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Mathematical preliminaries

- Let us consider a domain $\bar{\Omega}$ with interior Ω and boundary $\partial\Omega$.
- Usually the boundary $\partial\Omega$ is defined parametrically as follows: $x(s), y(s)$, where s is the arc length along $\partial\Omega$.
- For a function $f(x,y)$ on the boundary $\partial\Omega$, we can write: $f(s) = f(x(s), y(s)), s \in \partial\Omega$.
- We denote the primary (scalar) variable in 2D as $u(x,y)$. Until further notice, we assume that all functions used here are smooth enough for the operations shown to be valid.

Mathematical preliminaries

- Recall that the gradient $\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)$ is the rate of change of u as we move from (x, y) to nearby locations:

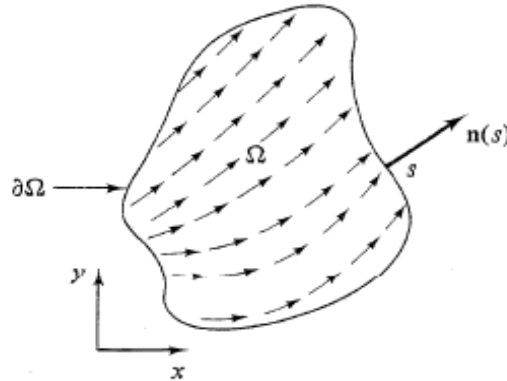
$$\vec{\nabla}u(x, y) = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} \vec{j}$$

- Many times we will interpret this as a mathematical operation of the differential operator $\vec{\nabla} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j}$ on $u(x, y)$.
- The gradient $\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)$ determines the rate of change of u at (x, y) in any direction
- The rate of change of u in a given direction $\vec{t} = \cos \theta \vec{i} + \sin \theta \vec{j}$ is given as:

$$\frac{du(x, y)}{dt} = \vec{\nabla}u(x, y) \cdot \vec{t} = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} \sin \theta$$

Flux $\vec{\sigma}(x, y)$

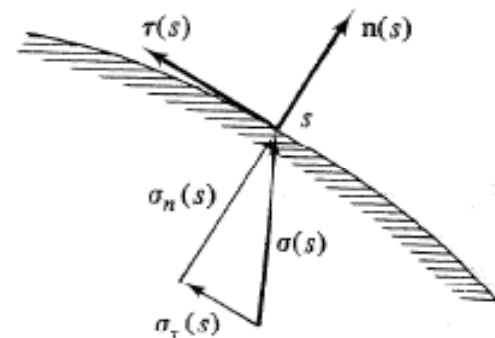
- Similarly to the gradient $\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)$ the flux $\vec{\sigma}(x, y)$ is a vector-valued function or vector field.



- The flux $\vec{\sigma}(s)$ at the boundary can be decomposed in normal and tangential components:

$$\sigma_n(s) = \vec{\sigma}(s) \cdot \vec{n}(s)$$

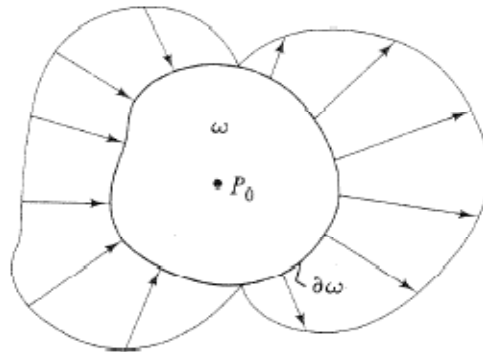
$$\sigma_\tau(s) = \vec{\sigma}(s) \cdot \vec{\tau}(s)$$



Flux $\vec{\sigma}(x, y)$

- Consider an arbitrary part $\omega \subset \Omega$ containing point (x_0, y_0) of the domain Ω . Consider the normal flux $\sigma_n(s) = \vec{\sigma}(s) \cdot \vec{n}(s)$ across the boundary $\partial\omega$. The total flux across this boundary is

$$\Sigma_\omega = \int_{\partial\omega} \sigma_n(s) ds$$



- If you divide Σ_ω by the area A_ω of the subregion, we can view the result as the amount of $\vec{\sigma}$ flowing into ω per unit area.

Divergence of the flux $\vec{\sigma}(x, y)$

- The limit of $\Sigma_{\omega} / A_{\omega} = \int_{\partial\omega} \sigma_n(s) ds / A_{\omega}$ as ω decreases in size always containing point (x_0, y_0) is called the divergence of the flux at P_0 :

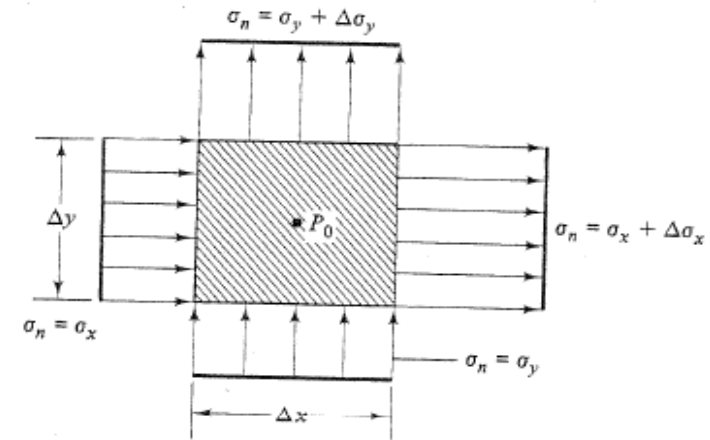
$$\text{div} \vec{\sigma}(x_0, y_0)$$

- Taking as ω the square region shown, then:

$$\Sigma_{\omega} = \Delta\sigma_x \Delta y + \Delta\sigma_y \Delta x$$

- Dividing by the area $\Delta x \Delta y$ and taking the limit $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$:

$$\text{div} \vec{\sigma}(x, y) = \frac{\partial \sigma_x(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_y(x, y)}{\partial y} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \vec{j} \right) \cdot (\sigma_x \vec{i} + \sigma_y \vec{j}) \equiv \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$



