because  
weight function type is constrained

- Quadratic solution?

➤ Displacement:  $u^{quad}(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x^2$

➤ Weight function:  $w^{quad}(x) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 x^2$

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# Minimum Potential Energy Approach

- The theorem of minimum potential energy:

The solution of the strong form is the minimizer of

$$W(u(x)) \text{ for } \forall u(x) \in U \text{ where } W(u(x)) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} AE \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx}_{W_{int}} - \underbrace{\left( \int_{\Omega} ub dx + (uA\bar{t})|_{\Gamma_t} \right)}_{W_{ext}}$$

- The theorem holds for **any elastic system**, as it only consider internal elastic potential and external work made by traction and body force



# Deriving FEM Equations Using Energy Approach (1/2)

$$W(u(x)) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} AE \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx - \left( \int_{\Omega} ubdx + (uA\bar{t})|_{\Gamma_t} \right), \text{ find the minimizer } u(x) \in U$$

- Introduce an infinitesimal change in function  $u(x)$ :  

$$\delta u(x) = \varsigma w(x), \quad 0 < \varsigma \ll 1, \quad w(x) \in U_0 \quad \begin{array}{l} U = \{u | u \in H^1, u|_{\Gamma_u} = \bar{u}\} \\ U_0 = \{w | w \in H^1, w|_{\Gamma_u} = 0\} \end{array}$$

- Internal elastic energy:

$$\delta W_{int} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} AE \left( \frac{du}{dx} + \varsigma \frac{dw}{dx} \right)^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} AE \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx = \varsigma \int_{\Omega} AE \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dw}{dx} dx \quad (\varsigma^2 \rightarrow 0)$$

- External work:

$$\delta W_{ext}^{\Omega} = \int_{\Omega} (u + \varsigma w) b dx - \int_{\Omega} u b dx = \varsigma \int_{\Omega} w b dx$$

$$\delta W_{ext}^{\Gamma} = (u + \varsigma w) A \bar{t} \Big|_{\Gamma_t} - (u A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t} = \varsigma (w A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta W_{ext} = \varsigma \left( \int_{\Omega} w b dx + (w A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t} \right)$$





# Deriving FEM Equations Using Energy Approach (2/2)

$$W(u(x)) = W_{int} - W_{ext}$$

$$\delta W_{int} = \varsigma \int_{\Omega} AE \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dw}{dx} dx, \quad \delta W_{ext} = \varsigma \left( \int_{\Omega} w b dx + (w A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t} \right)$$

- The minimizer corresponds to the stationary point of  $W$ :

$$u(x) \in U \quad \delta W = \delta W_{int} - \delta W_{ext} = 0$$

Weak form

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int_{\Omega} w b dx + (w A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t}, \quad \forall w(x) \in U_0$$



# Link to Principle of Virtual Work

- Weak form from the theorem of potential energy:

Find  $u(x) \in U$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx - \int_{\Omega} w b dx - (w A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t} = 0, \quad \forall w(x) \in U_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta W = \int_{\Omega} AE \frac{du}{dx} \frac{d(\delta u)}{dx} dx - \int_{\Omega} \delta u \cdot b dx - (\delta u \cdot A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t} = 0, \quad \forall \delta u \in U_0$$

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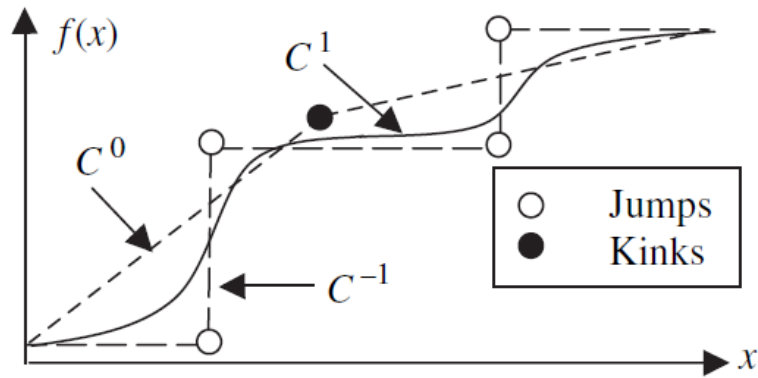
$$\delta W = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} AE \varepsilon \delta \varepsilon dx}_{\delta W_{int}} - \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \delta u \cdot b dx - (\delta u \cdot A \bar{t}) \Big|_{\Gamma_t}}_{\delta W_{ext}} = 0$$

Principle of virtual work



# Integrability

$$wA\bar{t} \Big|_{\Gamma_t} + \int_{\Omega} w b dx = \int_{\Omega} \frac{dw}{dx} AE \frac{du}{dx} dx$$



Examples of  $C^{-1}$ ,  $C^0$  and  $C^1$  functions.

- $C^1$  (usually splines) are complicate to build.
- Derivatives of  $C^{-1}$  (Dirac delta functions) are integrable, but the integral of the product of two Dirac delta functions are meaningless.
- $C^{-1}$  form of displacement field does not ensure compatibility.
- $C^0$  is the choice for weight functions and trial solutions.
- Derivatives of  $w$  and  $u$  should be **square integrable**.  $H^1$



# An Approximation Function Example (1/2)

$$u = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{x}{l}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{l}{2} \\ \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{x}{l}, & \frac{l}{2} < x \leq l \end{cases}$$

- Check  $C^0$  continuity:

$$u \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^-} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{2} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\lambda+1}$$

$$u \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^+} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{2} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\lambda+1} = u \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^-}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{l}{2} \\ \frac{\lambda}{l} \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{\lambda-1} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l}, & \frac{l}{2} < x \leq l \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^-} = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^+} = \frac{\lambda}{l} (0^+)^{\lambda-1} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l} \neq \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow \frac{l}{2}^-}$$

When  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $u$  belongs to  $C^0$



# An Approximation Function Example (2/2)

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{l}{2} \\ \frac{\lambda}{l} \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{\lambda-1} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda \frac{1}{l}, & \frac{l}{2} < x \leq l \end{cases}$$

- Check square integrability  $H^1$ :

$$\int_0^l \left(\frac{du}{dx}\right)^2 dx = \int_0^{\frac{l}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda} \frac{1}{l^2} dx + \int_{\frac{l}{2}}^l \left[ \frac{\lambda^2}{l^2} \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda-2} - 2 \frac{\lambda}{l^2} \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{\lambda-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^\lambda + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda} \frac{1}{l^2} \right] dx$$

$$\int_{\frac{l}{2}}^l \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda-2} dx = \frac{l}{2\lambda-1} \left(\frac{x}{l} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda-1} \Big|_{\frac{l}{2}}^l = \frac{l}{2\lambda-1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2\lambda-1} - \frac{l}{2\lambda-1} (0^+)^{2\lambda-1}$$

$\rightarrow -\infty$  when  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$   
 $u$  does not belong to  $H^1$

# The End

