

# Solving PDEs with finite elements: an introduction to free software FreeFem++

## Part II: Solving PDEs

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# Solving the time-dependent heat equation (1)

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} - \Delta \theta = 0, \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in \Omega, \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{max}$$

+Boundary Conditions(in space) + Initial Condition( $t = 0$ ).

- **Discretisation in time** (FD finite-difference type)

$$[0, t_{max}] = \bigcup_{n=0}^{N-2} [t_n, t_{n+1}], \quad t_n = n\delta t, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1, \quad \delta t = T/(N-1).$$

Notation  $\theta^n(x) = \theta(x, t_n)$ .

$$\frac{\theta^{n+1}(x) - \theta^n(x)}{\delta t} - \Delta \theta^{n+1}(x) = 0 \quad (\text{implicit scheme})$$

$$\frac{\theta^{n+1}(x) - \theta^n(x)}{\delta t} - \Delta \theta^n(x) = 0 \quad (\text{explicit scheme})$$

## Solving the time-dependent heat equation (2)

- **Discretisation in space** (FE finite-element type): implicit scheme

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\theta^{n+1}}{\delta t} \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\theta^n}{\delta t} \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} [-\mathbf{v} \Delta \theta^{n+1}] = 0$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\theta^{n+1}}{\delta t} \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\theta^n}{\delta t} \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \theta^{n+1} \nabla \mathbf{v} - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial \theta^{n+1}}{\partial n} \mathbf{v} = 0$$

- **Weak formulation ready to use with FreeFem++**: impose (spatial) BC on  $\theta^{n+1}$  as for the stationary problem.
- **In programs, in the "time loop" we use only two variables:**  
 $u = \theta^{n+1}$  and  $uold = \theta^n$ .

# Script for the time-dependent heat equation (1)

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{u}{\delta t} v - \int_{\Omega} \frac{uold}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v = 0$$

(part 1 of) time/heat\_time\_v01.edp

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```
include "../Part_01_Scripts/mesh/mesh_circle_v03.edp";

// FE space
fespace Vh(Th, P1);
// Variational (weak formulation)
Vh u,v; // u=unknown, v=test function

real uhot=10, alpha=10;

//Time-evolution formulation
real tmax=0.1, dt=0.001, idt=1./dt;
Vh uold=0;
macro grad(u) [dx(u), dy(u)]//EOM
problem HeatTime(u,v)=int2d(Th) (idt*u*v)-int2d(Th) (idt*uold*v)
    +int2d(Th) (grad(u)'*grad(v))
    +int1d(Th,1) (alpha*u*v)//from Fourier bc
    +on(2, u=uhot); // Dirichlet bc
```

## Script for the time-dependent heat equation (2)

(part 2 of) time/heat\_time\_v01.edp

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```
//Time loop
real t=0; verbosity=0;
while (t <= tmax)
{
  t+=dt;
  HeatTime;
  plot(u, dim=2, cmm="Time t="+t, fill=1);
  cout<<"Time="<< t<<"  Max(u) ="<<u[] .max<<"  Min(u) ="<<u[] .min<<
      endl;
  uold=u;
}
```

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# Time-dependent heat equation with matrices (1)

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{u}{\delta t} v - \int_{\Omega} \frac{uold}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v = 0$$

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = \ell(v)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{uv}{\delta t} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \implies (\text{matrix}) \mathbf{A}$$

$$\ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{uold}{\delta t} v \implies (\text{rhs}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}_{mass} * \mathbf{uold}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{mass}(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{uv}{\delta t}$$

+ impose Dirichlet BC by penalisation (tgv technique)

## Time-dependent heat equation with matrices (2)

(part of) time/heat\_time\_v02.edp

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```
//----- matrix of the system
real tgv=1e30;
varf Vsys(u,v) = int2d(Th) (idt*u*v)
                +int2d(Th) (grad(u)'*grad(v))
                +int1d(Th,1) (alpha*u*v)
                + on(2,u=uhot); // + on(2,u=1); the same matrix

matrix Asys      = Vsys(Vh,Vh,tgv=tgv);

//----- Mass matrix
varf Vmass(u,v) = int2d(Th) (u*v*idt) ;
matrix Amass     = Vmass(Vh,Vh,tgv=tgv);

