- FEM
- Converts PDE into a set of linear algebraic equations
  - To obtain approximate solutions to boundary-value problems (BVPs)
- Two methods:
- Variational method (Rayleigh-Ritz method):
  - Starts with variational representation of the BVPs
- Weighted residual method
  - Similar to MoM

- Variational method (Rayleigh-Ritz method):
  - In BVPs,
  - it is often possible to replace the problem of integrating a differential equation
  - by the equivalent problem of seeking a function that gives a minimum value of some integral (functional)
- Problems of this type are called variational problems
- Was first presented by Rayleigh in 1877 and extended by Ritz in 1909

- Use Calculus of Variations in solving BVPs
- What is Calculus of Variations?
- Calculus of Variations:
  - It is an extension of ordinary calculus
  - it is concerned primarily with the theory of maxima and minima
- In FEM, we will try to find the extrema of an integral expression involving a function of function (functionals)

- Consider the problem of finding a function  $\Phi(x)$  {consider  $\Phi$  is dependent only on x} such that the function
- $I(\Phi) = \int_a^b F(x, \Phi, \Phi') dx$
- Subject to the boundary condition  $\Phi(a) = A, \Phi(b) = B$
- The integrand  $F(x, \Phi, \Phi')$  is a given function of x,  $\Phi$  and  $\Phi' = \frac{d\Phi}{dx}$
- The  $I(\Phi)$  is called a functional or variational principle
- The problem here is finding an extremizing function  $\Phi(x)$  for which the functional  $I(\Phi)$  has an extremum

- ullet Let us introduce an operator  $\delta$  called the *variational symbol*
- The variation  $\delta\Phi$  of a function  $\Phi(x)$  is an infinitesimal change in  $\Phi$  for a fixed value of the independent variable x, i.e., for  $\delta x = 0$
- Note that total differential of  $F(x, \Phi, \Phi')$  is

• 
$$\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} d\Phi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi'} d\Phi'$$

- where  $\delta x = 0$  since x does not change when  $\Phi$  changes from  $\Phi + \delta \Phi$
- $\delta F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} d\Phi + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi'} d\Phi'$

- ullet Note that  $\delta$  operator is similar to differential operator
- A necessary condition for  $I(\Phi)$  to have an extremum is
- $\delta I = 0$
- Let h(x) be an increment in  $\Phi(x)$
- In order that the boundary condition  $\Phi(a) = A, \Phi(b) = B$  is satisfied
- h(a) = 0, h(b) = 0
- The corresponding increment in I is
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- =  $\int_a^b [F(x, \Phi + h, \Phi' + h') F(x, \Phi, \Phi')] dx$
- On applying Taylor's series expansion
- $\Delta I = \int_a^b [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h']dx + higher order terms = \delta I + O(h^2)$
- where  $\delta I = \int_a^b [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h']dx$

Integration by parts

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

- Take  $v = F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')$ , u = h, du = h'dx
- for the second term in the integrand  $\delta I = \int_a^b [F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi')h'] dx$
- Integration by parts
- $\delta I = \int_a^b \left[ F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi') h \frac{d}{dx} \left( F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) h \right] dx + F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') h \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b}$

- The last term is zero
- $\delta I = \int_a^b \left[ F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi') h \frac{d}{dx} \left( F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) h \right] dx$
- For  $\delta I = 0$ , we have, integrand equal to zero
- $F_{\Phi}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \frac{d}{dx} \left( F_{\Phi'}(x, \Phi, \Phi') \right) = 0$
- $\bullet \frac{\partial F}{\partial \Phi} \frac{d}{dx} (F_{\Phi'}) = 0$
- This is called Euler's (Euler-Lagrange) equation
- Thus necessary condition for  $I(\Phi)$  to have an extremum for a given function  $\Phi(x)$  is that  $\Phi(x)$  satisfies Euler's equation

• The function  $\Phi(x)$  that gives minimum of the functional I therefore satisfies the equation which is called Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{d\left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi'}\right)}{dx} = 0; \phi' = \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

• When the function  $\Phi(x,y,z)$  depends on three independent variables, the 3-D form of the Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_x}\right)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_y}\right)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_z}\right)}{\partial z} = 0$$

• where

$$\phi_x = \frac{d\phi}{dx}, \phi_y = \frac{d\phi}{dy}, \phi_z = \frac{d\phi}{dz}$$

- Example:
- Given the functional

• 
$$I(\Phi) = \int_{\mathcal{S}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2 \right) - f(x, y) \Phi \right] dx dy$$

- Obtain the Euler's equation.
- Solution:
- The integrand of the function or variational principle is

• 
$$F(x, y, \Phi, \Phi_x, \Phi_y) = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2) - f(x, y)\Phi$$

• It has two independent variables

• Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_x}\right)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_y}\right)}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi_z}\right)}{\partial z} = 0$$

