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# **Finite Element Procedures for Solids and Structures— Linear Analysis**

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## PREFACE

The analysis of complex static and dynamic problems involves in essence three stages: selection of a mathematical model, analysis of the model, and interpretation of the results. During recent years the finite element method implemented on the digital computer has been used successfully in modeling very complex problems in various areas of engineering and has significantly increased the possibilities for safe and cost-effective design. However, the efficient use of the method is only possible if the basic assumptions of the procedures employed are known, and the method can be exercised confidently on the computer.

The objective in this course is to summarize modern and effective finite element procedures for the linear analyses of static and dynamic problems. The material discussed in the lectures includes the basic finite element formulations employed, the effective implementation of these formulations in computer programs, and recommendations on the actual use of the methods in engineering practice. The course is intended for practicing engineers and scientists who want to solve problems using modern and efficient finite element methods.

Finite element procedures for the nonlinear analysis of structures are presented in the follow-up course, Finite Element Procedures for Solids and Structures - Nonlinear Analysis.

In this study guide short descriptions of the lectures and the viewgraphs used in the lecture presentations are given. Below the short description of each lecture, reference is made to the accompanying textbook for the course: Finite Element Procedures in Engineering Analysis, by K.J. Bathe, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1982.

The textbook sections and examples, listed below the short description of each lecture, provide important reading and study material to the course.

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# **SOME BASIC CONCEPTS OF ENGINEERING ANALYSIS**

**LECTURE 1**

**46 MINUTES**

**LECTURE 1 Introduction to the course, objective of lectures**

**Some basic concepts of engineering analysis,  
discrete and continuous systems, problem  
types: steady-state, propagation and eigen-  
value problems**

**Analysis of discrete systems: example analysis of  
a spring system**

**Basic solution requirements**

**Use and explanation of the modern direct stiff-  
ness method**

**Variational formulation**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 3.1 and 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4**

**Examples: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9,  
3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14**

## INTRODUCTION TO LINEAR ANALYSIS OF SOLIDS AND STRUCTURES

- The finite element method is now widely used for analysis of structural engineering problems.
- In civil, aeronautical, mechanical, ocean, mining, nuclear, biomechanical,... engineering
- Since the first applications two decades ago,
  - we now see applications in linear, nonlinear, static and dynamic analysis.
  - various computer programs are available and in significant use

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### My objective in this set of lectures is:

- to introduce to you finite element methods for the linear analysis of solids and structures.  
[ "linear" meaning infinitesimally small displacements and linear elastic material properties (Hooke's law applies)]
- to consider
  - the formulation of the finite element equilibrium equations
  - the calculation of finite element matrices
  - methods for solution of the governing equations
  - computer implementations
- to discuss modern and effective techniques, and their practical usage.

## Some basic concepts of engineering analysis

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### REMARKS

- Emphasis is given to physical explanations rather than mathematical derivations
- Techniques discussed are those employed in the computer programs

SAP and ADINA

SAP = Structural Analysis Program

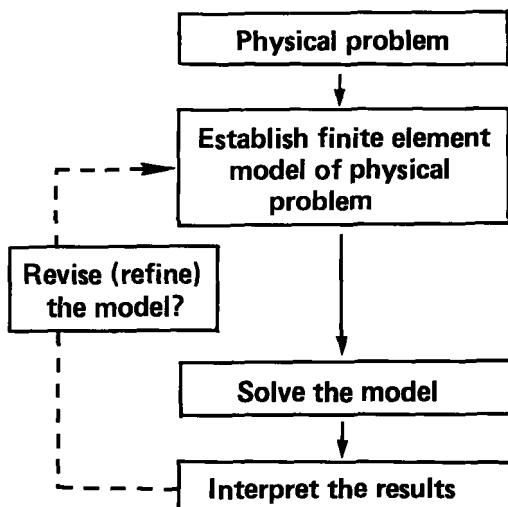
ADINA = Automatic Dynamic Incremental Nonlinear Analysis

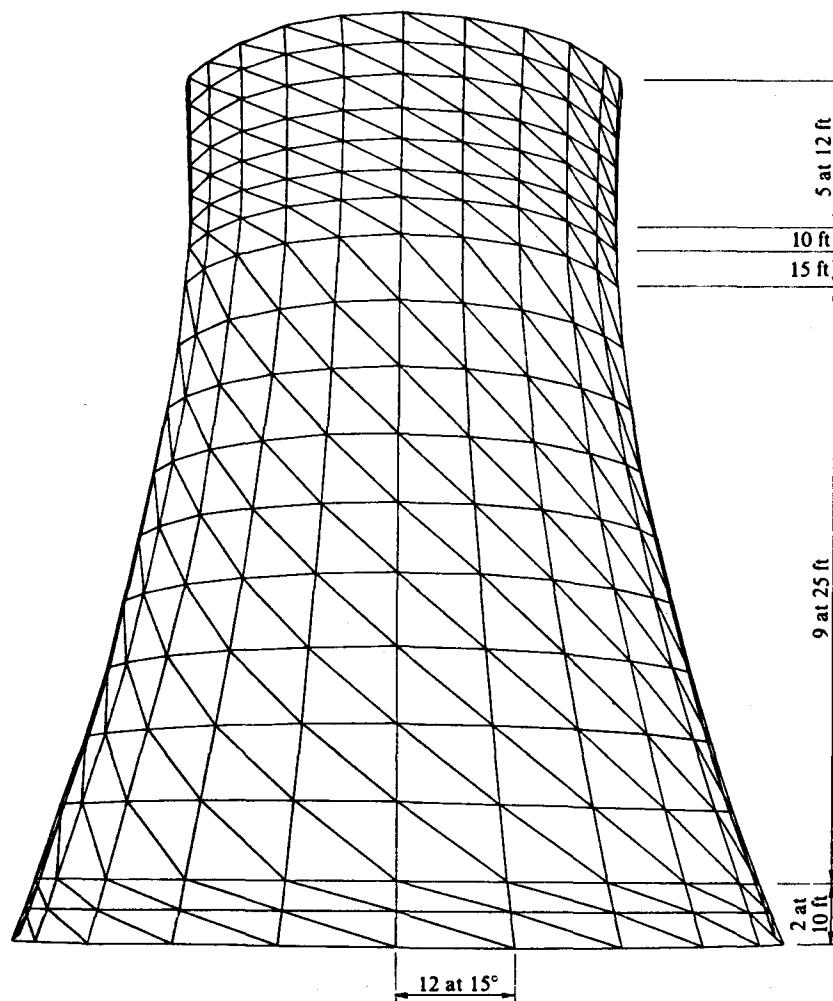
- These few lectures represent a very brief and compact introduction to the field of finite element analysis
- We shall follow quite closely certain sections in the book

Finite Element Procedures  
in Engineering Analysis,  
Prentice-Hall, Inc.  
(by K.J. Bathe).

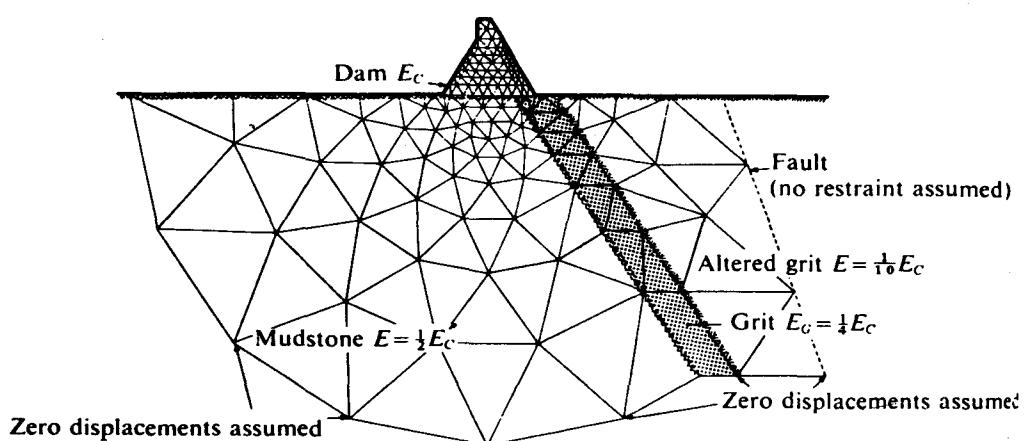
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### Finite Element Solution Process

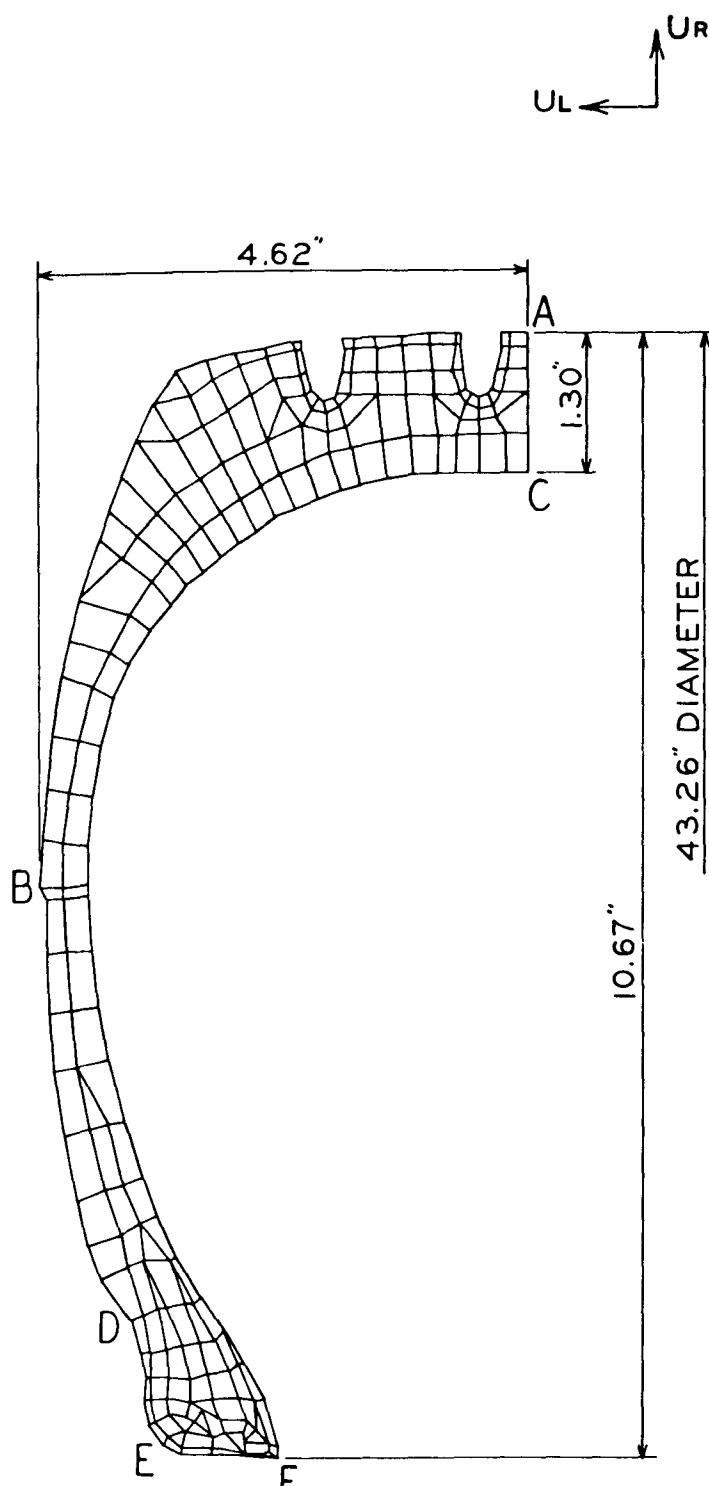




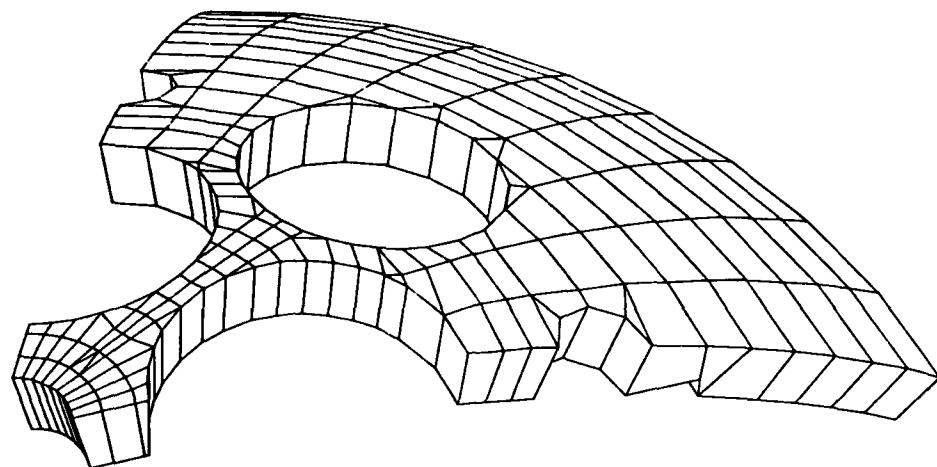
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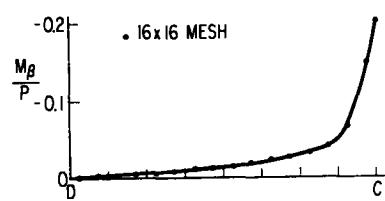
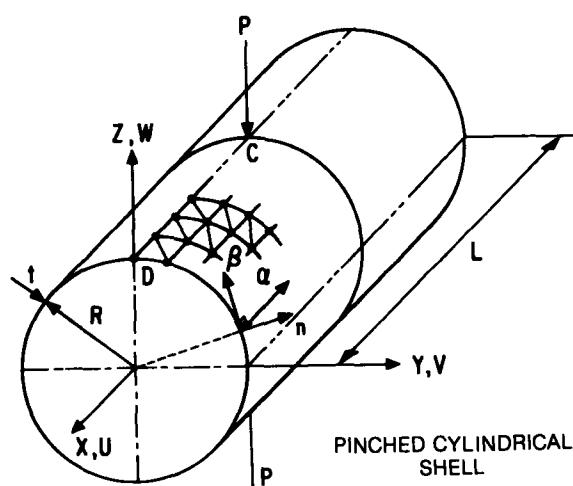
Analysis of dam.