//----- right-hand side term + (boundary conditions)
Vh BC;
varf Vbc(u,v) = on (2,u=uhot);
BC[] = Vbc(0,Vh,tgv=tgv);
```

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## Time-dependent heat equation with matrices (3)

(part of) time/heat\_time\_v02.edp

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```
//----- array for boundary conditions  
// BC0 = 0 for nodes on Gamma2, BC0=1 elsewhere  
  
varf Vbc0(u,v) = on (2,u=1);  
Vh BC0;  
BC0[] = Vbc0(0,Vh,tgv=1); // BC0=1 for nodes on Gamma2, 0 elsewhere  
BC0   = -BC0;  
BC0[] +=1; //now BC0 = 0 for nodes on Gamma2, BC0=1 elsewhere
```

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# Time-dependent heat equation with matrices (4)

(part of) time/heat\_time\_v02.edp

```
//Time loop
real t=0; verbosity=0;
real [int] rhs = BC[]; // fix the correct dimension

    set(Asys,solver=UMFPACK);

while (t <= tmax)
{
    t+=dt;

// prepare the rhs
    rhs  = Amass*uold[];
    rhs  .*= BC0[];    // set to zero the value for nodes on Gamma2
    rhs  += BC[];     // set the correct value on Gamma2

// solve the linear system
    u[] = Asys^-1*rhs;

    plot(u,dim=3,cmm="Time t="+t,fill=1);
    cout<<"Time="<< t<<"  Max(u) ="<<u[] .max<<"  Min(u) ="<<u[] .min<<
        endl;
uold=u;
}
```

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# Time-dependent heat equation with mesh adaptivity

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```
//Time loop
real t=0; verbosity=0;
real errorAdapt=0.01;

while (t <= tmax)
{
    t+=dt;
    HeatTime;
    plot(Th,u,dim=2,cmm="Time t="+t,fill=0);
    cout<<"Time="<< t<<" Max(u) ="<<u[] .max<<" Min(u) ="<<u[] .min<<
        endl;
    Th=adaptmesh(Th,u,uold,inquire=1,err=errorAdapt);
    u=u;
    uold=u;
}
```

---

# Solving the wave equation (1)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \Delta u = 0, \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in \Omega, \quad 0 \leq t \leq t_{max}$$

+Boundary Conditions(in space) + Initial Condition for  $u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t = 0)$ .

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Notation  $u^n(x) = u(x, t_n)$ .

$$\frac{u^{n+1}(x) - 2u^n(x) + u^{n-1}(x)}{\delta t^2} - \Delta u^n(x) = 0.$$

## Solving the wave equation (2)

- **Discretisation in space** (FE finite-element type): implicit scheme

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n+1}}{\delta t} v - \int_{\Omega} \frac{2u^n}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n-1}}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} [-v \Delta u^n] = 0$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n+1}}{\delta t} v - \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^n}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} \frac{u^{n-1}}{\delta t} v + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u^n \nabla v - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial u^n}{\partial n} v = 0$$

- **Weak formulation ready to use with FreeFem++**: impose BC on  $u^n$  as for the steady problem.
- **In programs, in the "time loop" we use only three variables:**  
 $u = u^{n+1}$ ,  $uold = u^n$ ,  $uoldold = u^{n-1}$ .

# Script for the wave equation (1)

(part 1 of) smiley\_heat.D.edp

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```
/* Wave equation on a Smiley */
```

```
include "../Part_01_Scripts/mesh/mesh_smiley_v01.edp";
```

```
// New FE mesh (close the eyes and the mouth)
```

```
Th = buildmesh(bs1(nbseg*Lh)+bs2(-nbseg*Ly)+bs3(nbseg*Ly)  
              +bs4(nbseg*Lm));plot(Th, cmm="New mesh of a smiley");
```

```
//Time-evolution data
```

```
real tmax=5, dt=0.01, idt2=1./(dt*dt);
```

```
// FE space
```

```
fespace Vh(Th, P1);
```

```
// Variational (weak formulation)
```

```
Vh u,v, uold=0, uold=0;
```

```
macro grad(u) [dx(u), dy(u)] //EOM
```

```
problem SmileyW(u,v)=int2d(Th) (idt2*u*v)-int2d(Th) (2*idt2*uold*v)+int2d  
  (Th) (idt2*uvold*v)  
+int2d(Th) (grad(uold)'*grad(v))  
; // only Neumann boundary conditions
```

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## Script for the wave equation (2)