So $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$ is the density of the net flux per unit area at a point

Gauss divergence theorem

- The total flux out of the region Ω is then:

$$\Sigma = \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma} dx dy$$

- We can now write using an earlier expression:

$$\Sigma = \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma} dx dy = \int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} ds$$

- This is the **Gauss divergence theorem**.

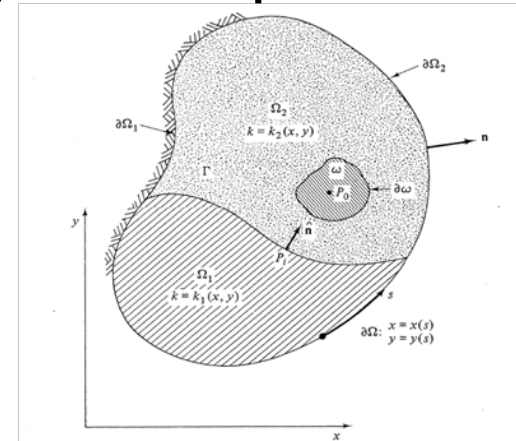
Constitutive equation and balance law

- **Constitutive equation:** We consider problems with the following constitutive equation between the flux $\vec{\sigma}$ and the state variable $u(x,y)$.

$$\vec{\sigma}(x, y) = - \underbrace{k(x, y)}_{\substack{\text{material modulus} \\ k(x,y) > 0 \text{ in } \Omega}} \vec{\nabla} u(x, y)$$

- **Conservation principle:** Within any portion of the domain, the net flux across the boundary of that part must be equal to the total quantity produced by internal sources.

$$\int_{\partial\omega} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \int_{\omega} f dx dy \quad \begin{array}{l} f \text{ is source} \\ \text{per unit area} \end{array}$$



Balance law

- Using the divergence theorem:

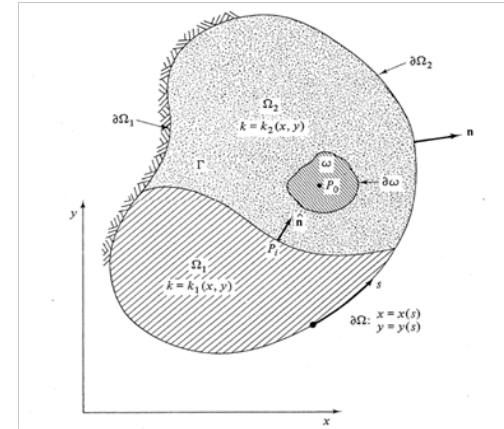
$$\int_{\partial\omega} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{n} ds = \int_{\omega} f dx dy \Rightarrow \int_{\omega} (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma} - f) dx dy = 0 \text{ for all } \omega \subset \Omega.$$

- Since ω is arbitrary, we conclude that the local form of the balance equation is:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma}(x, y) = f(x, y)$$

- To make things more interesting, we assume an additional source term proportional to $u(x,y)$:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\sigma}(x, y) + b(x, y)u(x, y) = f(x, y)$$



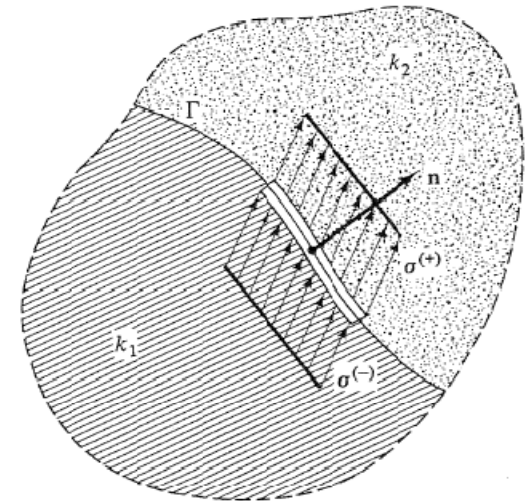
Conservation principle at interfaces

- Consider an interface Γ separating two materials with different modulus k_1 and k_2 . Take a thin strip of the body around a point on this interface. The balance law takes the form:

$$\Sigma = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} (-\vec{\sigma}^{(-)} \cdot \vec{n} + \vec{\sigma}^{(+)} \cdot \vec{n}) ds = 0$$

- The local balance at the interface reduces to:

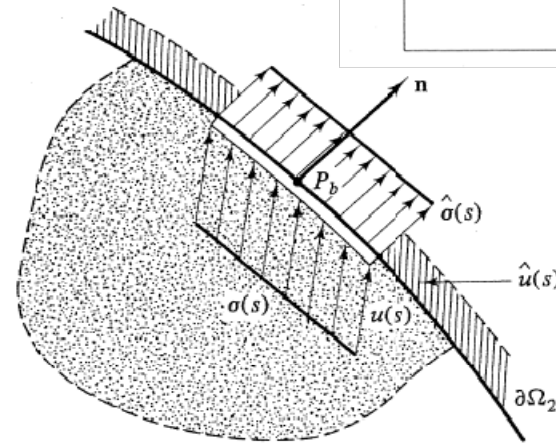
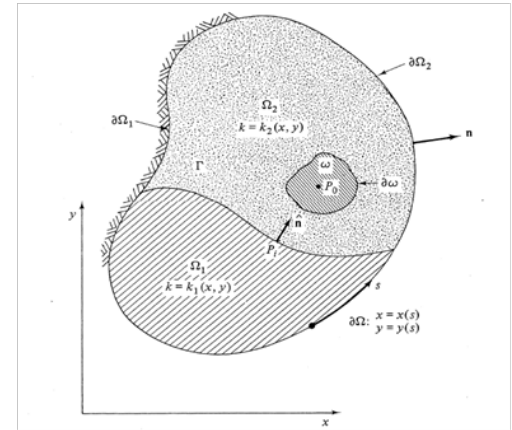
$$[[\sigma_n(s)]] = \vec{\sigma}^{(+)}(s) \cdot \vec{n} - \vec{\sigma}^{(-)}(s) \cdot \vec{n} = 0, s \in \Gamma$$



Boundary conditions

- Let us assume that in the boundary $\Gamma_q \equiv \partial\Omega_2$ we apply natural boundary conditions:

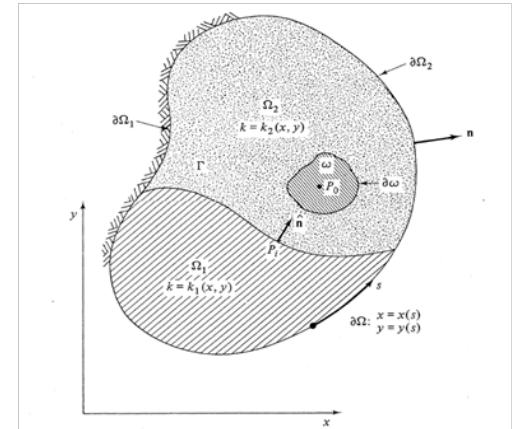
$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_n(s) &\equiv \vec{\sigma}(s) \cdot \vec{n}(s) = \hat{\sigma}(s) = \\ &= p(s)(u(s) - \hat{u}(s)), \\ s &\in \partial\Omega_2\end{aligned}$$



- On the boundary $\Gamma_u \equiv \partial\Omega_1$, we assume essential boundary conditions: $u(s) = \hat{u}(s), s \in \partial\Omega_1$

Summary of the problem of interest

- What we are given:
 - $\partial\Omega_1, \partial\Omega_2$ and the interface Γ
 - The source $f = f(x, y)$ in $\Omega_i, i=1,2$
 - The material moduli $k_i = k_i(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega_i, i=1,2$
 $b_i = b_i(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega_i, i=1,2$
 - The boundary coefficients $p(s), \hat{u}(s)$ in $\partial\Omega_2$
 or $\hat{\sigma}(s)$ in $\partial\Omega_2$



- With this data we want to compute $u(x,y)$ in Ω :

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) = f(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega_i, i = 1, 2$$

$$-k(s)\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial n} = p(s)[u(s) - \hat{u}(s)], s \in \partial\Omega_2 \text{ or } -k(s)\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial n} = \hat{\sigma}(s), s \in \partial\Omega_2$$

$$u(s) = \hat{u}(s), s \in \partial\Omega_1$$

$$[[k\vec{\nabla}u \cdot \vec{n}]] = 0, s \in \Gamma$$

A note regarding the boundary conditions

- The special case in which $b=0$ and when only natural BC of the form $-k(s)\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial n} = \hat{\sigma}(s)$, $s \in \partial\Omega_2$ is applied and when $\partial\Omega_2 \equiv \partial\Omega$, needs special attention:
 - The solution $u(x,y)$ can only be determined up to a constant
 - For u to exist, the following compatibility condition needs to be satisfied:

$$\int_{\Omega} f dx dy = \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{\sigma} ds$$

Variational problem: Weak form

- We start by multiplying the residual $r(x,y)$ by a sufficient smooth function $w(x,y)$ and integrate over each domain in which rw is smooth and set the resulting weighted average equal to zero:

$$r(x, y) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) - f(x, y)$$

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy +$$

$$\int_{\Omega_2} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy = 0$$

- We need to integrate by parts the first terms in each of these integrals

Variational problem

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy +$$
$$\int_{\Omega_2} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y)) + b(x, y)u(x, y) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy = 0$$

- Integration by parts gives:

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y)u(x, y)w(x, y) - f(x, y)w(x, y) \right] dx dy +$$
$$\int_{\Omega_2} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y)u(x, y)w(x, y) - f(x, y)w(x, y) \right] dx dy$$
$$- \int_{\Omega_1} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (wk \vec{\nabla} u) dx dy - \int_{\Omega_2} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (wk \vec{\nabla} u) dx dy = 0$$

- The last 2 integrals can be simplified with use of the divergence theorem.