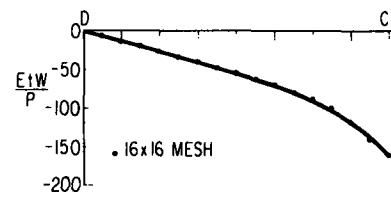
Finite element mesh for tire  
inflation analysis.



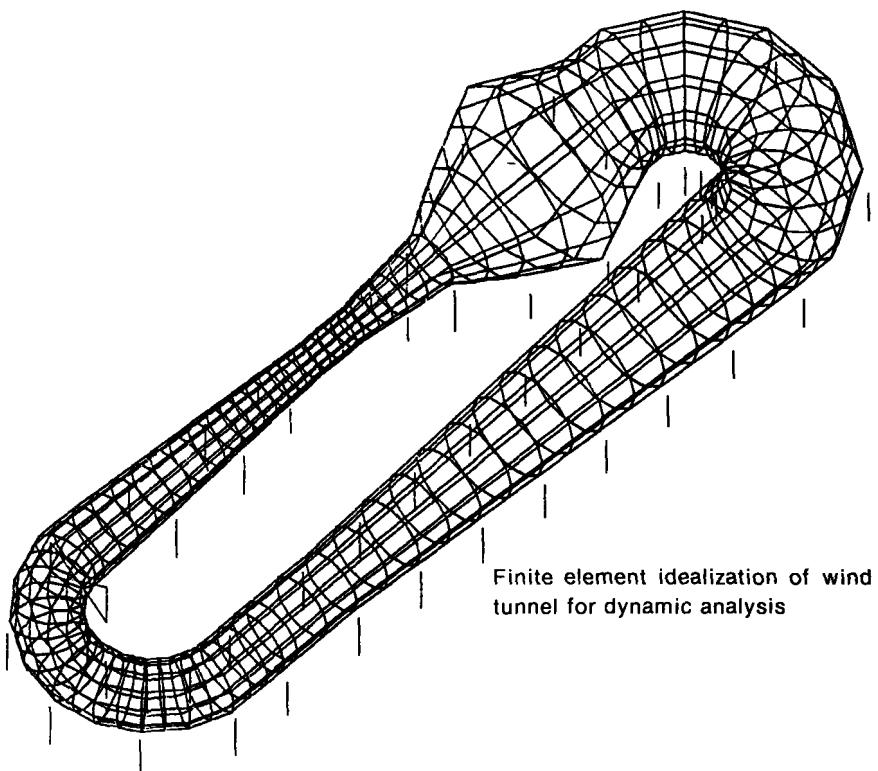
Segment of a spherical cover of a laser vacuum target chamber.



BENDING MOMENT DISTRIBUTION ALONG DC OF PINCHED CYLINDRICAL SHELL



DISPLACEMENT DISTRIBUTION ALONG DC OF PINCHED CYLINDRICAL SHELL



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**SOME BASIC CONCEPTS  
OF ENGINEERING  
ANALYSIS**

**The analysis of an engineering system requires:**

- idealization of system**
- formulation of equilibrium equations**
- solution of equations**
- interpretation of results**

## SYSTEMS

### DISCRETE

response is described by variables at a finite number of points

set of algebraic equations

### CONTINUOUS

response is described by variables at an infinite number of points

set of differential equations

### PROBLEM TYPES ARE

- STEADY - STATE (statics)
- PROPAGATION (dynamics)
- EIGENVALUE

For discrete and continuous systems

Analysis of complex continuous system requires solution of differential equations using numerical procedures

reduction of continuous system to discrete form

powerful mechanism:

the finite element methods, implemented on digital computers

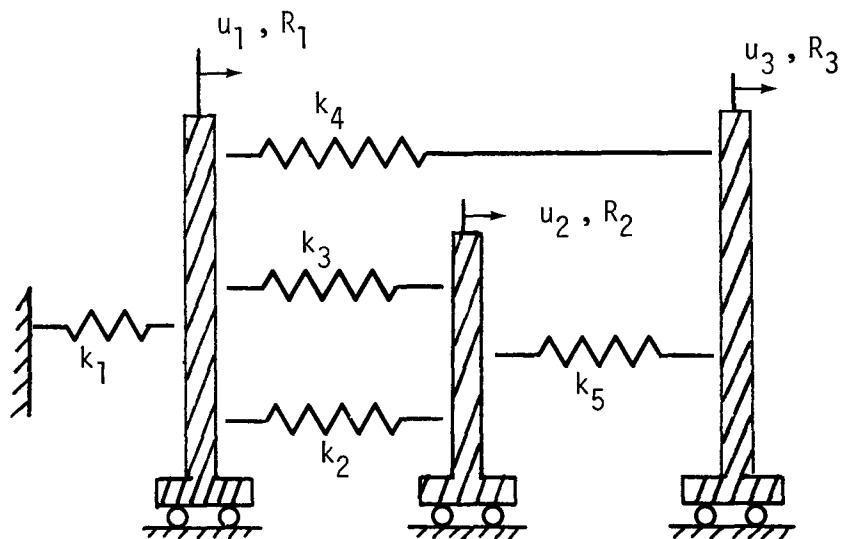
### ANALYSIS OF DISCRETE SYSTEMS

Steps involved:

- system idealization into elements
- evaluation of element equilibrium requirements
- element assemblage
- solution of response

Example:

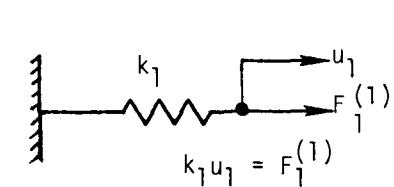
steady - state analysis of  
system of rigid carts  
interconnected by springs



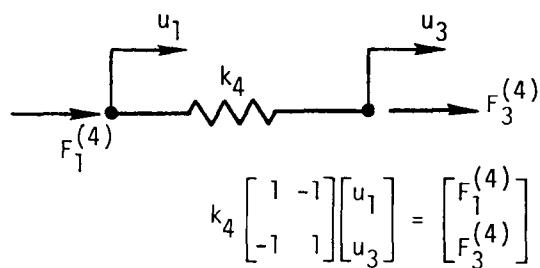
Physical layout

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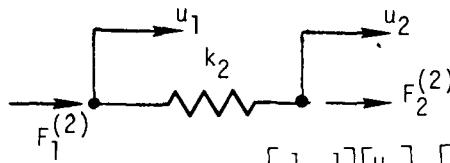
ELEMENTS



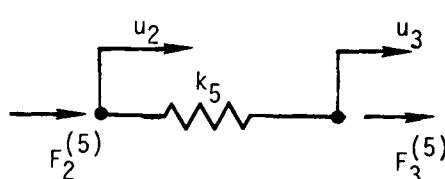
$$k_1 u_1 = F_1^{(1)}$$



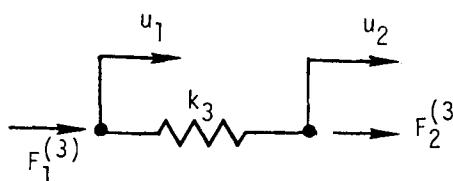
$$k_4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(4)} \\ F_3^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}$$



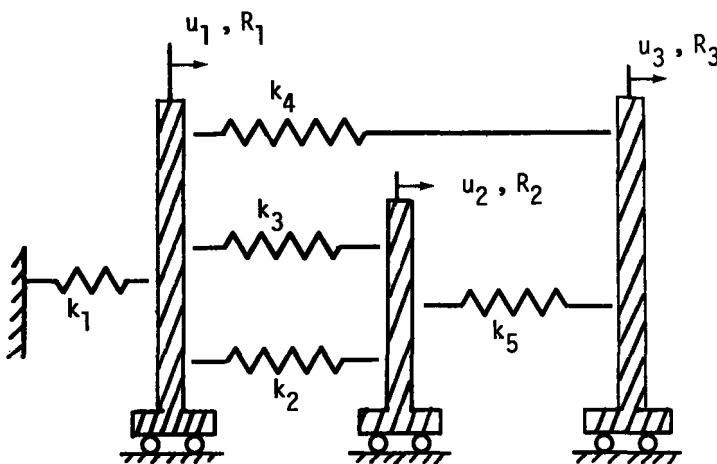
$$k_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(2)} \\ F_2^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$k_5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_2^{(5)} \\ F_3^{(5)} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$k_3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_1^{(3)} \\ F_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix}$$



Element interconnection requirements :

$$F_1^{(1)} + F_1^{(2)} + F_1^{(3)} + F_1^{(4)} = R_1$$

$$F_2^{(2)} + F_2^{(3)} + F_2^{(5)} = R_2$$

$$F_3^{(4)} + F_3^{(5)} = R_3$$

These equations can be written in the form

$$\underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$


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### Equilibrium equations

$$\underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (a)$$

$$\underline{U}^T = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3] ;$$

$$\underline{R}^T = [R_1 \ R_2 \ R_3]$$

$$\underline{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 + k_2 + k_3 & +k_4 & -k_2 - k_3 & -k_4 \\ -k_2 - k_3 & k_2 + k_3 + k_5 & -k_5 & \\ -k_4 & -k_5 & k_4 + k_5 & \end{bmatrix}$$

## Some basic concepts of engineering analysis

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and we note that

$$\underline{K} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \underline{K}^{(i)}$$

