

Energy methods:

- The correct (exact) solution has the minimum potential energy among all **trial solutions**.
- **Trial solution:** Is a smooth enough function (so that the energy can be calculated) that satisfies all **ESSENTIAL BCs**.

Figure 1

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 $y=0$
 $\theta = y' = 0$
 Essential BC

$\textcircled{2} x=L$
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 M
 Natural BC

Problem 1

$$\Pi = \underbrace{V}_{\text{internal}} - \underbrace{W}_{\text{external work}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI y''^2 dx - (W_b + W_f)$$

$$W_b = \int_0^L y(q dx) = \int_0^L y \underbrace{q dx}_{dF_b}$$

$$W_f = -\bar{V} y(L) + \bar{M} y'(L)$$

$$\Pi(y) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI y''^2 dx - \int_0^L y q dx + \bar{V} y(L) - \bar{M} y'(L)$$

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y is the correct (exact) solution: if

$\forall \tilde{y} \quad \Pi(y) \leq \Pi(\tilde{y})$

\tilde{y} trial function

$\tilde{y} \in \mathcal{P} = \left\{ \tilde{y} \in C^2 \mid \tilde{y}(0) = 0, \tilde{y}'(0) = 0 \right\}$

space of solutions

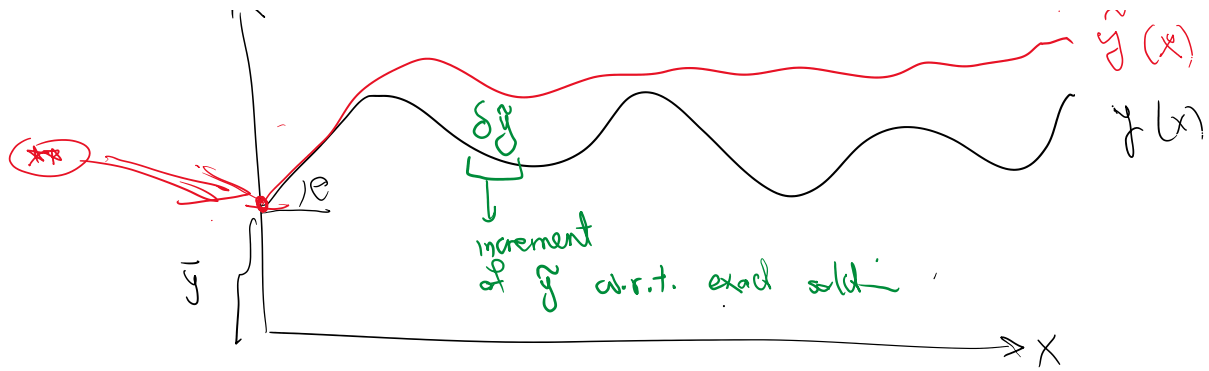
we can reduce this by 1 (see course notes)

$\tilde{y}(0) = 0, \tilde{y}'(0) = 0$

the same as solution space

trial solution must satisfy in WK all essential BC

$\tilde{y}(x)$



$$\delta \tilde{y} = \tilde{y} - y \in W = \left\{ f \in C^1([0, L]) \mid f(0) = 0, f'(L) = 0 \right\}$$

the same as weight space in WK

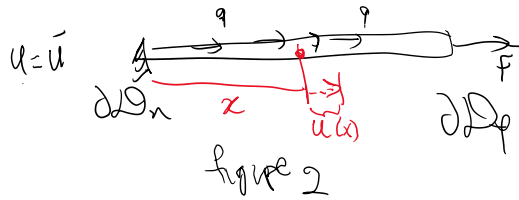
$$\delta \tilde{y}(0) = \underbrace{\tilde{y}(0)}_{\bar{y}} - \underbrace{y(0)}_{\bar{y}} = \bar{y} - \bar{y} = 0$$

$$(\delta \tilde{y})'(L) = \tilde{y}'(L) - y'(L) = \bar{\theta} - \bar{\theta} = 0$$

Similarly for the simpler bar problem we have the following statement

Find u such that for all trial functions \tilde{u} we have

problem 2



$$\Pi(u) \leq \Pi(\tilde{u})$$

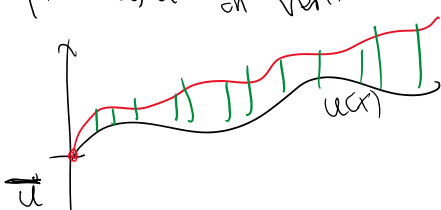
$$u \in \mathcal{V} = \left\{ f \in C^1([0, L]) \mid f(0) = \bar{u} \right\}$$

$$\delta \tilde{u} = \tilde{u} - u \in W = \left\{ f \in C^1([0, L]) \mid f(0) = 0 \right\}$$