(part 2 of) smiley\_heat.D.edp

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```
//Time loop
real t=0; int iter=0, nplot=2;
// Initial condition (u is Gaussian and du/dt=0)
  uvoid = exp(-2*((x-xh)^2 + (y-yh)^2));
  uold = uvoid;
  u      = uold;

verbosity=0;
while (t <= tmax)
{
  iter++;t+=dt;SmileyW;
  if(!(iter%nplot))// visualisation every nplot
  {
    plot(u, cmm="Wave t="+t, fill=1, dim=2);
    cout <<"t="<<t<<"  u min= "<< u[].min
          <<"  u max="<< u[].max <<endl;
  }
  uvoid=uold;
  uold =u;
}
```

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## Linear elasticity (1)

- Let us denote by  $\vec{f}$  the external force field acting on a solid  $\Omega$ . Let  $\vec{u} = (X - x, Y - y) = (u_1, u_2)$  the displacement vector of  $(x, y)$ . Let  $\vec{\sigma}(\vec{u}) = (\sigma_{ij}(\vec{u}))$  the tensor of constraints, and  $\vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) = \epsilon_{ij}(\vec{u})$  the deformation tensor:
- For small displacements  $\vec{u}$  and an elastic solid, the Hook law:

$$\sigma_{ij}(u) = \lambda \delta_{ij} \nabla \cdot \vec{u} + 2\mu \epsilon_{ij}(\vec{u}), \quad \vec{\sigma} = \lambda(\nabla \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{I} + 2\mu \vec{\epsilon}. \quad (1)$$

with  $\delta_{ij}$  the Kronecker symbol, and

$$\epsilon_{ij}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right), \quad \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \vec{\nabla} \vec{u} + \vec{\nabla}^T \vec{u} \right). \quad (2)$$

The constants  $\lambda, \mu$  (Lamé coefficients) are expressed as a function of  $E$  (elasticity modulus) and  $\nu$  (Young modulus)

$$\mu = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}, \quad \lambda = \frac{E\nu}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)}. \quad (3)$$

## Linear elasticity (2)

- Lamé system of equations for linear elasticity:

$$-\mu\Delta\vec{u} - (\mu + \lambda)\nabla(\nabla\cdot\vec{u}) = \vec{f} \text{ dans } \Omega, \quad (4)$$

- To write the weak formulation, we use the equilibrium between efforts and constraints:

$$-\operatorname{div}(\vec{\sigma}) = \vec{f}, \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\sigma_{11} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\sigma_{12} + f_1 = 0, \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\sigma_{12} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\sigma_{22} + f_2 = 0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

We multiply the previous system with a vector test function  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$  and integrate over  $\Omega$ . After integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \left( \sigma_{11} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \sigma_{12} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \right) + \left( \sigma_{12} \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} + \sigma_{22} \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} \right) - \int_{\Omega} (f_1 v_1 + f_2 v_2) \\ & - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\sigma_{11} n_1 + \sigma_{12} n_2) v_1 - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\sigma_{12} n_1 + \sigma_{22} n_2) v_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

## Linear elasticity (3)

or:

$$\int_{\Omega} \lambda (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) + \int_{\Omega} 2\mu \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) : \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{v}) - \int_{\Omega} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{v} = 0, \quad (7)$$

with  $\vec{a} : \vec{b} = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} b_{ij}$  the tensor contraction (inner product).

Astutely compute the contraction of the tensors:

$$\vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) : \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{v}) = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) : \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{v}) = \left[ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial y}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x} \right) \right]' * \left[ \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} \right) \right] \quad (9)$$

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# Simplified model for a dam (1)

## Boundary conditions

The dam is (hopefully) well anchored on the ground:

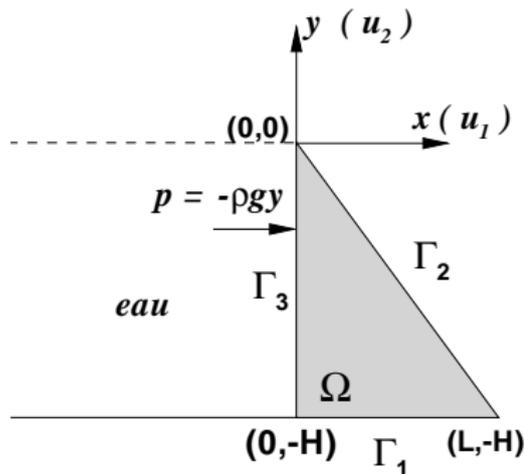
$$u_1 = u_2 = 0, \quad \text{sur } \Gamma_1.$$

On the right side  $\Gamma_2$  the constraint is null:

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_2.$$

On the left side  $\Gamma_3$  the water pressure,  $p = -\rho g y$ , acts perpendicularly to the surface of the dam:

$$\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} = p \vec{e}_x, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_3.$$



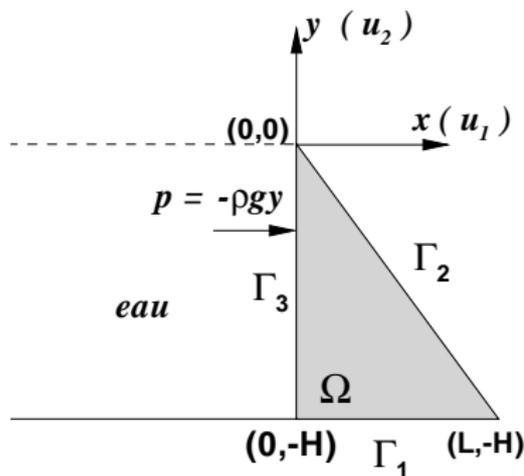
## Simplified model for a dam (2)

elast/dam\_v01.edp