where

$$\underline{K}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

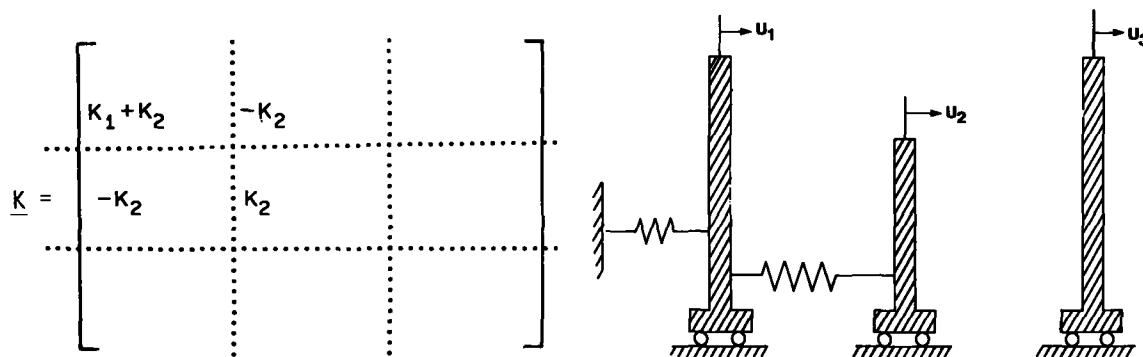
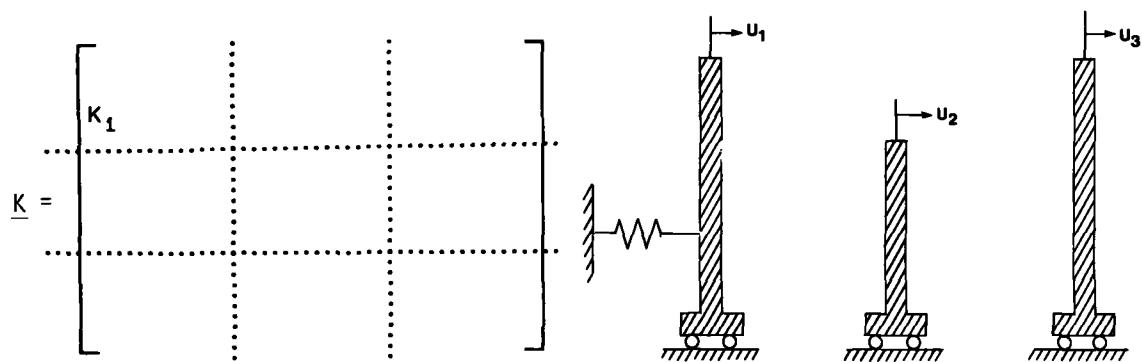
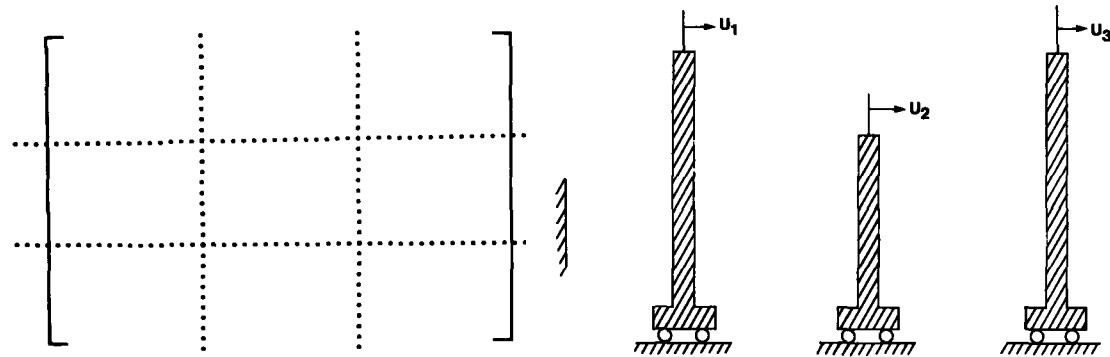
$$\underline{K}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} k_2 & -k_2 & 0 \\ -k_2 & k_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

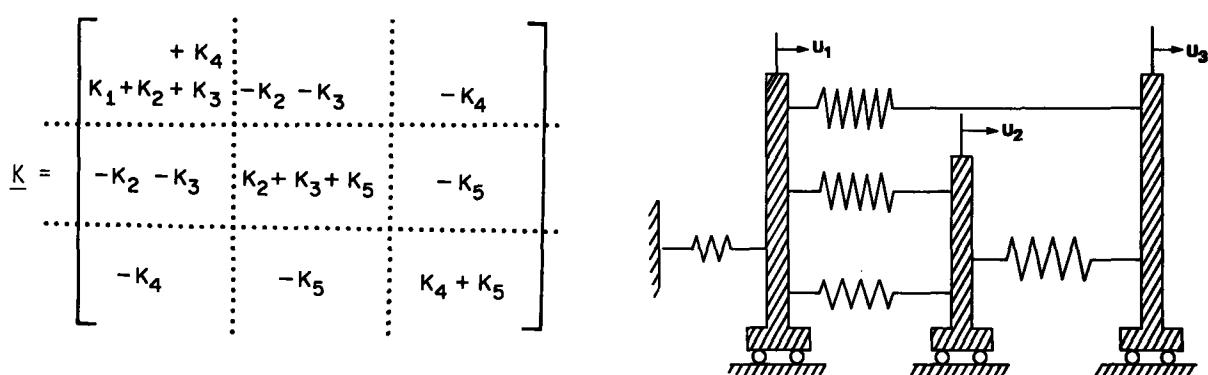
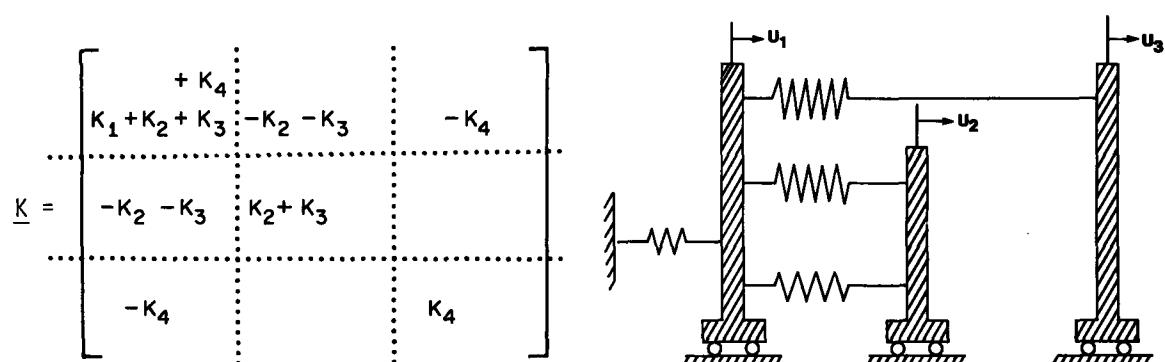
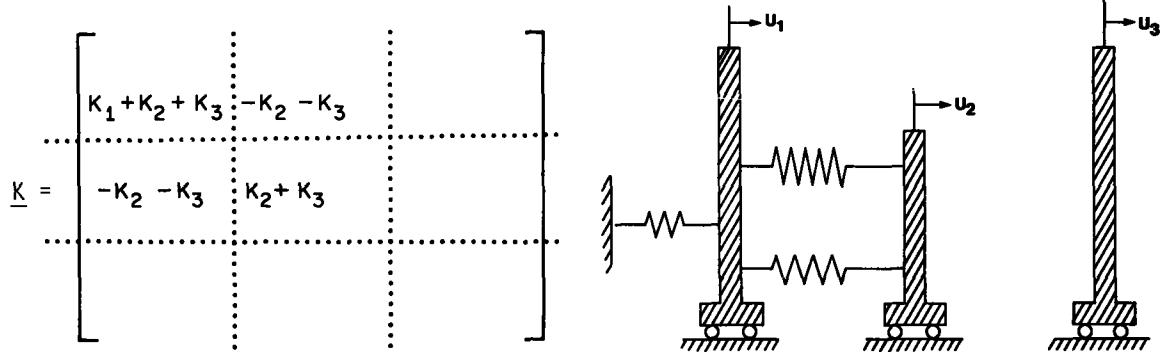
etc...

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This assemblage process is  
called the direct stiffness  
method

The steady-state analysis is  
completed by solving the  
equations in (a)





$$\underline{K} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \underline{K}^{(i)}$$

In this example we used  
the direct approach; alternatively  
we could have used a variational  
approach.

In the variational approach we  
operate on an extremum  
formulation:

$$\Pi = \underline{U} - \underline{w}$$

$\underline{U}$  = strain energy of system

$\underline{w}$  = total potential of the  
loads

Equilibrium equations are obtained  
from

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial u_i} = 0 \quad (b)$$

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In the above analysis we have

$$\underline{U} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{U}^T \underline{K} \underline{U}$$

$$\underline{w} = \underline{U}^T \underline{R}$$

Invoking (b) we obtain

$$\underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$

Note: to obtain  $\underline{U}$  and  $\underline{w}$  we  
again add the contributions from  
all elements

### **PROPAGATION PROBLEMS**

**main characteristic: the response changes with time  $\Rightarrow$  need to include the d'Alembert forces:**

$$\underline{K} \underline{U}(t) = \underline{R}(t) - \underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}}(t)$$

**For the example:**

$$\underline{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### **EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS**

**we are concerned with the generalized eigenvalue problem (EVP)**

$$\underline{A} \underline{v} = \lambda \underline{B} \underline{v}$$

**A , B are symmetric matrices of order n**

**v is a vector of order n**

**$\lambda$  is a scalar**

**EVPs arise in dynamic and buckling analysis**

**Example: system of rigid carts**

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{0}$$

**Let**

$$\underline{U} = \underline{\phi} \sin \omega(t-\tau)$$

**Then we obtain**

$$-\omega^2 \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \sin \omega(t-\tau)$$

$$+ \underline{K} \underline{\phi} \sin \omega(t-\tau) = \underline{0}$$

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**Hence we obtain the equation**

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \omega^2 \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

**There are 3 solutions**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \omega_1, \underline{\phi}_1 \\ \omega_2, \underline{\phi}_2 \\ \omega_3, \underline{\phi}_3 \end{array} \right\} \text{eigenpairs}$$

**In general we have n solutions**

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# **ANALYSIS OF CONTINUOUS SYSTEMS; DIFFERENTIAL AND VARIATIONAL FORMULATIONS**

**LECTURE 2**

**59 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 2 Basic concepts in the analysis of continuous systems**

**Differential and variational formulations**

**Essential and natural boundary conditions**

**Definition of  $C^{m-1}$  variational problem**

**Principle of virtual displacements**

**Relation between stationarity of total potential, the principle of virtual displacements, and the differential formulation**

**Weighted residual methods, Galerkin, least squares methods**

**Ritz analysis method**

**Properties of the weighted residual and Ritz methods**

**Example analysis of a nonuniform bar, solution accuracy, introduction to the finite element method**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.3**

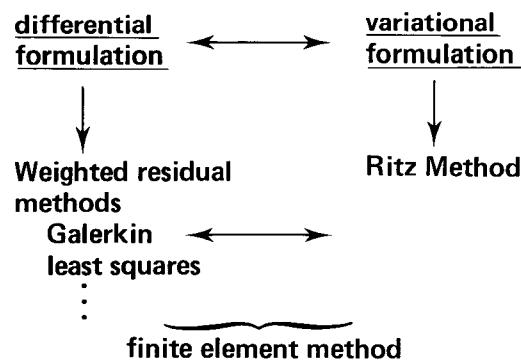
**Examples: 3.15, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.21, 3.22, 3.23, 3.24, 3.25**

**BASIC CONCEPTS  
OF FINITE  
ELEMENT ANALYSIS –  
CONTINUOUS SYSTEMS**

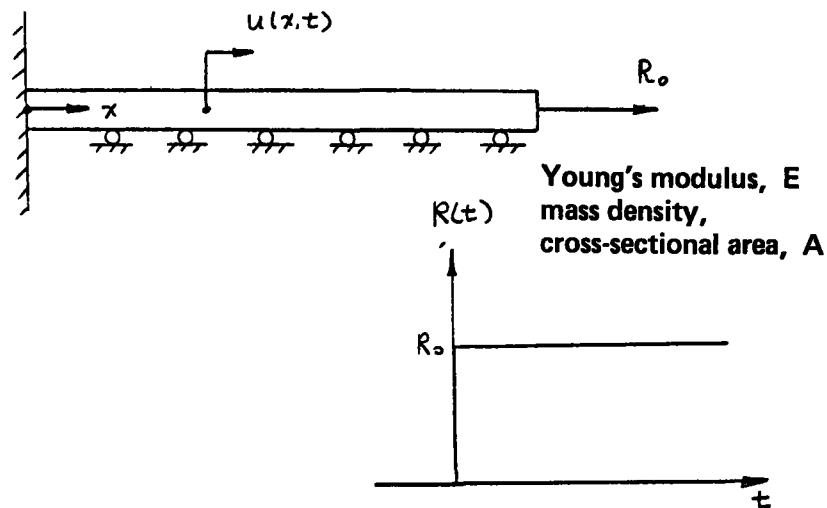
- Some additional basic concepts are used in analysis of continuous systems

- We discussed some basic concepts of analysis of discrete systems

**CONTINUOUS SYSTEMS**



**Example - Differential formulation**



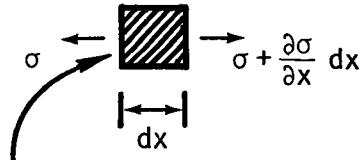
**The problem governing differential equation is**

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \quad c = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$$

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**Derivation of differential equation**

**The element force equilibrium requirement of a typical differential element is using d'Alembert's principle**



Area  $A$ , mass density  $\rho$ .

$$\sigma A|_x + A \left. \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} \right| dx - \sigma A|_x = \rho A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

**The constitutive relation is**

$$\sigma = E \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

**Combining the two equations above we obtain**

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

**The boundary conditions are**

$$u(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{essential (displ.) B.C.}$$

$$EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L,t) = R_0 \Rightarrow \text{natural (force) B.C.}$$

**with initial conditions**

$$u(x,0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = 0$$

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**In general, we have**

**highest order of (spatial) derivatives in problem-governing differential equation is  $2m$ .**

**highest order of (spatial) derivatives in essential b.c. is  $(m-1)$**

**highest order of spatial derivatives in natural b.c. is  $(2m-1)$**

**Definition:**

We call this problem a  $C^{m-1}$  variational problem.