Variational problem

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy +$$

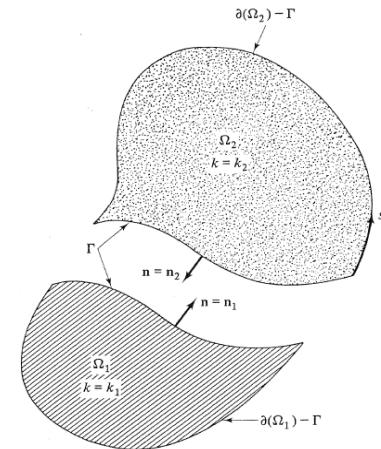
$$\int_{\Omega_2} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy$$

$$- \underbrace{\int_{\partial(\Omega_1)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds}_{\text{Boundary of the domain } \Omega_1} - \underbrace{\int_{\partial(\Omega_2)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds}_{\text{Boundary of the domain } \Omega_2} = 0$$

- We can separate integration over Γ in the last 2 terms:

$$- \int_{\partial(\Omega_1)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds - \int_{\partial(\Omega_2)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = - \int_{\partial(\Omega_1) - \Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds - \int_{\partial(\Omega_2) - \Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds$$

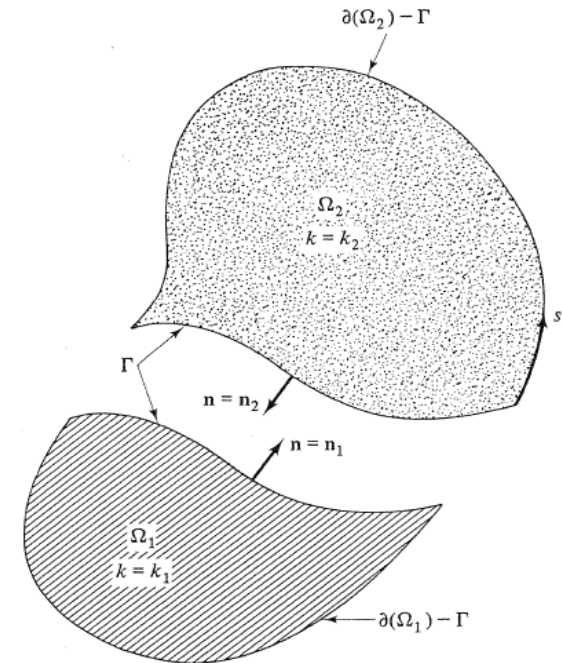
$$+ \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_1 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 1}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_2 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 2}}$$



Variational problem

$$-\int_{\partial(\Omega_1)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds - \int_{\partial(\Omega_2)} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = -\int_{\partial(\Omega_1)-\Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds - \int_{\partial(\Omega_2)-\Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_1 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 1}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_2 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 2}}$$

- Note that the outward normal n_1 to region Ω_1 is the negative of n_2 at each point on Γ .



$$\underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_1 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 1}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} (-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n})_2 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 2}} = \int_{\Gamma} (-k^{(+)} \frac{\partial u^{(+)}}{\partial n} + k^{(-)} \frac{\partial u^{(-)}}{\partial n}) w ds$$

Variational problem

$$\underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \left(-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right)_1 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 1}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Gamma} \left(-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right)_2 w ds}_{\text{evaluated in region 2}} = \int_{\Gamma} \left(-k^{(+)} \frac{\partial u^{(+)}}{\partial n} + k^{(-)} \frac{\partial u^{(-)}}{\partial n}\right) w ds$$

- The last integral is nothing else but: $w[[\sigma_n(s)]]$, which is 0!
- Finally, we can summarize our weak form as:

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy +$$

$$\int_{\Omega_2} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy$$

$$- \int_{\partial(\Omega_1)-\Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds - \int_{\partial(\Omega_2)-\Gamma} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = 0$$

Variational problem

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy - \int_{\underbrace{\partial\Omega}_{\text{Boundary of the whole domain } \Omega}} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = 0$$

- Substitution of the natural boundary condition

$$-k(s) \frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial n} = p(s)[u(s) - \hat{u}(s)], s \in \Gamma_q \equiv \partial\Omega_2 \quad \text{gives:}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) - f(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p(u - \hat{u}) w ds = 0$$

for all admissible functions $w(x, y)$ ($w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega_1$, since we require $u(s) = \hat{u}(s)$, $s \in \partial\Omega_1$)

- We write:

$$\int_{\partial\Omega_2} p(u - \hat{u}) w ds = \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds - \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \underbrace{p \hat{u}}_{\gamma} w ds = \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds - \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

Space of admissible functions: $H^1(\Omega)$

- Finally the weak form looks like:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

for all admissible functions $w(x, y)$, $w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega_1$

- What is the class of admissible functions?

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \right)^2 + w^2 \right] dx dy < \infty$$

- We indicate this space of functions as $H^1(\Omega)$,
 - 1 reflecting that first derivatives are square integrable
 - Ω indicates the domain over which these functions are defined.

Summary of weak problem

- Find a function $u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$, such that $u(s) = \hat{u}(s)$, $s \in \partial\Omega_1$ and the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} u(x, y) \cdot \vec{\nabla} w(x, y) + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

for all functions $w(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ with $w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega_1$.

- We can repeat the above **weak statement using matrix notation** as follows (more appropriate for FEM implementation)

Find $u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$, $u(s) = \hat{u}(s)$, $s \in \partial\Omega_1$, such that

$\forall w(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ with $w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega_1$ the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[\underbrace{(\nabla w)^T}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{k(x, y)}_{1 \times 1} \underbrace{\nabla u}_{2 \times 1} + b(x, y) u(x, y) w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} p u w ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

Matrix form of the weak statement

Find $u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$, $u(s) = \hat{u}(s)$, $s \in \partial\Omega_1$, such that

$\forall w(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$ with $w = 0$ on $\partial\Omega_1$ the following holds:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[\underbrace{(\nabla w)^T}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{k(x, y)}_{1 \times 1} \underbrace{\nabla u}_{2 \times 1} + b(x, y)u(x, y)w(x, y) \right] dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} puw ds = \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \gamma w ds$$

- The gradient operator here is defined as a column vector:

$$\nabla = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}, \nabla u = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}, (\nabla w)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We will be interchanging the 2 notations here hoping that from the context you know which notation is implied.

