

Method of Moments – Method of Weighted Residuals

- Special Case: Galerkin Method (also developed via FE)
- Integral Equation Method
- Ideal for:
 - wires
 - impenetrable (metal) objects (surface patch method)
 - Large, simple scatterers (half-plane, layered plane, etc.) where Green's function can be derived. Then small perturbations can be added
- Not ideal for:
 - Complex, penetrable objects (too much memory required)

General Method:

Given a function:

$$f(\bar{r}) = \int_v U(\bar{r}') g(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') dv' \quad (1)$$

Unknown: $U(\bar{r}')$

Known (Green's Function): $g(\bar{r}, \bar{r}')$

Forcing function: $f(\bar{r})$

(forcing function is NOT the source, it is better to call it the “testing” function, because it is where the effect of the source is tested.)

observation point: $\bar{r}$ (vector to observation point)

source point: $\bar{r}'$

Forexample:

$$V(\bar{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_v \rho(\bar{r}') \frac{1}{|\bar{r} - \bar{r}'|} dv' \quad \text{Electrostatic charges}$$

$$\bar{A}(\bar{r}) = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_v J_v(\bar{r}') \frac{e^{-jkR}}{R} dv' \quad \text{Scattering Problems}$$

$$\bar{B} = \nabla \times \bar{A} \rightarrow \bar{H}$$

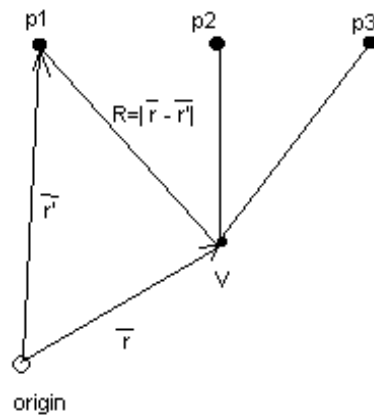
$$R = |\bar{r} - \bar{r}'|$$

$$\bar{E} = -j\omega\bar{A} - \frac{j}{\omega\mu\epsilon} \nabla(\nabla \cdot \bar{A})$$

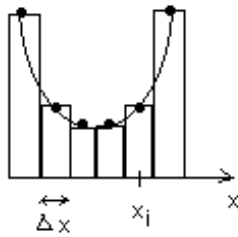
$$E_z(\bar{r}) = \frac{-k\eta}{4} \int_S J_x(\bar{\rho}') H_o^{(2)}(k|\bar{\rho} - \bar{\rho}'|) dS' \quad 2D_Scattering$$

Example:

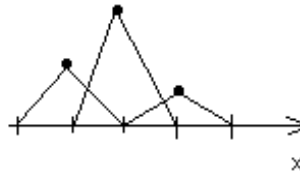
$$V(\bar{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_v \rho(\bar{r}') \frac{1}{|\bar{r} - \bar{r}'|} dv'$$



Write the unknown $U(\bar{r}')$ as a set of basis functions:



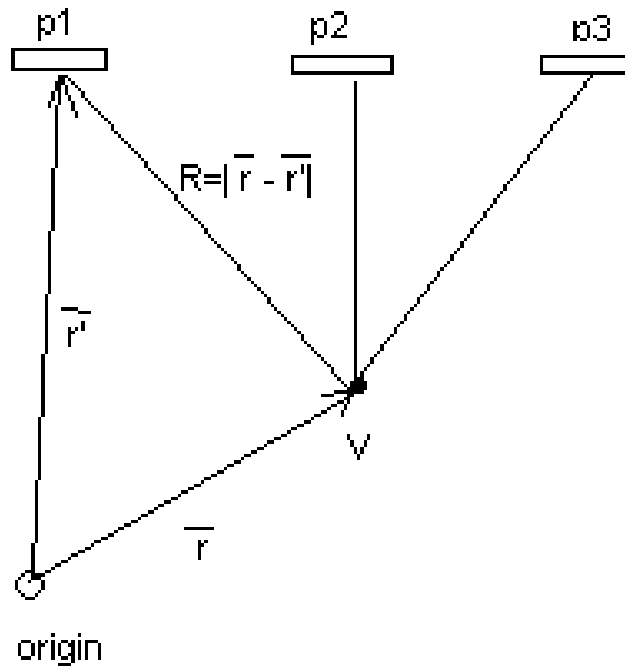
Pulse Basis
Function
(Point Matching)