**Example – Variational formulation**

We have in general

$$\Pi = \mathcal{U} - \mathcal{W}$$

For the rod

$$\Pi = \int_0^L \frac{1}{2} EA \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx - \int_0^L u f^B dx - u_L R$$

and

$$u_0 = 0$$

and we have  $\delta \Pi = 0$

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The stationary condition  $\delta \Pi = 0$  gives

$$\int_0^L (EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) (\delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) dx - \int_0^L \delta u f^B dx - \delta u_L R = 0$$

This is the principle of virtual displacements governing the problem. In general, we write this principle as

$$\int_V \delta \underline{\epsilon}^T \underline{\tau} dV = \int_V \delta \underline{U}^T \underline{f}^B dV + \int_S \delta \underline{U}^S \underline{f}^S dS$$

or

$$\int_V \underline{\epsilon}^T \underline{\tau} dV = \int_V \underline{U}^T \underline{f}^B dV + \int_S \underline{U}^S \underline{f}^S dS$$

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(see also Lecture 3)

**However, we can now derive the differential equation of equilibrium and the b.c. at  $x = L$ .**

Writing  $\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x}$  for  $\delta \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ , re-

calling that EA is constant and using integration by parts yields

$$-\int_0^L (EA \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f^B) \delta u \, dx + [EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}]_{x=L} - R \delta u_L \\ - EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0}$$

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Since  $\delta u_0$  is zero but  $\delta u$  is arbitrary at all other points, we must have

$$EA \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + f^B = 0$$

and

$$EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=L} = R$$

$$\text{Also, } f^B = -A \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{and}$$

hence we have

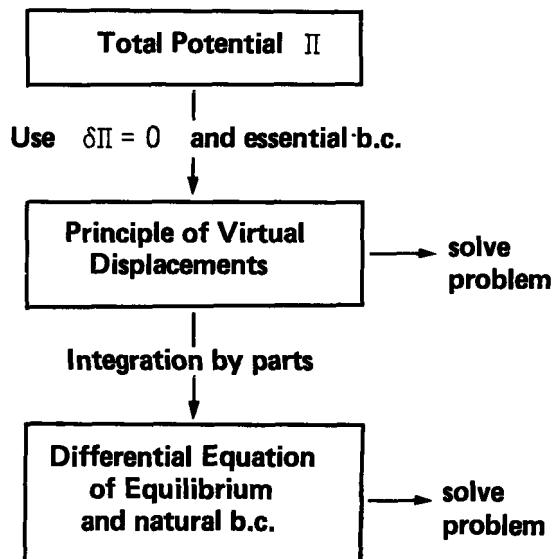
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}; \quad c = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$$

**The important point is that invoking  
 $\delta \Pi = 0$  and using the essential  
b.c. only we generate**

- the principle of virtual displacements
- the problem-governing differential equation
- the natural b.c. (these are in essence "contained in"  $\Pi$ , i.e., in  $\mathcal{W}$ ).

**In the derivation of the problem-governing differential equation we used integration by parts**

- the highest spatial derivative in  $\Pi$  is of order  $m$ .
- We use integration by parts  $m$ -times.



**Weighted Residual Methods**

**Consider the steady-state problem**

$$L_{2m}[\phi] = r \quad (3.6)$$

**with the B.C.**

$$B_i[\phi] = q_i \Big|_{\text{at boundary}} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.7)$$

**The basic step in the weighted residual (and the Ritz analysis) is to assume a solution of the form**

$$\bar{\phi} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \quad (3.10)$$

**where the  $f_i$  are linearly independent trial functions and the  $a_i$  are multipliers that are determined in the analysis.**

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**Using the weighted residual methods, we choose the functions  $f_i$  in (3.10) so as to satisfy all boundary conditions in (3.7) and we then calculate the residual,**

$$R = r - L_{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \right] \quad (3.11)$$

**The various weighted residual methods differ in the criterion that they employ to calculate the  $a_i$  such that  $R$  is small. In all techniques we determine the  $a_i$  so as to make a weighted average of  $R$  vanish.**

### **Galerkin method**

In this technique the parameters  $a_i$  are determined from the  $n$  equations

$$\int_D f_i R dD = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3.12)$$

### **Least squares method**

In this technique the integral of the square of the residual is minimized with respect to the parameters  $a_i$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \int_D R^2 dD = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

[The methods can be extended to operate also on the natural boundary conditions, if these are not satisfied by the trial functions.]

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### **RITZ ANALYSIS METHOD**

Let  $\Pi$  be the functional of the  $C^{m-1}$  variational problem that is equivalent to the differential formulation given in (3.6) and (3.7). In the Ritz method we substitute the trial functions  $\bar{\Phi}$  given in (3.10) into  $\Pi$  and generate  $n$  simultaneous equations for the parameters  $a_i$  using the stationary condition on  $\Pi$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial a_i} = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3.14)$$

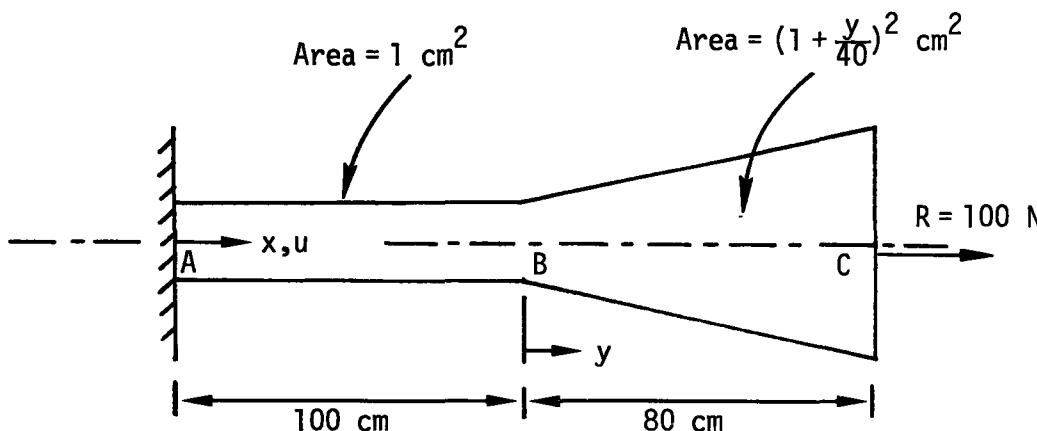
### Properties

- The trial functions used in the Ritz analysis need only satisfy the essential b.c.
- Since the application of  $\delta \Pi = 0$  generates the principle of virtual displacements, we in effect use this principle in the Ritz analysis.
- By invoking  $\delta \Pi = 0$  we minimize the violation of the internal equilibrium requirements and the violation of the natural b.c.
- A symmetric coefficient matrix is generated, of form

$$\underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$


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### Example



**Fig. 3.19.** Bar subjected to concentrated end force.

Here we have

$$\Pi = \int_0^{180} \frac{1}{2} EA \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx - 100 u \Big|_{x=180}$$

and the essential boundary condition  
is  $u \Big|_{x=0} = 0$

Let us assume the displacements

Case 1

$$u = a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

Case 2

$$u = \frac{x}{100} u_B \quad 0 \leq x \leq 100$$

$$u = \left(1 - \frac{x-100}{80}\right) u_B + \left(\frac{x-100}{80}\right) u_C$$

$$100 \leq x \leq 180$$


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We note that invoking  $\delta \Pi = 0$   
we obtain

$$\delta \Pi = \int_0^{180} \left( EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \delta \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) dx - 100 \delta u \Big|_{x=180} = 0$$

or the principle of virtual  
displacements

$$\int_0^{180} \left( \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x} \right) \left( EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) dx = 100 \delta u \Big|_{x=180}$$

$$\int_V \bar{\epsilon}^T \underline{\tau} dV = \bar{U}_i F_i$$

**Exact Solution**

**Using integration by parts we obtain**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) = 0$$

$$EA \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|_{x=180} = 100$$

**The solution is**

$$u = \frac{100}{E} x ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 100$$

$$u = \frac{10000}{E} + \frac{4000}{E} - \frac{4000}{E(1 + \frac{x-100}{40})} ;$$

$$100 \leq x \leq 180$$

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**The stresses in the bar are**

$$\sigma = 100 ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 100$$

$$\sigma = \frac{100}{(1 + \frac{x-100}{40})^2} ; \quad 100 \leq x \leq 180$$

**Performing now the Ritz analysis:**

**Case 1**

$$\Pi = \frac{E}{2} \int_0^{100} (a_1 + 2a_2 x)^2 dx + \frac{E}{2} \int_{100}^{180} \left(1 + \frac{x-100}{40}\right)^2$$

$$(a_1 + 2a_2 x)^2 dx - 100 u \Big|_{x=180}$$

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**Invoking that  $\delta \Pi = 0$  we obtain**

$$E \begin{bmatrix} 0.4467 & 116 \\ 116 & 34076 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 3240 \end{bmatrix}$$

**and**

$$a_1 = \frac{128.6}{E} ; \quad a_2 = -\frac{0.341}{E}$$

**Hence, we have the approximate solution**

$$u = \frac{128.6}{E} x - \frac{0.341}{E} x^2$$

$$\sigma = 128.6 - 0.682 x$$

**Case 2**

**Here we have**

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi = \frac{E}{2} \int_0^{100} \left( \frac{1}{100} u_B \right)^2 dx + \frac{E}{2} \int_{100}^{180} \left( 1 + \frac{x-100}{40} \right)^2 \\ \left( -\frac{1}{80} u_B + \frac{1}{80} u_C \right)^2 dx\end{aligned}$$


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**Invoking again  $\delta\Pi = 0$  we obtain**

$$\frac{E}{240} \begin{bmatrix} 15.4 & -13 \\ -13 & 13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_B \\ u_C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 100 \end{bmatrix}$$

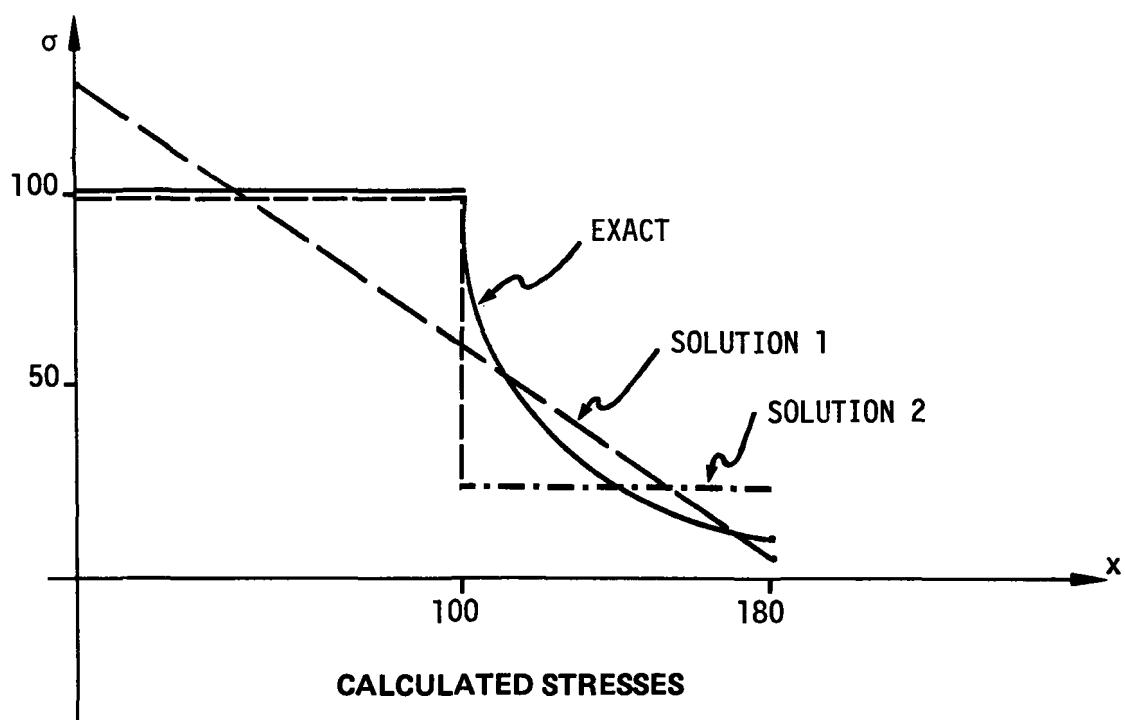
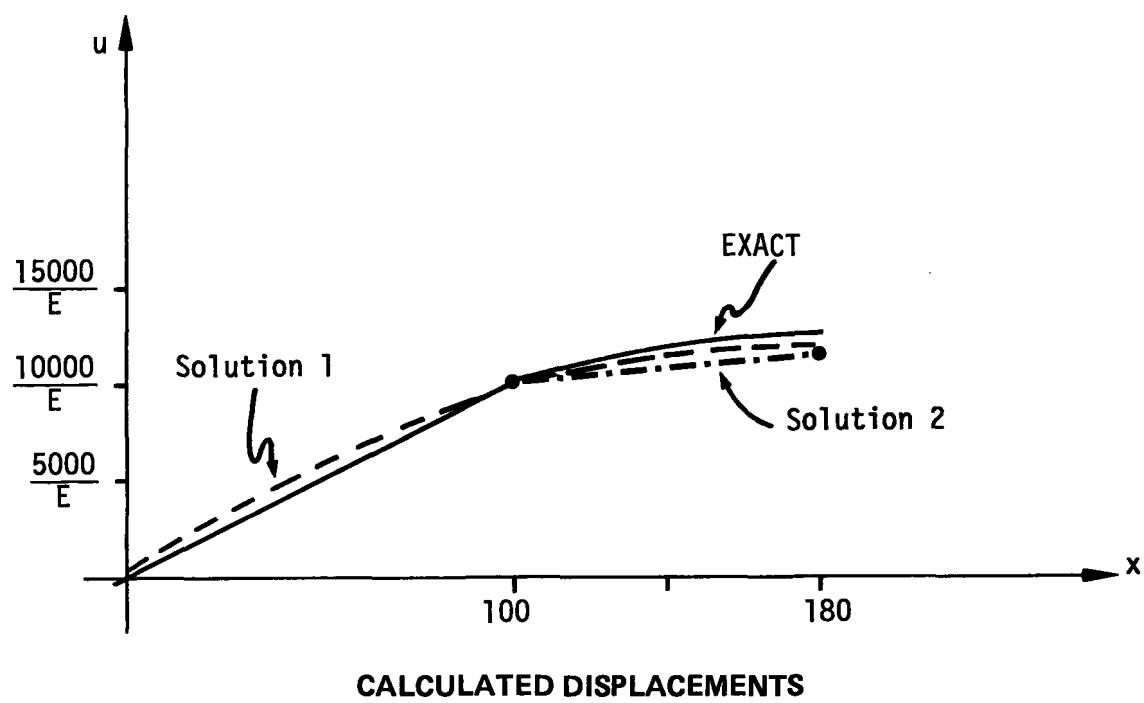
**Hence, we now have**