```
// Build the mesh
//=====
real L=1, H=1;

border Gamma1(t=0,L) {x=t; y=-H;}
//
// down
real L1=L;
border Gamma2(t=L,0) {x=t; y=-H*(x/L); }
//
// right
real L2=sqrt(L*L+H*H);
border Gamma3(t=0,-H) {x=0; y=t; }
// left (in contact with
// water)
real L3=H;

int nbseg=10;
mesh Th = buildmesh( Gamma1(nbseg*L1) +
Gamma2(nbseg*L3) + Gamma3(nbseg*L3) );
```



## Simplified model for a dam (3)

elast/dam\_v01.edp

```
// Vectorial FE spaces
//=====

fespace Vh1(Th,P1);
fespace Vh(Th,[P1,P1]);
Vh [u1,u2],[v1,v2];
Vh1 p = -0.05*y;

// Problem
//=====

problem pb([u1,u2],[v1,v2]) =
int2d(Th) (
  2.*mu*(dx(u1)*dx(v1)+dy(u2)*dy(v2)
  +0.5*(dx(u2)+dy(u1))*(dx(v2)+dy(v1)))
  +lambda*(dx(u1)+dy(u2))*(dx(v1)+dy(v2))
)
- int1d(Th,Gamma3)(p*v1)
+ on(Gamma1,u1=0,u2=0);
```

## Simplified model for a dam (4)

elast/dam\_v01.edp

```
// Solution
//=====

pb;
plot(u1, value=1, wait=1, cmm="u1: Deformation following x");
plot(u2, value=1, wait=1, cmm="u2: Deformation following y");
plot( [u1,u2], wait=1, cmm="Deformation vector field : u = (u1, u2)");

// Deformation
//=====

mesh Th1 = movemesh(Th, [x+u1, y+u2]);
plot(Th , wait=1, cmm="Dam before deformation");
plot(Th1, wait=1, cmm="Dam after deformation");

plot(Th, Th1, [u1,u2], wait=1, cmm="Deformed dam");

real u1max = u1[].max;
real u2max = u2[].max;
cout << "dep. max x = " << u1max << endl;
cout << "dep. max y = " << u2max << endl;
cout << "dep. au top = ( " << u1(0,0) << " , " << u2(0,0) << " ) " << endl;
```

## Simplified model for a dam (5)

elast/dam\_v02.edp

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```
// Problem using macros
//=====

real sqrt2=sqrt(2.);
macro epsilon(u1,u2) [dx(u1), dy(u2), (dy(u1)+dx(u2))/sqrt2] // EOM

macro div(u,v) ( dx(u)+dy(v) ) // EOM

problem pb([u1,u2],[v1,v2]) =
int2d(Th) (
  2.*mu*(epsilon(u1,u2)'*epsilon(v1,v2))
  +lambda*(div(u1,u2)*div(v1,v2))
)
- int1d(Th, Gamma3) (p*v1)
+ on(Gamma1, u1=0, u2=0);
```