Appendices

Some extra slides are included here with:

- ✓ mathematics background,
- ✓ proof of equivalence of weak and strong formulations,
- ✓ Examples of deriving weak forms for 2D BVP,
- ✓ Including anisotropy (e.g. generalized Fourier's law), etc.

Equivalence between the weak and strong problems

- Consider the following simplified BVP and the corresponding weak form:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{q}(x, y)) = f(x, y), (x, y) \in \Omega$$

where: $\vec{q} = -k\vec{\nabla}u$, $-k(s)\frac{\partial u(s)}{\partial n} \equiv \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} = \bar{q}$ on Γ_q , and $u = \bar{u}$ on Γ_u , with $\Gamma_q \cup \Gamma_u \equiv \Gamma (\equiv \partial\Omega)$

- The weak form is: Find $u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega) : \forall w \in H^1(\Omega)$ with $w = 0$ on Γ_u :

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\nabla} w \, dx \, dy + \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w \, d\Gamma$$

- We want to show that this weak form is equivalent to the strong problem (recover the PDE + natural BCs)

Equivalence between the weak and strong problems

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\nabla} w \, dx \, dy + \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w \, d\Gamma$$

- Integration by parts of the first term gives the following:

$$\oint_{\Gamma} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} w \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} f w \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w \, d\Gamma \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_u} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_q} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} w (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f) \, d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w \, d\Gamma = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_q} w (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q}) \, d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_u} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} w (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f) \, d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall w \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u$$

Equivalence between the weak and strong problems

$$\int_{\Gamma_q} w(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q}) d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_u} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} w(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f) d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall w \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u$$

- Deriving the PDE first: Select w as follows:

$$w = \psi(x) (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f), \text{ with } \psi = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \text{ and } \psi > 0 \text{ on } \Omega$$

- The first equation above then results in:

$$\int_{\Omega} \psi (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f)^2 d\Omega = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} - f = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

Equivalence between the weak and strong problems

$$\int_{\Gamma_q} w(\vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q}) d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_u} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = 0 \quad \forall w \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u$$

- We next derive the natural BC: Select w as follows:

$$w = \zeta(x) (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q}), \text{ with } \zeta = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u \text{ and } \zeta > 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_q$$

- The first equation above then results in:

$$\int_{\Gamma_q} \zeta (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q})^2 d\Gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} - \bar{q} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_q$$

Generalized Fourier's law

- In general, the flux \vec{q} and temperature gradient are related with the anisotropic (generalized) Fourier's law:

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_x \\ q_y \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} k_{xx} & k_{xy} \\ k_{yx} & k_{yy} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = - \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} D \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 2 \text{ conductivity matrix}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{\nabla} u \end{bmatrix}}_{2 \times 1}$$

- For isotropic materials $[D] = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & k \end{bmatrix} = k \underbrace{[I]}_{2 \times 2 \text{ identity matrix}}$

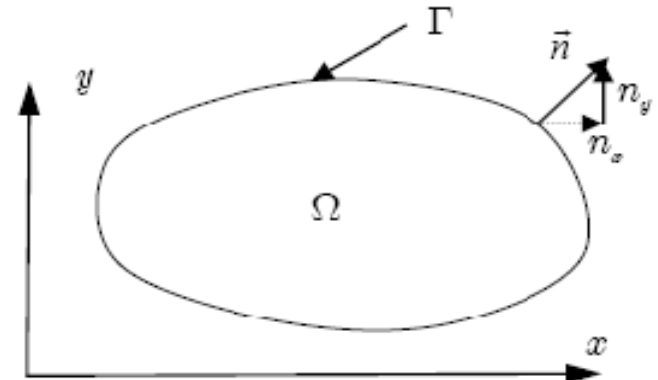
- For a 2D BVP with prescribed flux on Γ_q and temperature on Γ_u and a source term f , can you show that the weak form **in matrix notation** is: Find

$$u(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega) : \forall w \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_u : \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{(\vec{\nabla} w)^T}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{[D]}_{2 \times 2} \underbrace{\vec{\nabla} u}_{2 \times 1} dx dy = - \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w d\Gamma + \int_{\Omega} f w dx dy$$

Appendix: Green's theorem

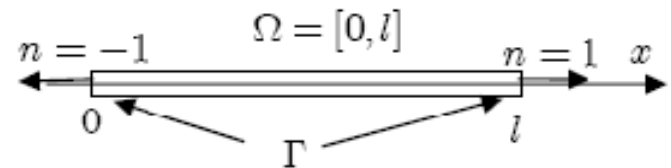
- If $u(x, y) \in C^0$ integrable, then:

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} u d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} u \vec{n} d\Gamma$$



- Recall the one-dimensional version of this (where the boundary is only 2 points):

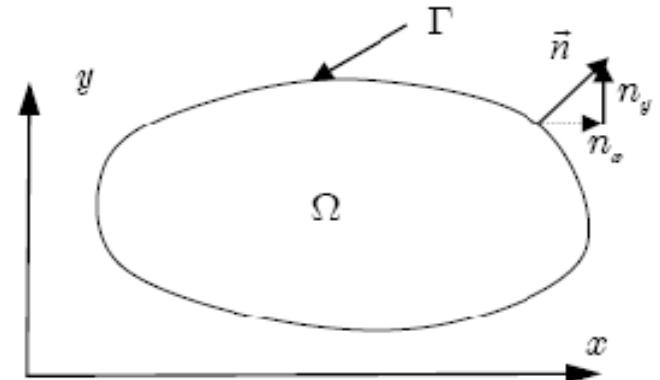
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{du}{dx} dx = un \Big|_{\Gamma} = u(x=L) - u(x=0)$$