$$u_B = \frac{10000}{E} ; \quad u_C = \frac{11846.2}{E}$$

**and**

$$\sigma = 100 \quad ; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 100$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1846.2}{80} = 23.08 \quad x \geq 100$$



**We note that in this last analysis**

- we used trial functions that do not satisfy the natural b.c.
- the trial functions themselves are continuous, but the derivatives are discontinuous at point B .  
for a  $C^{m-1}$  variational problem we only need continuity in the  $(m-1)$ st derivatives of the functions; in this problem  $m = 1$  .
- domains A - B and B - C are finite elements and  
**WE PERFORMED A FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS .**

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# **FORMULATION OF THE DISPLACEMENT-BASED FINITE ELEMENT METHOD**

**LECTURE 3**

**58 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 3 General effective formulation of the displacement-based finite element method**

**Principle of virtual displacements**

**Discussion of various interpolation and element matrices**

**Physical explanation of derivations and equations**

**Direct stiffness method**

**Static and dynamic conditions**

**Imposition of boundary conditions**

**Example analysis of a nonuniform bar, detailed discussion of element matrices**

**TEXTBOOK:** Sections: 4.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2

**Examples: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4**

**FORMULATION OF  
THE DISPLACEMENT -  
BASED FINITE  
ELEMENT METHOD**

- A very general formulation
- Provides the basis of almost all finite element analyses performed in practice
- The formulation is really a modern application of the Ritz/Galerkin procedures discussed in lecture 2
- Consider static and dynamic conditions, but linear analysis

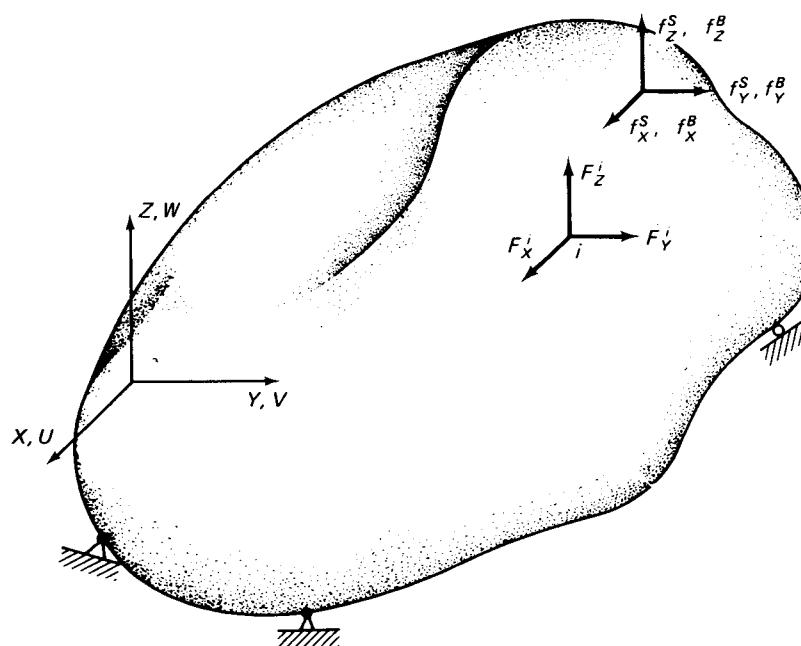


Fig. 4.2. General three-dimensional body.

The external forces are

$$\underline{f}^B = \begin{bmatrix} f_X^B \\ f_Y^B \\ f_Z^B \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{f}^S = \begin{bmatrix} f_X^S \\ f_Y^S \\ f_Z^S \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{F}^i = \begin{bmatrix} F_X^i \\ F_Y^i \\ F_Z^i \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.1)$$

The displacements of the body from the unloaded configuration are denoted by  $\underline{U}$ , where

$$\underline{U}^T = [U \quad V \quad W] \quad (4.2)$$


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The strains corresponding to  $\underline{U}$  are,

$$\underline{\epsilon}^T = [\epsilon_{XX} \quad \epsilon_{YY} \quad \epsilon_{ZZ} \quad \gamma_{XY} \quad \gamma_{YZ} \quad \gamma_{ZX}] \quad (4.3)$$

and the stresses corresponding to  $\epsilon$  are

$$\underline{\tau}^T = [\tau_{XX} \quad \tau_{YY} \quad \tau_{ZZ} \quad \tau_{XY} \quad \tau_{YZ} \quad \tau_{ZX}] \quad (4.4)$$

## Principle of virtual displacements

$$\int_V \underline{\epsilon}^T \underline{\tau} dV = \int_V \underline{U}^T \underline{f}^B dV + \int_S \underline{U}^S^T \underline{f}^S dS \\ + \sum_i \underline{U}^i \underline{f}^i \quad (4.5)$$

where

$$\underline{U}^T = [\underline{U} \quad \underline{V} \quad \underline{W}] \quad (4.6)$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}^T = [\underline{\epsilon}_{XX} \quad \underline{\epsilon}_{YY} \quad \underline{\epsilon}_{ZZ} \quad \underline{\gamma}_{XY} \quad \underline{\gamma}_{YZ} \quad \underline{\gamma}_{ZX}] \quad (4.7)$$

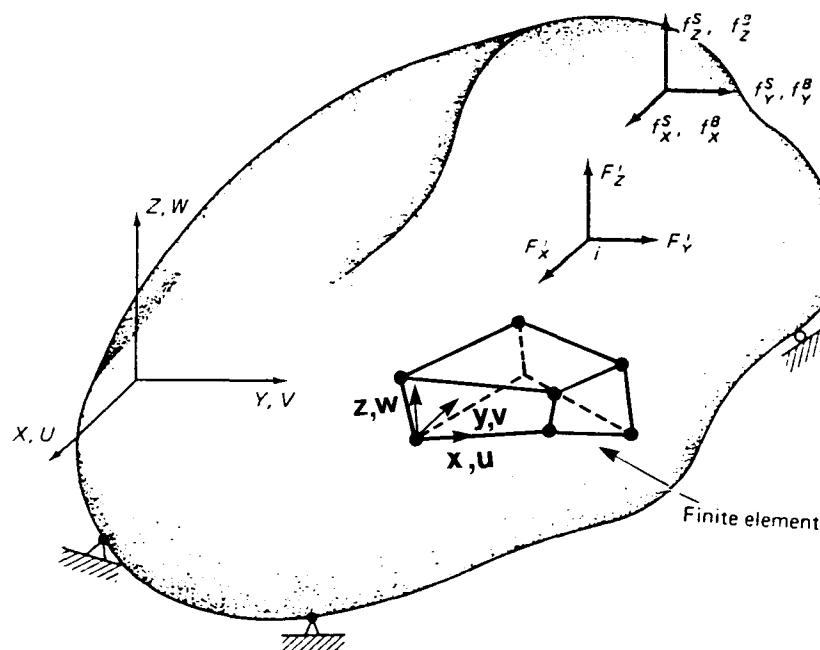
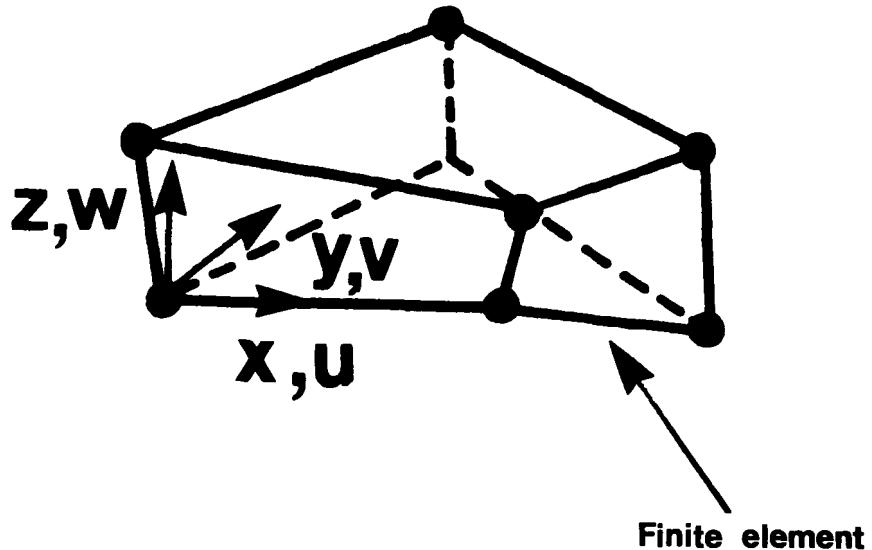


Fig. 4.2. General three-dimensional body.



For element (m) we use:

$$\underline{u}^{(m)}(x, y, z) = \underline{H}^{(m)}(x, y, z) \quad \hat{\underline{U}} \quad (4.8)$$

$$\hat{\underline{U}}^T = [U_1 V_1 W_1 \quad U_2 V_2 W_2 \quad \dots \quad U_N V_N W_N] ;$$

$$\hat{\underline{U}}^T = [U_1 \ U_2 \ U_3 \ \dots \ U_n] \quad (4.9)$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}^{(m)}(x, y, z) = \underline{B}^{(m)}(x, y, z) \quad \hat{\underline{U}} \quad (4.10)$$

$$\underline{\tau}^{(m)} = \underline{C}^{(m)} \underline{\epsilon}^{(m)} + \underline{\tau}^I(m) \quad (4.11)$$

Rewrite (4.5) as a sum of integrations over the elements

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{\epsilon}^{(m)T} \underline{\tau}^{(m)} dV^{(m)} = \\
 \sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{U}^{(m)T} \underline{f}_B^{(m)} dV^{(m)} \\
 + \sum_m \int_{S(m)} \underline{U}^{S(m)T} \underline{f}_S^{(m)} dS^{(m)} \\
 + \sum_i \underline{U}^i T \underline{F}^i
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

Substitute into (4.12) for the element displacements, strains, and stresses, using (4.8), to (4.10),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{\underline{U}^T \left\{ \sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)T} \underline{C}^{(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)} dV^{(m)} \right\} \underline{U}}_{\underline{\epsilon}^{(m)T}} = \underline{\epsilon}^{(m)T} \underline{\tau}^{(m)} = \underline{C}^{(m)} \underline{\epsilon}^{(m)} \\
 & \underbrace{\underline{U}^T \left[ \left\{ \sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{H}^{(m)T} \underline{f}_B^{(m)} dV^{(m)} \right\} \right]}_{\underline{U}^{(m)T}} = \underline{\epsilon}^{(m)T} \underline{B}^{(m)} \underline{U}^{(m)T} \\
 & + \underbrace{\sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{H}^{S(m)T} \underline{f}_S^{(m)} dS^{(m)}}_{\underline{U}^S} \\
 & - \underbrace{\sum_m \int_{V(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)T} \underline{\tau}^{(m)} dV^{(m)}}_{\underline{\epsilon}^{(m)T}} \\
 & + \underline{F}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