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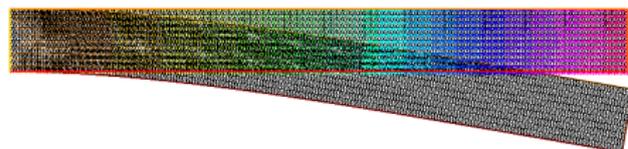
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# Deformation of a beam under its own weight

$$\vec{f} = -g\vec{e}_y$$



elast/beam.v01.edp

```
fespace Vh1(Th,P1);
fespace Vh(Th,[P1, P1]);
Vh [u1,u2], [v1,v2];
Vh1 p = -1;

// Problem using macros
//=====

real sqrt2=sqrt(2.);
macro epsilon(u1,u2) [dx(u1), dy(u2), (dy(u1)+dx(u2))/sqrt2] // EOM
macro div(u,v) ( dx(u)+dy(v) ) // EOM
problem pb([u1,u2], [v1,v2]) =
int2d(Th) ( 2.*mu*(epsilon(u1,u2)'*epsilon(v1,v2))
+lambda*(div(u1,u2)*div(v1,v2))
- int2d(Th) (p*v2)
+ on(4, u1=0, u2=0);
```

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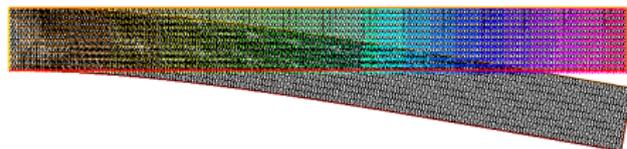
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# Model for the vibration of a beam



$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} - \operatorname{div}(\vec{\sigma}) = \vec{f} \quad \text{in } \Omega.$$

Initial condition  $\vec{u}_0 = (0, 0)$ ,  $\left(\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t}\right)_0 = (0, -1)$

Weak formulation:

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} \cdot \vec{v} + \int_{\Omega} \lambda (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})(\nabla \cdot \vec{v}) + \int_{\Omega} 2\mu \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{u}) : \vec{\epsilon}(\vec{v}) - \int_{\Omega} \vec{f} \cdot \vec{v} - \int_{\partial\Omega} (\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n}) \cdot \vec{v} = 0,$$

Consider  $\vec{f} = -g\vec{e}_y$  and  $(\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n})$  on the free borders.

We use an implicit scheme with 2nd order finite difference for:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{u}}{\partial t^2} \approx \frac{\vec{u}^{n+1} - 2\vec{u}^n + \vec{u}^{n-1}}{(\delta t)^2}.$$

# Vibration of a beam (1)

elast/beam.v02.edp

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```
// Vectorial FE space
//=====

fespace Vh1(Th,P1);

fespace Vh(Th,[P1, P1]);
Vh [u1,u2], [v1,v2]; // solution (n+1)
Vh [u1p,u2p], [u1pp,u2pp]; // solutions (n) et (n-1)

// Time evolution
//=====
real T=1000, dt=5, idt2=1/(dt*dt);
real [int] v0=[0,-1]; // initial velocity=du/dt
[u1pp, u2pp]=[0.,0.]; // cond initiale sur u
[u1p,u2p]=[u1pp,u2pp]+[dt*v0[0],dt*v0[1]]; // init condition using
du/dt
```

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## Vibration of a beam (2)

elast/beam\_v02.edp

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```
// Time evolving problem (using macros)
//=====

real sqrt2=sqrt(2.);
macro epsilon(u1,u2) [dx(u1), dy(u2), (dy(u1)+dx(u2))/sqrt2] // EOM

macro div(u,v) ( dx(u)+dy(v) ) // EOM

problem pbinst([u1,u2],[v1,v2]) =
int2d(Th) (
  2.*mu*(epsilon(u1,u2)'*epsilon(v1,v2))
  +lambda*(div(u1,u2)*div(v1,v2))
)
+int2d(Th) ([u1,u2]'*[v1,v2]*idt2)
-int2d(Th) ([u1p,u2p]'*[v1,v2]*2*idt2)
+int2d(Th) ([u1pp,u2pp]'*[v1,v2]*idt2)
+ on(4, u1=0, u2=0);
```

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## Vibration of a beam (3)

elast/beam\_v02.edp

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```
// Time evolution
//=====

for (real temps=2*dt; temps <=T; temps +=dt)
{
  Th1= movemesh(Th, [x+coef*u1, y+coef*u2]);
  plot(Th1, cmm="time="+temps);
  cout << "time="<<temps<< " displacement at the top = ( "<< u1(0,L)<<"
    , "<<u2(0,L)<<" )"<< endl;

  pbinst;