Appendix: Divergence theorem

- If $\vec{q}(x, y) \in C^0$ integrable, then:

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma$$



- Note that: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} = \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y}$

- Explicitly, we can write the divergence theorem as:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} \right) d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} (q_x n_x + q_y n_y) d\Gamma$$

Appendix: Green's theorem

- This is the analogue of integration by parts in 1D:

$$\int_{\Omega} w \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} w \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega$$

- The proof of this is simple if you notice that:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (w \vec{q}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (w q_x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (w q_y) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} q_x + \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} w + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} q_y + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} w \Rightarrow$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (w \vec{q}) = w \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} + \vec{\nabla} w \cdot \vec{q}$$

- This together with the divergence theorem give:

$$\int_{\Omega} w \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot (w \vec{q}) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} w \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} w \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega$$

Appendix: Green's theorem in 1D

$$\int_{\Omega} w \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} w \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} w \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega$$

- The 1D analogue of Green's theorem is as follows:

$$\int_{\Omega} w \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} d\Omega = \oint_{\Gamma} w q_x n d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} q_x d\Omega$$

or more explicitly as:

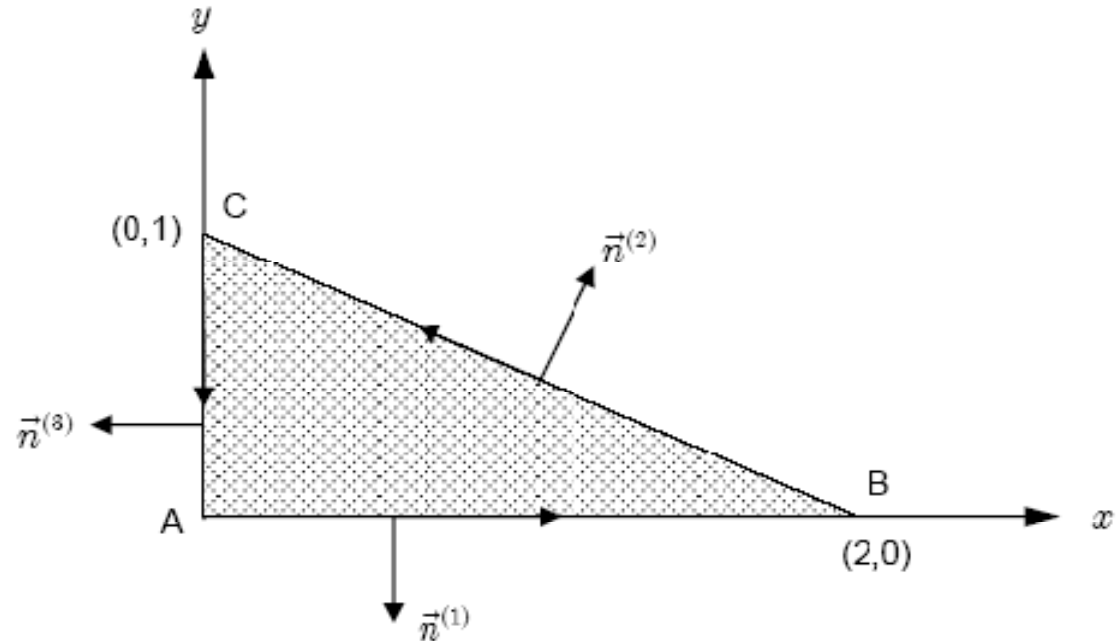
$$\int_{\Omega} w \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} dx = w q_x n \Big|_{\Gamma} - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} q_x dx = (w q_x \Big|_{x=L} - w q_x \Big|_{x=0}) - \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} q_x dx$$

Recall that we had used this compact form in 1D to treat boundary conditions on the left ($x=0$) and the right ($x=L$) end points in a unified way

Example problem on divergence theorem

- Consider the vector function $\vec{q} = (q_x, q_y) = (3x^2 y + y^3, 3x + y^3)$, defined in the domain shown in the figure below.
- Demonstrate the validity of the divergence theorem, i.e.

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma$$



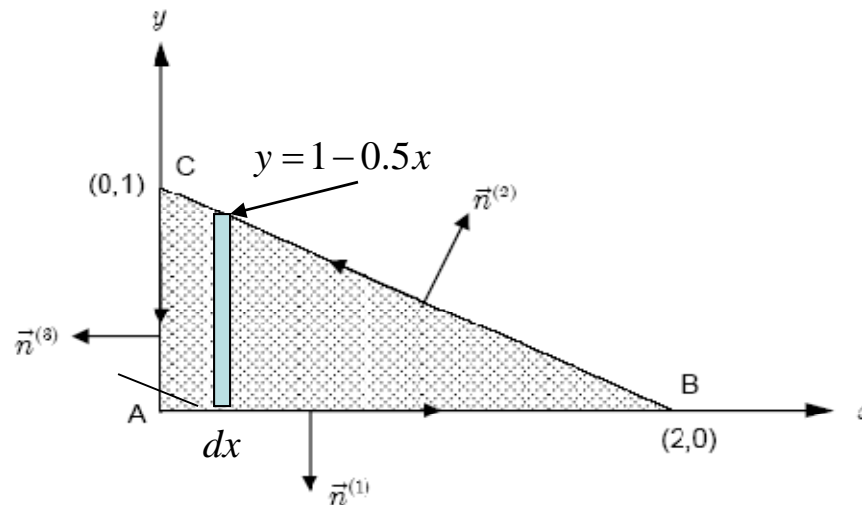
Example problem on divergence theorem

- From $\vec{q} = (q_x, q_y) = (3x^2y + y^3, 3x + y^3)$, we compute the following:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} = \frac{\partial q_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial q_y}{\partial y} = (6xy) + (3y^2) = 6xy + 3y^2$$