Triangular Basis Function
(continuous first
derivative)

Our example:

$$V(\bar{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_V \rho(\bar{r}') \frac{1}{|\bar{r} - \bar{r}'|} dv$$



$$U(\bar{r}') = \sum_{n=1}^N u_n(\bar{r}') A_n$$

$$u_n(\bar{r}') = \text{basis_function}$$

$$A_n = \text{amplitude_ (weight!)}$$

Then_ (1)_ becomes:

$$f(\bar{r}) = \int_v \left(\sum_{n=1}^N u_n(\bar{r}') A_n \right) g(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') dv'$$

OR:

$$f(\bar{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n \left(\int_v u_n(\bar{r}') g(\bar{r}, \bar{r}') dv' \right)$$

$$f(\bar{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n g_n(\bar{r})$$

Integral above usually evaluated numerically.

Now we have 1 equation and N unknowns (A_n).

Residual:

$$R(\bar{r}) = f(\bar{r}) - \sum_{n=1}^N A_n g_n(\bar{r}) = 0$$

"Weight" _ the _ residual:

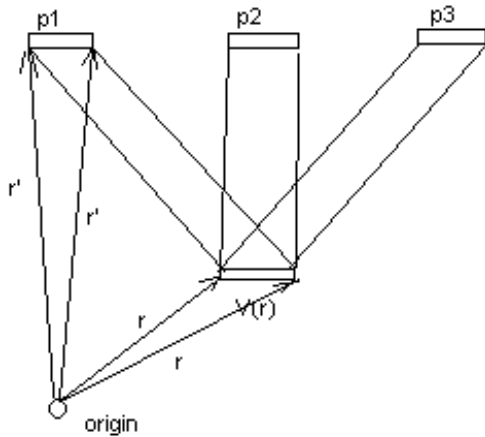
$$\iint_S W_m R(\bar{r}) dS \equiv \langle W_m, R(\bar{r}) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{Inner_product}$$

Weight _ function _ may _ be _ dirac, rect, triangle, etc.

$$\left\langle W_m, \sum_{n=1}^N A_n g_n(\bar{r}) \right\rangle = \langle W_m, f(\bar{r}) \rangle$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N A_n \langle W_m, g_n(\bar{r}) \rangle = \langle W_m, f(\bar{r}) \rangle$$

Our example:



In order to get N equations for N unknowns, we need to sample $V(r)$ at N locations. Then we can write a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \langle W_1, g_1 \rangle & \langle W_1, g_2 \rangle & \langle W_1, g_N \rangle \\ \langle W_2, g_1 \rangle & \langle W_2, g_2 \rangle & \\ & & \langle W_N, g_N \rangle \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ \\ A_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle W_1, f \rangle \\ \\ \langle W_N, f \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle W_m, g_n \rangle = \iint_S W_m(\bar{r}) \bullet g_n(\bar{r}) dS$$

$$= \iint_S \underbrace{W_m(\bar{r})}_{(3) \text{ Choose_weight_fn}} \bullet \underbrace{\left\{ \int_V \underbrace{u_n(\bar{r})}_{(1) \text{ Choose_basis_fn}} \underbrace{g(\bar{r}, \bar{r}')}_{(2) \text{ gn}(r)} dV' \right\}}_{(4) \text{ do_integral_numerically}} dS$$

$$\langle W_m, f \rangle = \iint_S W_m(\bar{r}) \bullet f(\bar{r}) dS$$