• where

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$$F(x, y, \Phi, \Phi_x, \Phi_y) = \frac{1}{2}(\Phi_x^2 + \Phi_y^2) - f(x, y)\Phi$$

- Hence,
- $-f(x,y) \Phi_{xx} \Phi_{yy} = 0$
- $\Rightarrow \Phi_{xx} + \Phi_{yy} = -f(x, y) \Rightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y)$
- which is the Poisson's equation

- Construction of functionals from PDE
- We will try to find functional or variational principle for a given differential equation
- It involves four steps
- (1) Multiply the  $\mathcal{L}\Phi=f$  (Euler's equation) with the variational  $\delta\Phi$  of the dependent variable  $\Phi$  and integrate over the domain of the problem
- (2) Use integration by parts to transfer the derivatives to variation  $\delta\Phi$

- (3) Express the boundary integrals in terms of the specified boundary condition
- (4) Bring the variational operator  $\delta$  outside the integrals
- For instance,
- We want to find the functional or variational principle of the Poisson's equation
- $\nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y) \Rightarrow -\nabla^2 \Phi f(x, y) = 0$
- (1)  $\delta I = \int \int [-\nabla^2 \Phi f(x, y)] \delta \Phi dx dy =$  $-\int \int \nabla^2 \Phi \delta \Phi dx dy - \int \int f(x, y) \delta \Phi dx dy$

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

- (2) Integration by parts
- Hence the first term of

$$\delta I = -\int \int \nabla^2 \Phi \delta \Phi dx dy - \int \int f(x, y) \delta \Phi dx dy$$

- is simplified as
- $\int \int (-\nabla^2 \Phi) \delta \Phi dx dy =$
- $-\int \int (\Phi_{xx} + \Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dx dy =$
- $-\int \int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx dy \int \int (\Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dx dy$

- In order to find using integration by parts  $\int \int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx dy$

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

• Let us take 
$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$
•  $v = \delta \Phi$ ,  $du = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} \right) dx = \Phi_{xx} dx$ ,  $u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} = \Phi_{x}$ 

- and  $dv = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi dx$
- Hence integration by parts of the first integration

$$\int \left[ \int (\Phi_{xx}) \delta \Phi dx \right] dy = \int \left[ \delta \Phi \Phi_x - \int \Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi dx \right] dy$$

- In order to find using integration by parts  $\int \int (\Phi_{vv}) \delta \Phi dx dy$

$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$

• Let us take 
$$\int v du = vu - \int u dv$$
•  $v = \delta \Phi$ ,  $du = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \right) dy = \Phi_{yy} dy$ ,  $u = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} = \Phi_y$ 

- and  $dv = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi dy$
- Hence integration by parts of the first integration

$$\int \left[ \int (\Phi_{yy}) \delta \Phi dy \right] dx = \int \left[ \delta \Phi \Phi_y - \int \Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi dy \right] dx$$

- Hence
- $\delta I = \int \int \left[ \Phi_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta \Phi + \Phi_y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta \Phi f(x, y) \delta \Phi \right] dx dy \int \delta \Phi \Phi_x dy \int \delta \Phi \Phi_y dx$
- =  $\frac{\delta}{2} \int \int \left[ (\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 2f\Phi \right] dx dy \delta \int \Phi \Phi_x dy \delta \int \Phi \Phi_y dx$
- If we assume homogeneous Drichlet or Neuman boundary conditions
- $\delta I = \delta \int \int \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 2f\Phi \right] dxdy$

- Therefore variational principle or functional
- for Poisson's equation  $\nabla^2 \Phi = -f(x, y)$
- After taking all terms to RHS  $-\nabla^2 \Phi f(x, y) = 0$  for

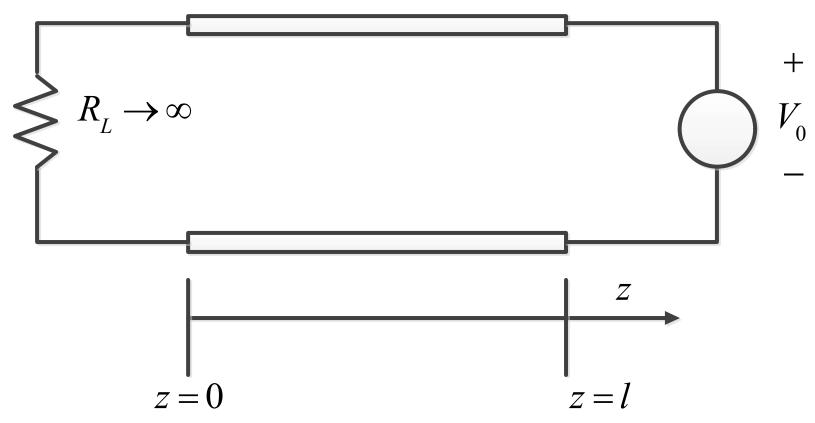
• 
$$I = \int \int \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\Phi_x)^2 + (\Phi_y)^2 - 2f\Phi \right] dxdy$$