- Using this, we compute $\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega$ as follows:

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \int_0^2 \int_0^{1-0.5x} (6xy + 3y^2) dy dx = \int_0^2 [3x(1-0.5x)^2 + (1-0.5x)^3] dx = 1.5$$



Example problem on divergence theorem

• Also:
$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = \int_{AB} \vec{q} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{n}}_{(0,-1)} \underbrace{d\Gamma}_{dx} + \int_{BC} \vec{q} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{n}}_{\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}(1,2)} \underbrace{d\Gamma}_{-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}dx} + \int_{CA} \vec{q} \cdot \underbrace{\vec{n}}_{(-1,0)} \underbrace{d\Gamma}_{-dy}$$

• Note that on segment BC: $ds = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} dx$ and $\vec{n}^{(2)} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}(1,2)$. Thus

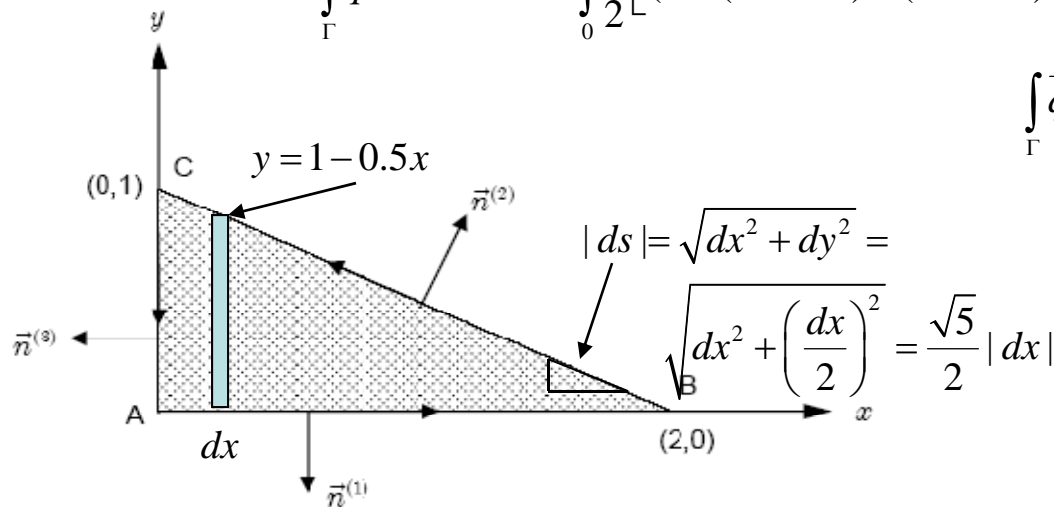
$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = \int_0^2 -(3x + \underbrace{y^3}_0) dx + \int_2^0 \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \left[(3x^2 \underbrace{y}_{1-0.5x} + y^3) + 2(3x + y^3) \right] \left(-\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} dx\right) + \int_1^0 (-3 \underbrace{x^2}_0 y - y^3) (-dy) \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = -6 + \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2} \left[(3x^2(1-0.5x) + (1-0.5x)^3) + 2(3x + (1-0.5x)^3) \right] dx - 0.25 \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = -6 + 7.75 - 0.25$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = -6 + 7.75 - 0.25 = 1.5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{q} d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma$$



Example: Deriving the weak form

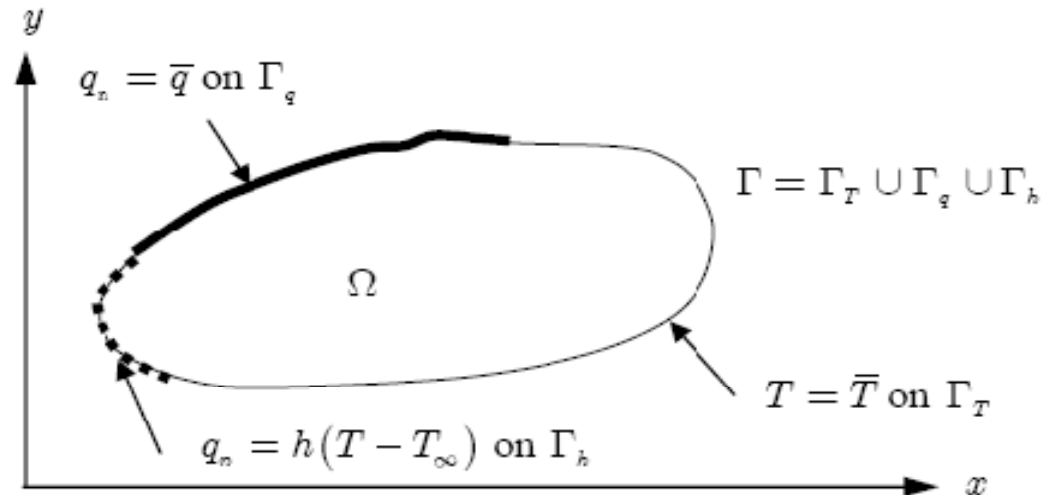
- Consider isotropic heat conduction in the domain shown with the boundary conditions indicated. Provide a complete weak statement of the problem.