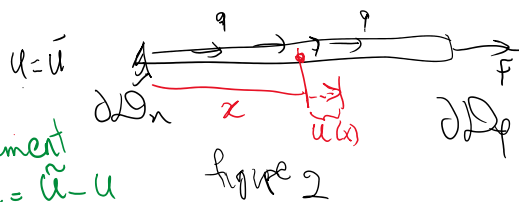
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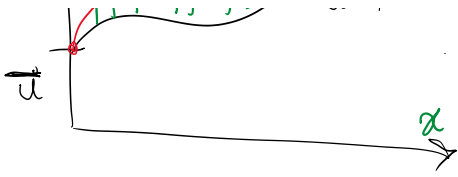
$$\Pi(u) = V - N = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EA u'^2 dx - \int_0^L u q dx - \bar{F} u(L)$$

If I plot u, \tilde{u} on vertical axis

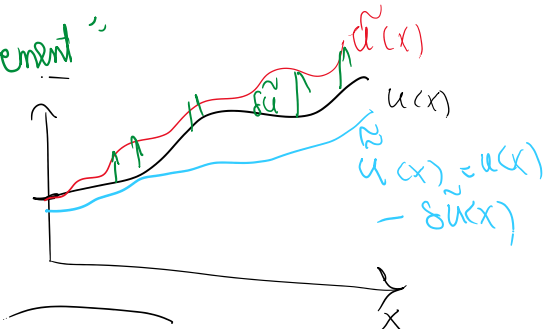
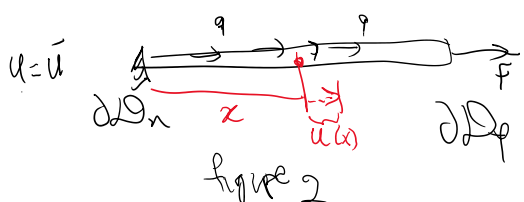


$\delta \tilde{u} =$ increment of $\tilde{u} = \tilde{u} - u$





$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pi(\tilde{u}) &= \Pi(u + \delta \tilde{u}) = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA \tilde{u}'^2 dx - \int_0^L q \tilde{u} dx - F \tilde{u}(L) \\
 &= \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA [(u + \delta \tilde{u})']^2 dx - \int_0^L q (u + \delta \tilde{u}) dx - F (u + \delta \tilde{u})(L) \\
 &= \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA (u'^2 + 2u' \delta \tilde{u}' + \delta \tilde{u}'^2) dx - \int_0^L q u dx - \int_0^L q \delta \tilde{u} dx - Fu(L) - F \delta \tilde{u}(L) \\
 \Pi(\tilde{u}) &= \underbrace{\int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA u'^2 dx - \int_0^L q u dx - Fu(L)}_{\Pi(u)} \quad \text{" " terms} \\
 &+ \underbrace{\int_0^L \delta \tilde{u}' EA u' dx - \int_0^L \delta \tilde{u} q dx - \delta \tilde{u}(L) F}_{\delta \Pi \text{ "1st increment" }} \quad \text{" " terms} \\
 &+ \underbrace{\int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA (\delta \tilde{u}')^2 dx}_{\delta^2 \Pi \text{ "2nd increment" }} \quad \text{" " term}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$0 \leq \Pi(\tilde{u}) - \Pi(u) = \delta \Pi + \delta^2 \Pi \quad (3)$$

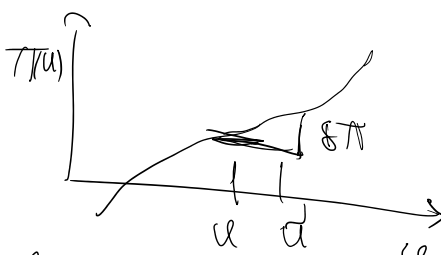
because u is the exact solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta \Pi &= \int_0^L \delta \tilde{u}' EA u' dx - \int_0^L \delta \tilde{u} q dx - \delta \tilde{u}(L) F \\
 \delta^2 \Pi &= \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA (\delta \tilde{u}')^2 dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\& \Pi(u) \leq \Pi(\tilde{u})$$

For minimum condition

$\delta \Pi$ must be zero so if $\delta \Pi = 0$ eqn (3)

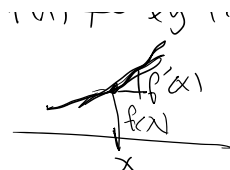


similar to $f(x+\Delta x) - f(x) = f'(x)\Delta x + \frac{1}{2}f''(x)\Delta x^2 + \dots$

$f'(x) \neq 0$ eg $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}Ax^2$

$\delta \Pi$ must be zero so if $\delta \Pi = 0$ eqn (3) \Rightarrow

simplifies to $\Pi(\tilde{u}) - \Pi(u) = \delta^2 \Pi \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Pi(u) \leq \Pi(\tilde{u})$

$$\delta^2 \Pi = \int_0^L \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} EA (\delta \tilde{u}')^2}_{\geq 0} dx \geq 0$$