We obtain

$$\underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (4.14)$$

where

$$\underline{R} = \underline{R}_B + \underline{R}_S - \underline{R}_I + \underline{R}_C \quad (4.15)$$

$$\underline{K} = \sum_m \int_V(m) \underline{B}(m)^T \underline{C}(m) \underline{B}(m) dV(m) \quad (4.16)$$

$$\underline{R}_B = \sum_m \int_V(m) \underline{H}(m)^T \underline{f}^B(m) dV(m) \quad (4.17)$$

$$\underline{R}_S = \sum_m \int_S(m) \underline{H}^S(m)^T \underline{f}^S(m) dS(m) \quad (4.18)$$

$$\underline{R}_I = \sum_m \int_V(m) \underline{B}(m)^T \underline{\tau}^I(m) dV(m) \quad (4.19)$$

$$\underline{R}_C = \underline{F} \quad (4.20)$$

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In dynamic analysis we have

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{R}_B &= \sum_m \int_V(m) \underline{H}(m)^T [\underline{\tilde{f}}^B(m) \\ &\quad - \rho(m) \underline{H}(m) \underline{\ddot{u}}] dV(m) \quad (4.21) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{f}^B(m) = \underline{\tilde{f}}^B(m) - \rho \underline{\ddot{u}}(m)$$

$$\underline{\ddot{u}}(m) = \underline{H}(m) \underline{\ddot{u}}$$

$$\underline{M} \underline{\ddot{u}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (4.22)$$

$$\underline{M} = \sum_m \int_V(m) \rho(m) \underline{H}(m)^T \underline{H}(m) dV(m) \quad (4.23)$$

To impose the boundary conditions,  
we use

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{M}_{aa} & \underline{M}_{ab} \\ \underline{M}_{ba} & \underline{M}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\underline{U}}_a \\ \ddot{\underline{U}}_b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \underline{K}_{aa} & \underline{K}_{ab} \\ \underline{K}_{ba} & \underline{K}_{bb} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{U}_a \\ \underline{U}_b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{R}_a \\ \underline{R}_b \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.38)$$

$$\underline{M}_{aa} \ddot{\underline{U}}_a + \underline{K}_{aa} \underline{U}_a = \underline{R}_a - \underline{K}_{ab} \underline{U}_b - \underline{M}_{ab} \ddot{\underline{U}}_b \quad (4.39)$$

$$\underline{R}_b = \underline{M}_{ba} \ddot{\underline{U}}_a + \underline{M}_{bb} \ddot{\underline{U}}_b + \underline{K}_{ba} \underline{U}_a + \underline{K}_{bb} \underline{U}_b \quad (4.40)$$

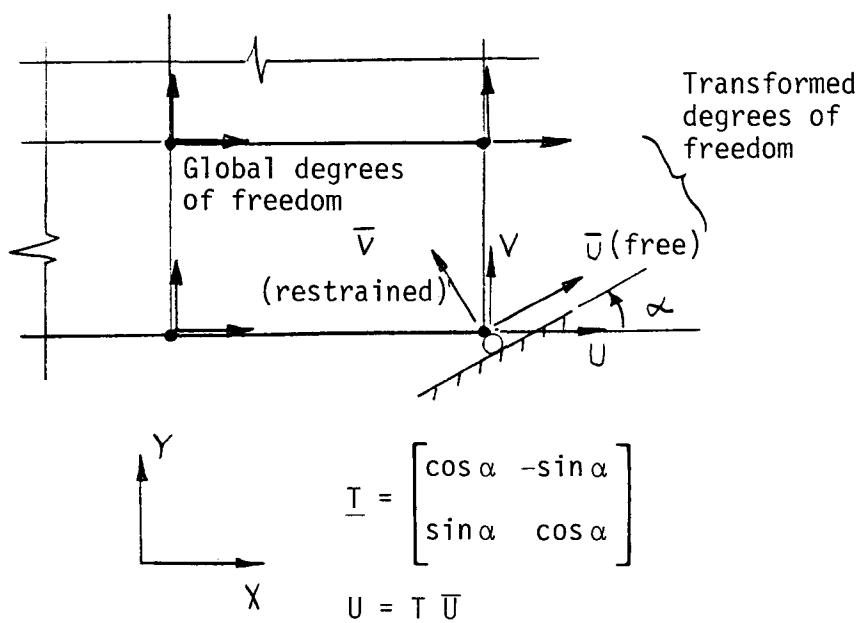


Fig. 4.10. Transformation to skew boundary conditions

For the transformation on the total degrees of freedom we use

$$\underline{U} = \underline{T} \bar{\underline{U}} \quad (4.41)$$

so that

$$\underline{\ddot{M}} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{\ddot{K}} \ddot{\underline{U}} = \bar{\underline{R}} \quad (4.42)$$

where

$$\bar{\underline{M}} = \underline{T}^T \underline{M} \underline{T}; \bar{\underline{K}} = \underline{T}^T \underline{K} \underline{T}; \bar{\underline{R}} = \underline{T}^T \underline{R} \quad (4.43)$$

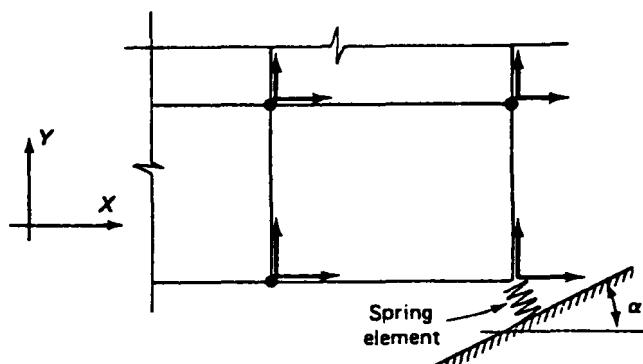
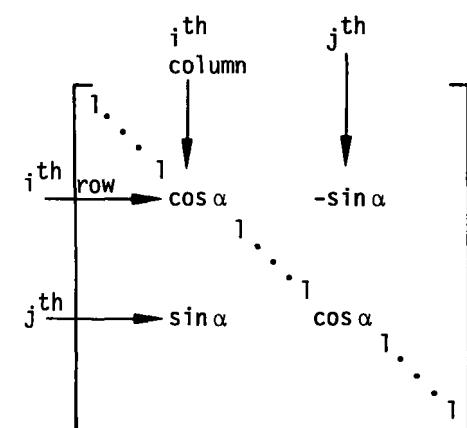


Fig. 4.11. Skew boundary condition imposed using spring element.

We can now also use this procedure (penalty method)

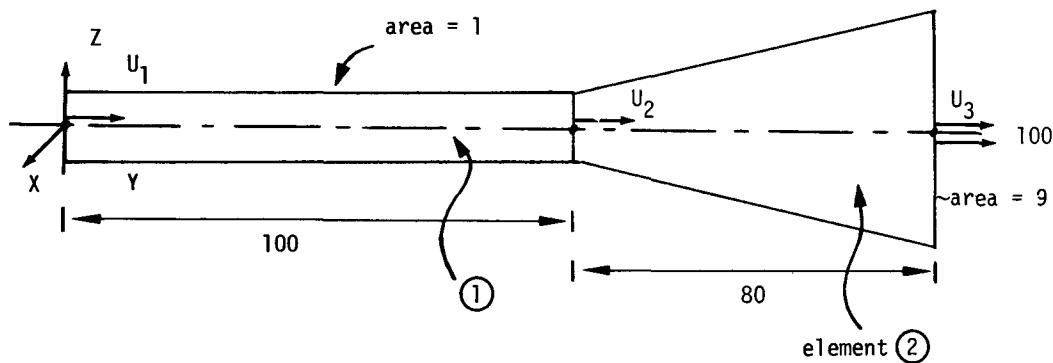
Say  $\underline{U}_i = b$ , then the constraint equation is

$$k \underline{U}_i = k b \quad (4.44)$$

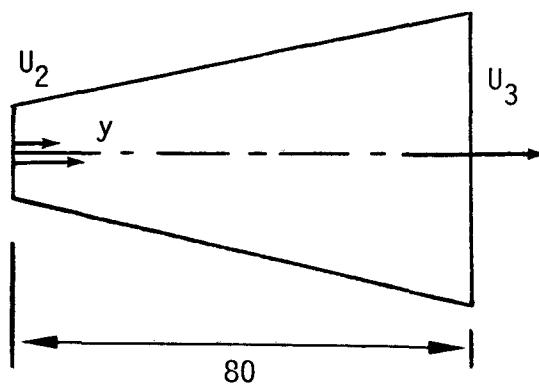
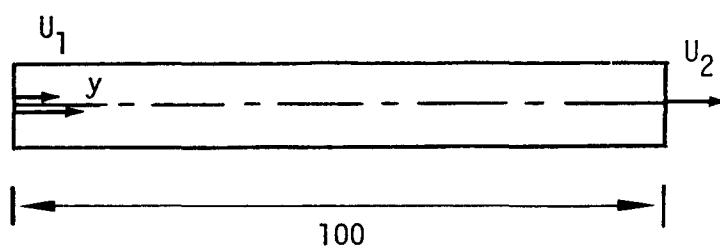
where

$$k \gg \bar{k}_{ii}$$

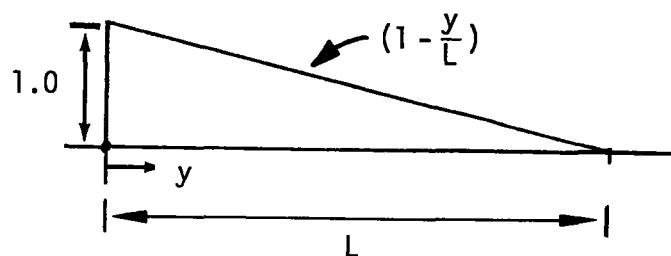
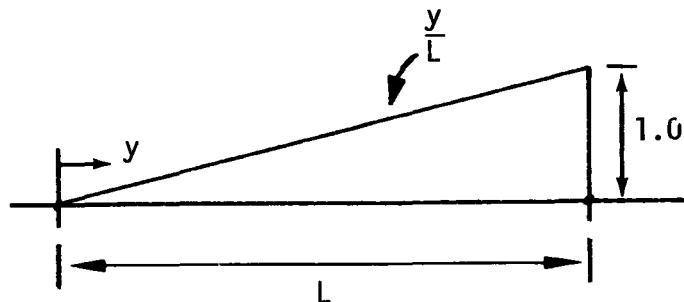
**Example analysis**



**Finite elements**



**Element  
interpolation functions**




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**Displacement and strain  
interpolation matrices:**

$$\underline{H}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{y}{100}) & \frac{y}{100} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \parallel \quad v^{(m)} = \underline{H}^{(m)} \underline{U}$$

$$\underline{H}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & (1 - \frac{y}{80}) & \frac{y}{80} \end{bmatrix} \quad \parallel$$

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{100} & \frac{1}{100} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \parallel \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \underline{B}^{(m)} \underline{U}$$

$$\underline{B}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{80} & \frac{1}{80} \end{bmatrix} \quad \parallel$$

**stiffness matrix**

$$\underline{K} = (1)(E) \int_0^{100} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{100} \\ \frac{1}{100} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{100} & \frac{1}{100} & 0 \end{bmatrix} dy$$

$$+ E \int_0^{80} (1 + \frac{y}{40})^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{80} \\ \frac{1}{80} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{80} & \frac{1}{80} \end{bmatrix} dy$$

Hence

$$\underline{K} = \frac{E}{100} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{13E}{240} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{E}{240} \begin{bmatrix} 2.4 & -2.4 & 0 \\ -2.4 & 15.4 & -13 \\ 0 & -13 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly for  $\underline{M}$ ,  $\underline{R_B}$ , and so on.

Boundary conditions must still be imposed.

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# **GENERALIZED COORDINATE FINITE ELEMENT MODELS**

## **LECTURE 4**

**57 MINUTES**

**LECTURE 4** Classification of problems; truss, plane stress, plane strain, axisymmetric, beam, plate and shell conditions; corresponding displacement, strain, and stress variables

Derivation of generalized coordinate models

One-, two-, three- dimensional elements, plate and shell elements

Example analysis of a cantilever plate, detailed derivation of element matrices

Lumped and consistent loading

Example results

Summary of the finite element solution process

Solution errors

Convergence requirements, physical explanations, the patch test

**TEXTBOOK:** Sections: 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.2.5, 4.2.6

Examples: 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18

**DERIVATION OF SPECIFIC  
FINITE ELEMENTS**

- Generalized coordinate finite element models

$$\underline{K}(m) = \int_{V(m)} \underline{B}(m)^T \underline{C}(m) \underline{B}(m) dV(m)$$

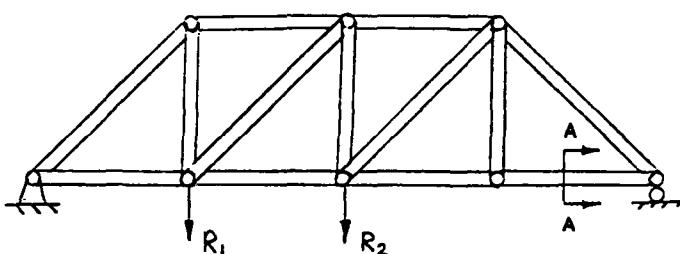
In essence, we need  
 $\underline{H}(m), \underline{B}(m), \underline{C}(m)$

$$\underline{R_B}(m) = \int_{V(m)} \underline{H}(m)^T f \underline{B}(m) dV(m)$$

$$\underline{R_S}(m) = \int_{S(m)} \underline{H} \underline{S}(m)^T f \underline{S}(m) dS(m)$$

- Convergence of analysis results

etc.