$$-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}T(x, y)) = f(x, y)$$

- We start by multiplying with the weight function w

and integrating over the domain:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y)\vec{\nabla}T(x, y)) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy = 0, \forall \text{ sufficiently smooth } w$$



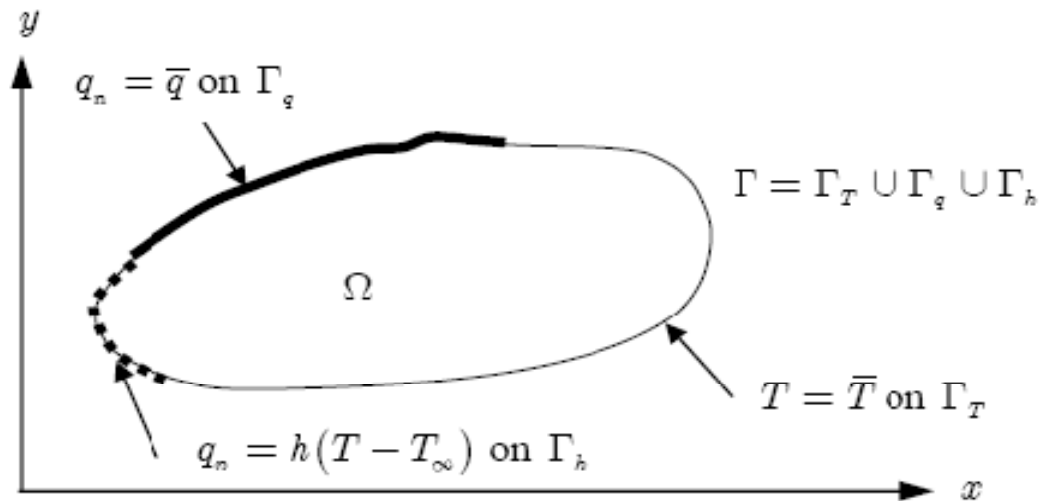
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$$\int_{\Omega} \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot (k(x, y) \vec{\nabla} T(x, y)) - f(x, y) \right] w(x, y) dx dy = 0, \forall \text{ sufficiently smooth } w$$

- Integration by parts gives:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k \vec{\nabla} T \cdot \vec{\nabla} w - fw \right] dx dy - \int_{\Gamma_q + \Gamma_h} k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} w ds = 0, \forall w \in H^1(\Omega), \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_T$$

- The boundary term can be further simplified as:



$$\int_{\Gamma_q + \Gamma_h} k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} w ds = \int_{\Gamma_q} (-\bar{q}) w ds + \int_{\Gamma_h} (-h(T - T_\infty)) w ds = - \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w ds - \int_{\Gamma_h} h T w ds + \int_{\Gamma_h} h T_\infty w ds$$

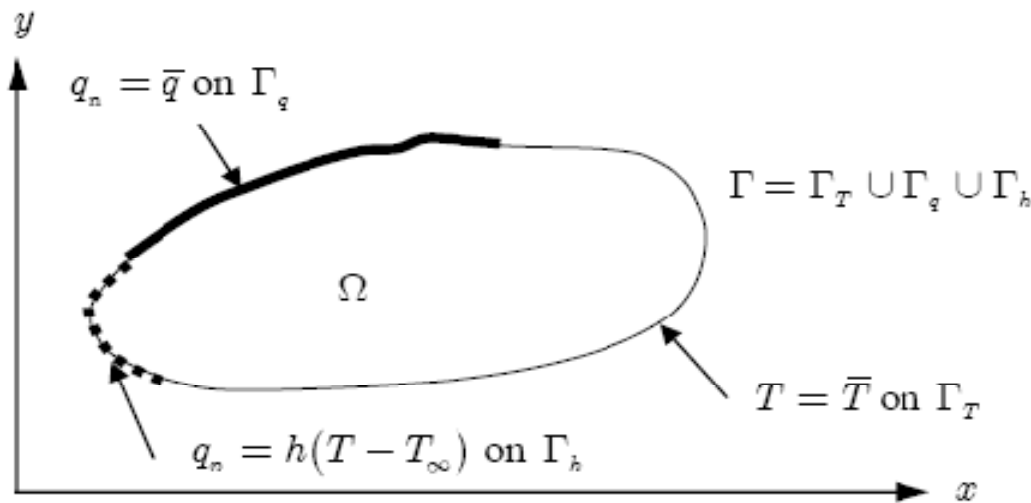
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$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k \vec{\nabla} T \cdot \vec{\nabla} w - fw \right] dx dy - \int_{\Gamma_q + \Gamma_h} k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} w ds = 0, \forall w \in H^1(\Omega), \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_T$$

- The final weak form is then:

Find $T(x, y) \in H^1(\Omega)$, with $T = \bar{T}$ on Γ_T such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[k \vec{\nabla} T \cdot \vec{\nabla} w - fw \right] dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_h} h T w ds = - \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w ds + \int_{\Gamma_h} h T_{\infty} w ds, \forall w \in H^1(\Omega), \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_T$$



In matrix form, we can also write the weak form as:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[\underbrace{(\nabla w)^T}_{1 \times 2} \underbrace{k}_{1 \times 1} \underbrace{\nabla T}_{2 \times 1} - fw \right] dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_h} h T w ds = - \int_{\Gamma_q} \bar{q} w ds + \int_{\Gamma_h} h T_{\infty} w ds$$

$$\forall w \in H^1(\Omega), \text{ with } w = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_T$$