• For  $L\Phi = g$  is obtained by extremizing the functional

$$I(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \iiint \left| \nabla \Phi \right|^2 - k^2 \Phi^2 + 2\Phi g \right] ds$$

- for Euler's equation  $\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = g$  after taking all terms to RHS
- $-\nabla^2 \Phi k^2 \Phi + g = 0$

• FEM analysis of transmission lines (Variational approach)



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Telegrapher's equation

$$\frac{\partial I(z,t)}{\partial z} = -C(z) \frac{\partial V(z,t)}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial V(z,t)}{\partial z} = -L(z) \frac{\partial I(z,t)}{\partial t}$$

• In frequency domain

$$\frac{\partial I(z)}{\partial z} = -j\omega C(z)V(z)$$

$$\frac{\partial V(z)}{\partial z} = -j\omega L(z)I(z)$$

• 1-D wave equation in TL

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{L} \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \right) = -j\omega \frac{dI(z)}{dz} = -\omega^2 CV$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \right) + \omega^2 LCV = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2V(z)}{dz^2} + \omega^2 LCV = 0$$

- Euler's equation  $\nabla^2 \Phi + k^2 \Phi = g$
- Functional is

$$I(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \iint \left[ \left| \nabla \Phi \right|^2 - k^2 \Phi^2 + 2\Phi g \right] ds$$

- Euler's equation  $\frac{1}{L} \frac{d^2V(z)}{dz^2} + \omega^2 CV = 0$
- Transfer all terms to RHS,  $-\frac{1}{L}\frac{d^2V(z)}{dz^2} \omega^2CV = 0$
- Therefore, functional is

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{l} \left[ \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{dV}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2} C V^{2} \right] dz$$

• Hence, the integrand of the functional is

$$F\left(V, \frac{dV}{dz}, z\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{dV}{dz} \right)^2 - \omega^2 C V^2 \right]$$

• Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial V} = -\omega^2 CV; \frac{\partial F}{\partial V_z} = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dV}{dz} = \frac{1}{L} V_z$$

Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} - \frac{d \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial \phi} \right)}{dx} = 0$$

• Hence the PDE for this case is

$$\omega^2 CV + \frac{1}{L} \frac{d^2V}{dz^2} = 0$$

• It is the wave equation of the TL

This functional can be expressed as

$$-\frac{1}{2}\omega^{2}\int_{l}\left[LI^{2}+CV^{2}\right]dz \qquad \because -\frac{1}{j\omega L}\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}=I$$

• The integrand look like stored electric and magnetic energy per unit length, so energy-related functional

• The approximate voltage for element lying between  $z_l$  and  $z_r$ :

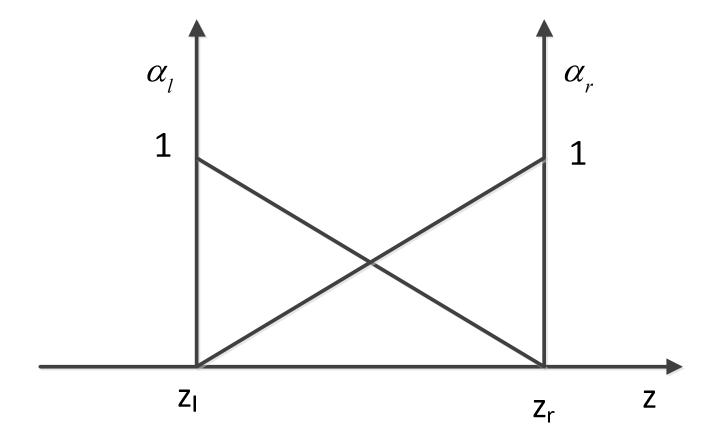
$$V^e = \alpha_l(z)V_l + \alpha_r(z)V_r$$

where the interpolation functions are given by

$$\alpha_l(z) = \frac{z_r - z}{z_r - z_l}; \alpha_r(z) = \frac{z - z_l}{z_r - z_l}$$

• Assume that a TL of length l is discretized into N elements, each of length  $h_e = 1/N$ 

• Interpolation functions



Substituting the approximate voltage in the functional

$$F^{e}(V^{e}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{z_{l}}^{z_{r}} \left[ \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{dV^{e}}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2} C(V^{e})^{2} \right] dz$$

$$F^{e}(V^{e}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{z_{l}}^{z_{r}} \left[ \frac{1}{L} \left( \frac{d(\alpha_{l}(z)V_{l} + \alpha_{r}(z)V_{r})}{dz} \right)^{2} - \omega^{2}C(\alpha_{l}(z)V_{l} + \alpha_{r}(z)V_{r})^{2} \right] dz$$