Across section A-A:

\$\tau\_{xx}\$ is uniform.

All other stress components are zero.

**Fig. 4.14.** Various stress and strain conditions with illustrative examples.

(a) Uniaxial stress condition: frame under concentrated loads.

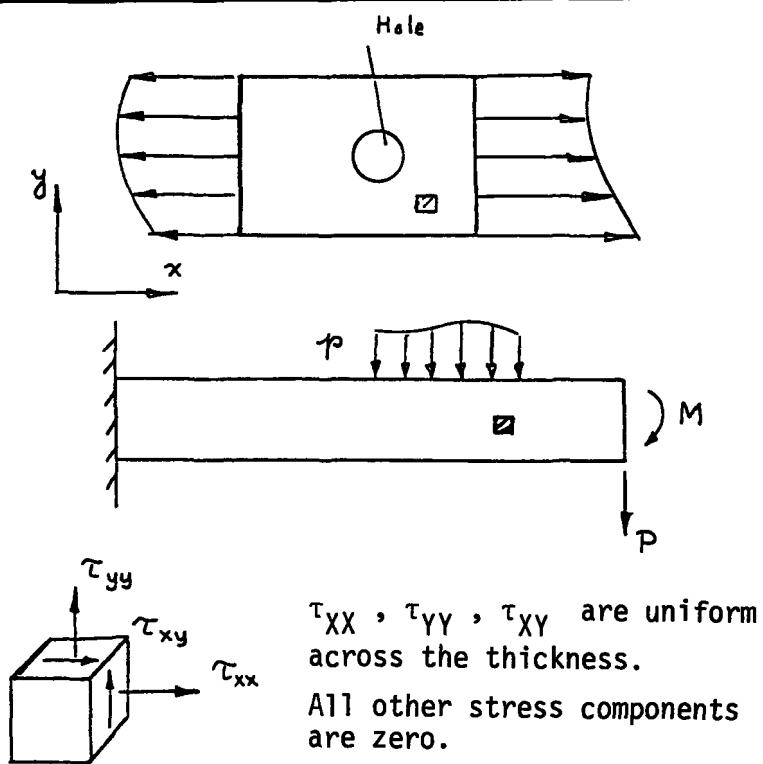


Fig. 4.14. (b) Plane stress conditions:  
membrane and beam under in-plane  
actions.

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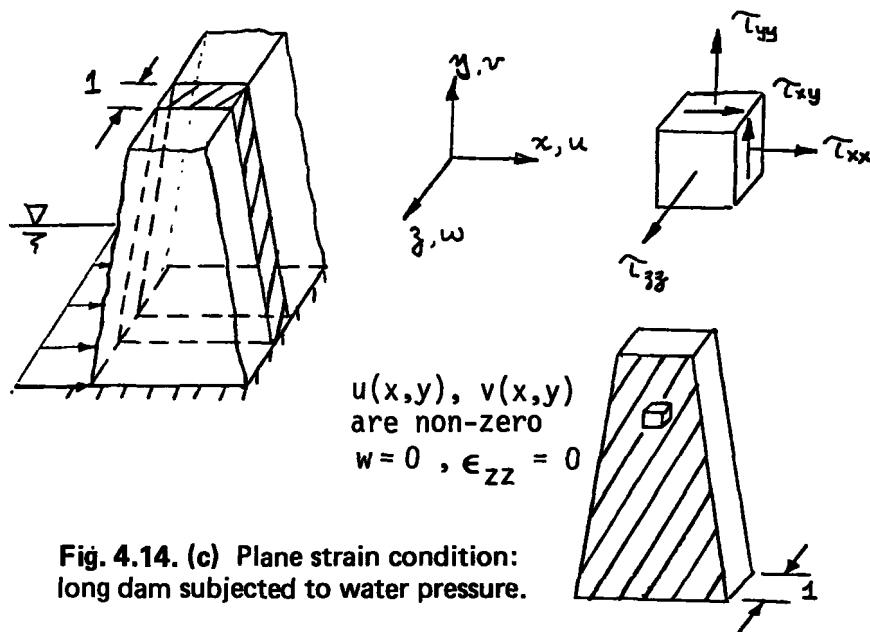


Fig. 4.14. (c) Plane strain condition:  
long dam subjected to water pressure.

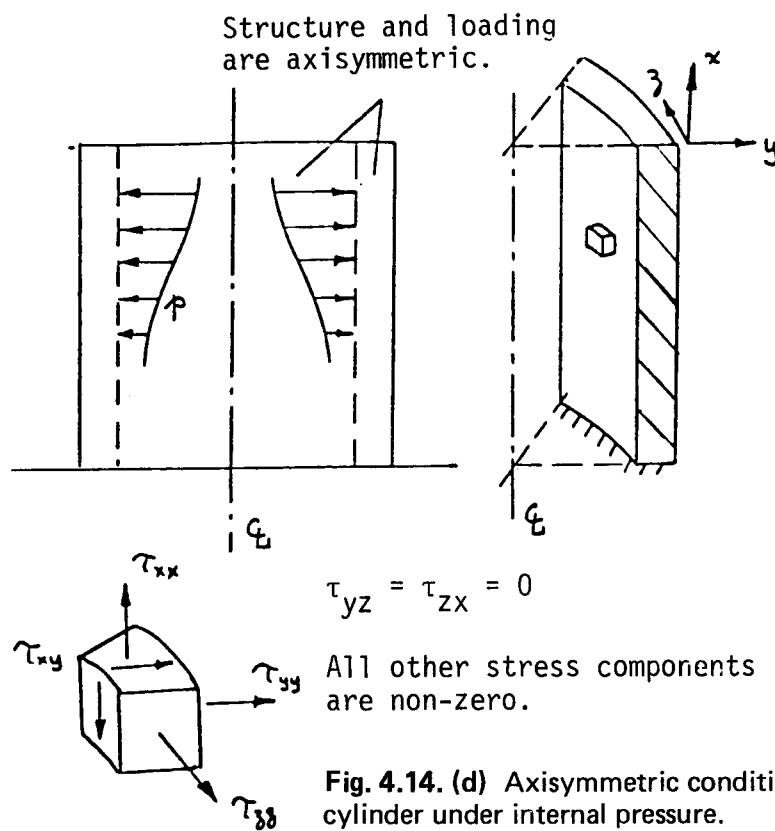


Fig. 4.14. (d) Axisymmetric condition: cylinder under internal pressure.

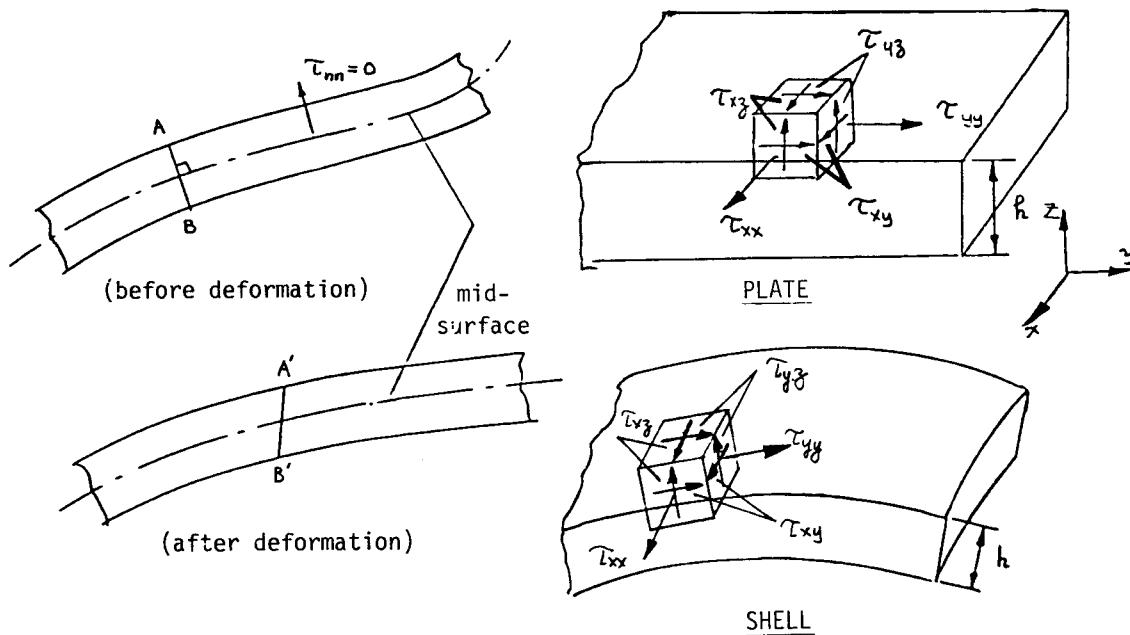


Fig. 4.14. (e) Plate and shell structures.

Problem	Displacement Components
Bar	$u$
Beam	$w$
Plane stress	$u, v$
Plane strain	$u, v$
Axisymmetric	$u, v$
Three-dimensional	$u, v, w$
Plate Bending	$w$

**Table 4.2 (a)** Corresponding Kinematic and Static Variables in Various Problems.

Problem	Strain Vector $\underline{\epsilon}^T$
Bar	$[\epsilon_{xx}]$
Beam	$[\kappa_{xx}]$
Plane stress	$[\epsilon_{xx} \quad \epsilon_{yy} \quad \gamma_{xy}]$
Plane strain	$[\epsilon_{xx} \quad \epsilon_{yy} \quad \gamma_{xy}]$
Axisymmetric	$[\epsilon_{xx} \quad \epsilon_{yy} \quad \gamma_{xy} \quad \epsilon_{zz}]$
Three-dimensional	$[\epsilon_{xx} \quad \epsilon_{yy} \quad \epsilon_{zz} \quad \gamma_{xy} \quad \gamma_{yz} \quad \gamma_{xz}]$
Plate Bending	$[\kappa_{xx} \quad \kappa_{yy} \quad \kappa_{xy}]$

Notation:  $\epsilon_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\epsilon_y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ ,  $\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ ,  
 $\dots$ ,  $\kappa_{xx} = -\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $\kappa_{yy} = -\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2}$ ,  $\kappa_{xy} = 2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y}$

**Table 4.2 (b)** Corresponding Kinematic and Static Variables in Various Problems.

Problem	Stress Vector $\underline{\tau}^T$
Bar	$[\tau_{xx}]$
Beam	$[M_{xx}]$
Plane stress	$[\tau_{xx} \quad \tau_{yy} \quad \tau_{xy}]$
Plane strain	$[\tau_{xx} \quad \tau_{yy} \quad \tau_{xy}]$
Axisymmetric	$[\tau_{xx} \quad \tau_{yy} \quad \tau_{xy} \quad \tau_{zz}]$
Three-dimensional	$[\tau_{xx} \quad \tau_{yy} \quad \tau_{zz} \quad \tau_{xy} \quad \tau_{yz} \quad \tau_{zx}]$
Plate Bending	$[M_{xx} \quad M_{yy} \quad M_{xy}]$

**Table 4.2 (c) Corresponding Kinematic and Static Variables in Various Problems.**

Problem	Material Matrix $\underline{C}$
Bar	$E$
Beam	$EI$
Plane Stress	$\frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

**Table 4.3 Generalized Stress-Strain Matrices for Isotropic Materials and the Problems in Table 4.2.**

**ELEMENT DISPLACEMENT EXPANSIONS :**  
**For one-dimensional bar elements**

$$u(x) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 x^2 + \dots \quad (4.46)$$

**For two-dimensional elements**

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,y) &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 y + \alpha_4 xy + \alpha_5 x^2 + \dots \\ v(x,y) &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 y + \beta_4 xy + \beta_5 x^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.47)$$

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**For plate bending elements**

$$w(x,y) = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 x + \gamma_3 y + \gamma_4 xy + \gamma_5 x^2 + \dots \quad (4.48)$$

