

Part III

Introduction to the Finite Element Technique for Electromagnetic Modelling

Classical and weak formulations

Partial differential problem



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Magnetostatic formulations



Magnetostatic formulations



Multivalued scalar potential

Kernel of the curl (in a domain Ω)

ker (curl) = { \mathbf{v} : curl \mathbf{v} = 0 }



Multivalued scalar potential - Cut



Vector potential - gauge condition



Magnetodynamic formulations



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Electrostatic problem



Electrokinetic problem





Magnetostatic problem





Magnetodynamic problem





Continuous mathematical structure

Domain Ω , **Boundary** $\partial \Omega = \Gamma_h \cup \Gamma_e$



Discrete mathematical structure



Discrete mathematical structure



Finite elements

* Finite element (K, P_{K} , Σ_{K})

- K = domain of space (tetrahedron, hexahedron, prism)
- P_K = function space of finite dimension n_K , defined in K
- ∑_K = set of n_K degrees of freedom represented by n_K linear functionals φ_i, 1 ≤ i ≤ n_K, defined in P_K and whose values belong to IR



Finite elements

Unisolvance

 $\forall u \in P_K$, u is uniquely defined by the degrees of freedom

Interpolation



Finite element space

Union of finite elements $(K_j, P_{Kj}, \Sigma_{Kj})$ such as :

- the union of the K_i fill the studied domain (= mesh)
- some continuity conditions are satisfied across the element interfaces

Sequence of finite element spaces



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	Functions	Properties	Functionals	Degrees of freedom				
S ⁰	$\{s_i, i \in N\}$	$s_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$	Point evaluation	Nodal value	Nodal element			
S ¹	$\{\mathbf{s}_i, i \in E\}$	$\int_{j} \mathbf{s}_{i} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \delta_{ij}_{\forall_{i,j} \in E}$	Curve integral	Circulation along edge	Edge element			
S ²	$\{\mathbf{s}_i, i \in F\}$	$\int_{j} \mathbf{s}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = \delta_{ij}$	Surface integral	Flux across face	Face element			
S ³	$\{s_i, i \in V\}$	$\int_{j} s_i dv = \delta_{ij}_{\forall i,j \in V}$	Volume integral	Volume integral	Volume element			
$u_{K} = \sum \phi_{i}(u) s_{i}$								
Bases $i_{i} finite elements$								

Sequence of finite element spaces

	Base functions	Continuity across element interfaces	Codomains of the operators	
S ⁰	$\{s_i, i \in N\}$	value	S ⁰	
S ¹	$\{\mathbf{s}_i, i \in E\}$	tangential component	grad $S^0 \subset S^1$	$\overline{\mathbf{J}}$
S ²	$\{\mathbf{s}_i, i \in F\}$	normal component	curl S ¹ \subset S ²	
S ³	$\{s_i, i \in V\}$	discontinuity	div S ² \subset S ³	v S ²
		Conformity	Sequence	
			$S^0 \xrightarrow{\text{grad}} S^1 \xrightarrow{\text{curl}} S^2$	<u>div</u>

Function spaces S⁰ et S³

For each node $i \in N \rightarrow$ scalar field

 $\mathbf{s}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{p}_{i}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{S}^{0}$

$$p_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{at node } i \\ 0 & \text{at all other nodes} \end{cases}$$

 p_i continuous in Ω



For each Volume $v \in V \rightarrow$ scalar field

$$s_v = 1 / vol(v) \in S^3$$

Edge function space S¹

For each edge $e_{ij} = \{i, j\} \in E \rightarrow$ vector field

$$\mathbf{s}_{e_{ij}} = p_j \operatorname{grad} \sum_{r \in N_{F,ji}} p_r - p_i \operatorname{grad} \sum_{r \in N_{F,ij}} p_r \quad \mathbf{s}_e \in S^1$$





Edge function space S¹



Function space S²

For each facet $f \in F \rightarrow$ vector field f = f_{ijk(l)} = {i, j, k (, l) } = {q₁, q₂, q₃ (, q₄) }



Particular subspaces of S¹



Kernel of the curl operator



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Gauged subspace of S¹



Mesh of electromagnetic devices

Electromagnetic fields extend to infinity (unbounded domain)

Approximate boundary conditions:

• zero fields at finite distance

Rigorous boundary conditions:

• "infinite" finite elements (geometrical transformations)

• boundary elements (FEM-BEM coupling)

Electromagnetic fields are confined (bounded domain)

Rigorous boundary conditions

Mesh of electromagnetic devices

- Electromagnetic fields enter the materials up to a distance depending of physical characteristics and constraints
 - Skin depth δ (δ<< if ω, σ, μ >>)

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \, \sigma \, \mu}}$$



• use of surface elements when $\delta \rightarrow 0$

Mesh of electromagnetic devices

Types of elements

- ◆ 2D : triangles, quadrangles
- 3D : tetrahedra, hexahedra, prisms, pyramids
- Coupling of volume and surface elements
 - boundary conditions
 - thin plates
 - interfaces between regions
 - cuts (for making domains simply connected)
- Special elements (air gaps between moving pieces, ...)