  [u1pp,u2pp]=[u1p,u2p];
  [u1p,u2p]=[u1,u2];
}
```

---

See also the script [elast/beam\\_v02.edp](#) for a nicer visualisation!

# Basic features in FreeFem++

## 1 Towards advanced features

- From steady to time-dependent PDEs
- Build FE-matrices
- Mesh adaptivity

## 2 Linear elasticity problems

- Linear Lamé equations
- Simplified model for a dam
- Deformation of a beam
- Vibration of a beam

## 3 Solving non-linear problems

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## 4 Summary of Part II

## Solving a non-linear simple PDE (1)

Consider the following non-linear problem:

$$-\nabla^2 u + \chi'(u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega, \quad (10)$$

with  $\chi'$  is the derivative of a given real function  $\chi$ . With respect to the scalar product of  $L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} uv, \quad (11)$$

this problem corresponds to the minimization of the functional:

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \nabla(u) \cdot \nabla(u) + \chi(u) - fu. \quad (12)$$

The variational formulation of (10) is: find  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla(u) \cdot \nabla(v) + \chi'(u)v - \int_{\Omega} fv = 0 \quad (13)$$

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The Newton method to solve the non-linear equation  $F(u) = 0$  consists in the iterative procedure:

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u_n) \right]^{-1} \cdot [F(u_n)]. \quad (14)$$

Since  $u_n$  is known, solving the previous equation is equivalent to find  $q_n = u_n - u_{n+1}$ , solution of the PDE:

$$\left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u_n) \right] \cdot q_n = F(u_n) \quad (15)$$

In our case:

$$F(u) = -\nabla^2 u + \chi'(u) - f,$$

and

$$\left[ \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(u_n) \right] \cdot q = -\nabla^2 q + \chi''(u_n) \cdot q$$

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Since  $q_n \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ , the variational formulation of (15) becomes:

$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad \int_{\Omega} [\nabla q_n \cdot \nabla v + \chi''(u_n) q_n v] = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla u_n \cdot \nabla v + \chi'(u_n) v - f v] \quad (16)$$

A good starting solution for the Newton method is the solution of the linear problem corresponding to (10).

We consider in the following

$$\chi(u) = u^4, \quad \rightarrow \quad \chi'(u) = 4u^3, \quad \chi''(u) = 12u^2, \quad (17)$$

and, in order to have an exact solution

$$u_{ex}(x, y) = g(x, y) = \sin(a_1 x) * \sin(a_2 y)$$

we set the second member

$$f(x, y) = (a_1^2 + a_2^2) g(x, y) + \chi'(g(x, y)). \quad (18)$$

# Script for the non-linear equation (1)

nonlin/lap\_nonlin\_Newton.edp

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```
// macros for chi
macro chi(u) (pow(u,4)) //
macro dchi(u) (4*pow(u,3)) //
macro ddchi(u) (12*pow(u,2)) //

// exact solution
Vh uex = sin(a1*x)*sin(a2*y);

// source term
Vh fs = (a1*a1+a2*a2)*uex + dchi(uex);

// macro for energy
macro energ(u, chis, fsource)
  (int2d(Th) (0.5*(dx(u)*dx(u)+dy(u)*dy(u)))
   +int2d(Th) (chis)-int2d(Th) (fsource*u)) //
```

---

## Script for the non-linear equation (2)

nonlin/lap\_nonlin.Newton.edp

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```
//=====
// variational formulation of Newton method
//=====

Vh q;
problem ANLIN(q, v) = int2d(Th) (graduv(q, v))
                    + int2d(Th) (ddchi(uold)*q*v)
                    - int2d(Th) (graduv(uold, v))
                    - int2d(Th) (dchi(uold)*v)
                    + int2d(Th) (fs*v)
                    + on(1, 2, 3, 4, q=0);
```

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See also the script [lap\\_nonlin\\_Newton\\_matr.edp](#) using a formulation with matrices!

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## Vectorial FE spaces: `fespace Vh(Th, [P1,P1])`

- useful for many problems (elasticity, Stokes, etc)
- (warning) mixed entries in the arrays (following the dof);
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## Thank you for your attention, and ...

- use the doc pdf-file to find an example close to your application,
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- do not hesitate to contact us!