\Rightarrow All we need to satisfy for the exact solution u

is

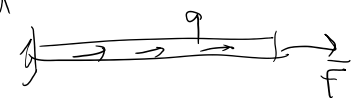
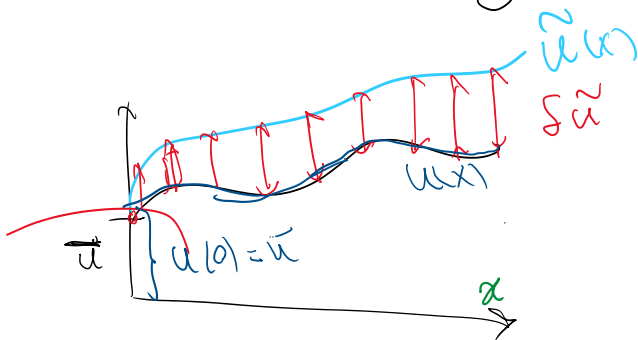
$$\int \delta \Pi = 0 \quad (4)$$

Energy minimization gives ($\delta \Pi = 0$). That is

Find $u \in \mathcal{V} = \{ f \in C^1(\Omega) \mid f(0) = \bar{u} \}$

$\ni \forall \delta \tilde{u} \in \mathcal{W} = \{ f \in C^1(\Omega) \mid f(0) = 0 \}$

$$\delta \Pi = \int_0^L \delta \tilde{u}' EA u' dx - \int_0^L \delta \tilde{u} q dx - \delta \tilde{u}(L) F = 0$$



This is identical to the weak statement that we derived on 9/13

Find $u \in \mathcal{V} = \{ f \in C^1(\Omega) \mid f(0) = \bar{u} \}$

$\forall w \in \mathcal{W} = \{ f \in C^1(\Omega) \mid f(0) = 0 \}$

\ni orders & weights one balanced satisfy essential

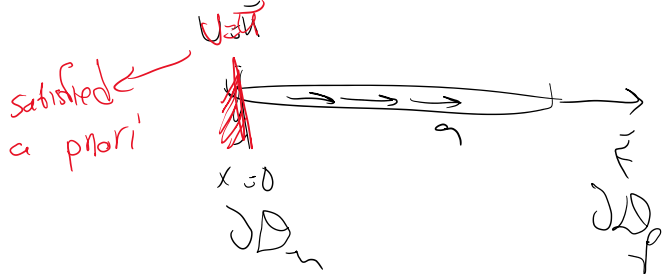
$$\forall w \in W = \{ f \in C^1(\Omega) \}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

orders are balanced & slin & weight satisfy essential BC (for weight the homogeneous version of it)

$$\int_0^L \underline{w'} EA u' dx = \int_0^L q dx + w(L) \bar{F}$$

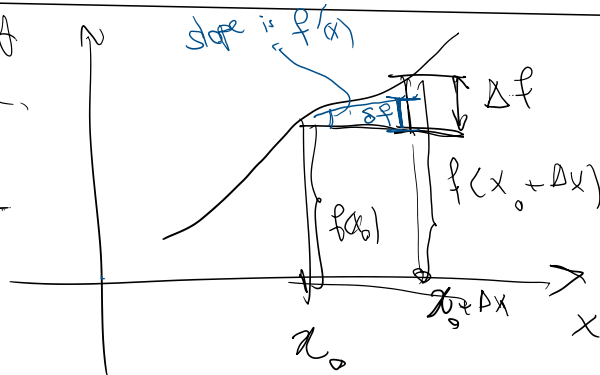
the weak statement



$$\Delta f = \delta f + \delta^2 f + \delta^3 f + \dots$$

$$\delta f = f'(x_0) \Delta x$$

$$\delta^2 f = \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x^2$$



$$\underbrace{\Delta f}_{\text{total variation}} = f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0) = \underbrace{f(x_0)}_{-f(x_0)} + \underbrace{f'(x_0) \Delta x + \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x^2 + \dots}_{\text{Taylor's series of } f(x_0 + \Delta x)}$$

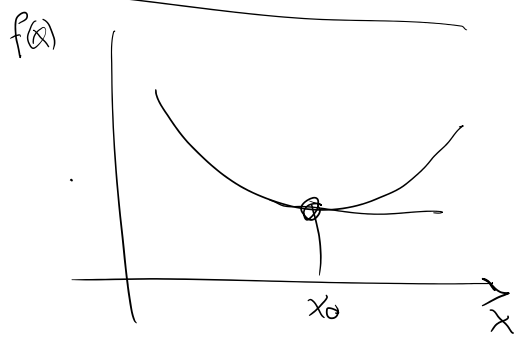
$$= \underbrace{f'(x_0) \Delta x}_{\delta f, \text{ 1st increment}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x^2}_{\delta^2 f, \text{ second increment}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{6} f'''(x_0) \Delta x^3 + \dots}_{\delta^3 f, \text{ 3rd increment } \dots}$$

Minimum value

$$\Delta f = \delta f + \delta^2 f + \delta^3 f + \dots$$

$$\delta f = f'(x_0) \Delta x$$

$$\delta^2 f = \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x^2$$



$$\delta^2 f = \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) \Delta x$$

$$\Delta P = \delta P + \frac{1}{2} f''(x_0) (\Delta x)^2 > 0$$

$f''(x_0) > 0$

Same for functionals

$$\Delta \Pi = \underbrace{\delta \Pi}_{=0} + \underbrace{\delta^2 \Pi}_{>0} + \dots$$

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