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# APPLICATIONS OF VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

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Since its birth in the mid-1960's, the area of variational inequalities has experienced a phenomenal growth. It is now considered a field in its own right. Many physical problems can be formulated as variational inequalities. I will give a few examples of such problems. I will discuss some directions in the field in which I personally have been going at the talks end.