**For three-dimensional solid elements**

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,y,z) &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 y + \alpha_4 z + \alpha_5 xy + \dots \\ v(x,y,z) &= \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 y + \beta_4 z + \beta_5 xy + \dots \\ w(x,y,z) &= \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 x + \gamma_3 y + \gamma_4 z + \gamma_5 xy + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.49)$$

Hence, in general

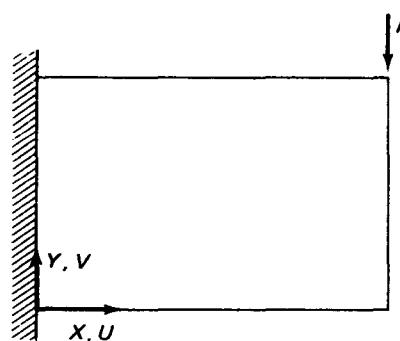
$$\underline{u} = \underline{\Phi} \underline{\alpha} \quad (4.50)$$

$$\hat{\underline{u}} = \underline{A} \underline{\alpha}; \underline{\alpha} = \underline{A}^{-1} \hat{\underline{u}} \quad (4.51/52)$$

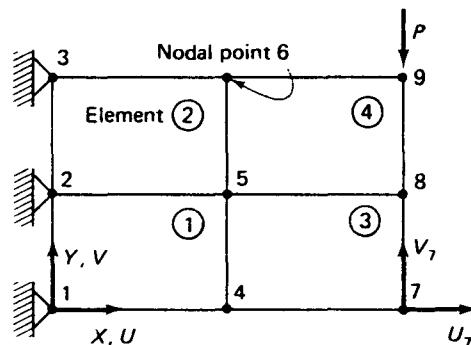
$$\underline{\epsilon} = \underline{E} \underline{\alpha}; \underline{\tau} = \underline{C} \underline{\epsilon} \quad (4.53/54)$$

$$\underline{H} = \underline{\Phi} \underline{A}^{-1}; \underline{B} = \underline{E} \underline{A}^{-1} \quad (4.55)$$

### Example

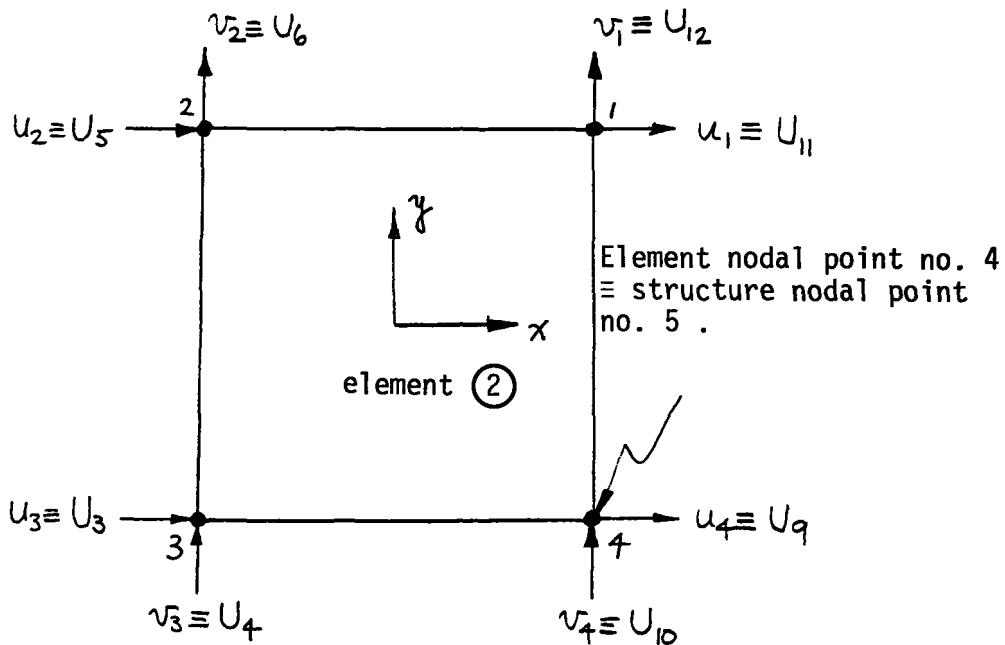


(a) Cantilever plate



(b) Finite element idealization

**Fig. 4.5.** Finite element plane stress analysis; i.e.  $\tau_{ZZ} = \tau_{ZY} = \tau_{ZX} = 0$



**Fig. 4.6.** Typical two-dimensional four-node element defined in local coordinate system.

For element 2 we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} u(x,y) \\ v(x,y) \end{bmatrix}^{(2)} = H^{(2)} \underline{U}$$

where

$$\underline{U}^T = [U_1 \ U_2 \ U_3 \ U_4 \ \dots \ U_{17} \ U_{18}]$$

To establish  $\underline{H}^{(2)}$  we use:

$$u(x,y) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 x + \alpha_3 y + \alpha_4 xy$$

$$v(x,y) = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + \beta_3 y + \beta_4 xy$$

or

$$\begin{bmatrix} u(x,y) \\ v(x,y) \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\Phi} \underline{\alpha}$$

where

$$\underline{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{\phi} & 0 \\ 0 & \underline{\phi} \end{bmatrix}; \underline{\phi} = [1 \ x \ y \ xy]$$

and

$$\underline{\alpha}^T = [\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \alpha_3 \ \alpha_4 \ \beta_1 \ \beta_2 \ \beta_3 \ \beta_4]$$


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**Defining**

$$\hat{\underline{u}}^T = [u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3 \ u_4 \ \ v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ v_4]$$

we have

$$\hat{\underline{u}} = \underline{A} \underline{\alpha}$$

Hence

$$\underline{H} = \underline{\Phi} \underline{A}^{-1}$$


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Hence

$$\underline{H} = \begin{bmatrix} (1+x)(1+y) & & & & 0 & & \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \cdots & & (1+x)(1+y) & & \\ & & & & & & \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 8}$$

and

$$\underline{H}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} u_3 & v_3 & u_2 & v_2 & & u_4 & v_4 \\ U_1 & U_2 & U_3 & U_4 & U_5 & U_6 & U_7 & U_8 & U_9 & U_{10} \\ 0 & 0 & H_{13} & H_{17} & H_{12} & H_{16} & 0 & 0 & H_{14} & H_{18} \\ 0 & 0 & H_{23} & H_{27} & H_{22} & H_{26} & 0 & 0 & H_{24} & H_{28} \end{bmatrix}_{2 \times 18}$$

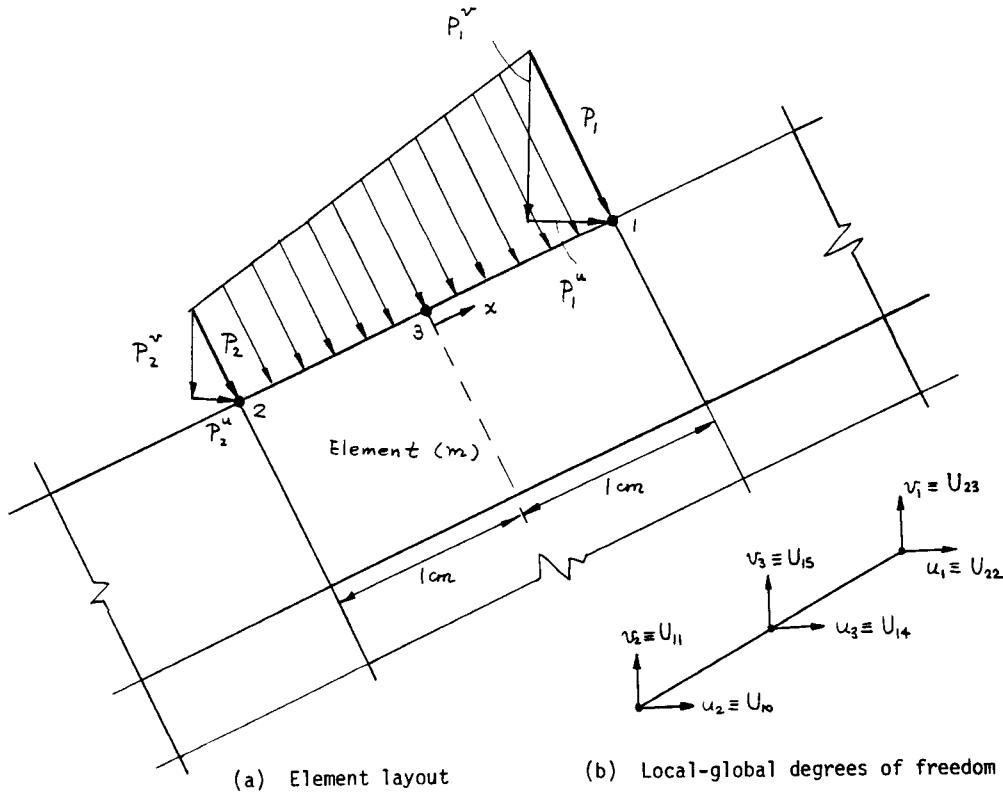
$u_1 \quad v_1 \leftarrow$  element degrees of freedom

$U_{11} \quad U_{12} \quad U_{13} \quad U_{14} \quad \dots \quad U_{18} \leftarrow$  assemblage degrees of freedom

$H_{11} \quad H_{15} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \dots \text{zeros} \dots 0$

$H_{21} \quad H_{25} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \dots \text{zeros} \dots 0$

$2 \times 18$



**Fig. 4.7.** Pressure loading on element (m)

In plane-stress conditions the element strains are

$$\underline{\epsilon}^T = [\epsilon_{xx} \quad \epsilon_{yy} \quad \gamma_{xy}]$$

where

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} ; \quad \epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} ; \quad \gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Hence

$$\underline{B} = \underline{E} \underline{A}^{-1}$$

where

$$\underline{E} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & y & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & x & 0 & 1 & 0 & y \end{array} \right]$$

ACTUAL PHYSICAL PROBLEM

GEOMETRIC DOMAIN

MATERIAL

LOADING

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS



MECHANICAL IDEALIZATION

KINEMATICS, e.g. truss

plane stress

three-dimensional

Kirchhoff plate

etc.

MATERIAL, e.g. isotropic linear  
elastic  
Mooney-Rivlin rubber  
etc.

LOADING, e.g. concentrated  
centrifugal  
etc.

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS, e.g. prescribed  
displacements  
etc.

YIELDS:

GOVERNING DIFFERENTIAL

EQUATIONS OF MOTION

e.g.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( EA \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = - p(x)$$

FINITE ELEMENT SOLUTION

CHOICE OF ELEMENTS AND  
SOLUTION PROCEDURES

YIELDS:

APPROXIMATE RESPONSE

SOLUTION OF MECHANICAL

IDEALIZATION

**Fig. 4.23.** Finite Element Solution Process

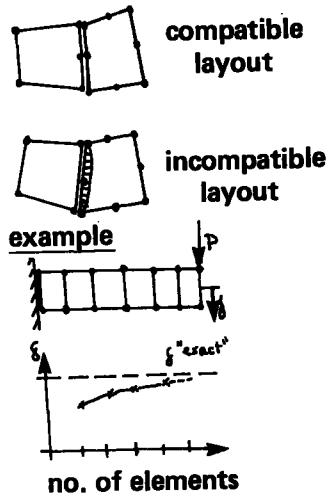
ERROR	ERROR OCCURRENCE IN	SECTION discussing error
DISCRETIZATION	use of finite element interpolations	4.2.5
NUMERICAL INTEGRATION IN SPACE	evaluation of finite element matrices using numerical integration	5.8.1 6.5.3
EVALUATION OF CONSTITUTIVE RELATIONS	use of nonlinear material models	6.4.2
SOLUTION OF DYNAMIC EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS	direct time integration, mode superposition	9.2 9.4
SOLUTION OF FINITE ELEMENT EQUATIONS BY ITERATION	Gauss-Seidel, Newton-Raphson, Quasi-Newton methods, eigensolutions	8.4 8.6 9.5 10.4
ROUND-OFF	setting-up equations and their solution	8.5

**Table 4.4** Finite Element Solution Errors

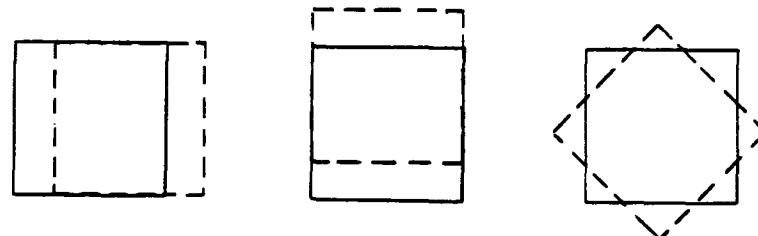
### CONVERGENCE

Assume a compatible element layout is used, then we have monotonic convergence to the solution of the problem-governing differential equation, provided the elements contain:

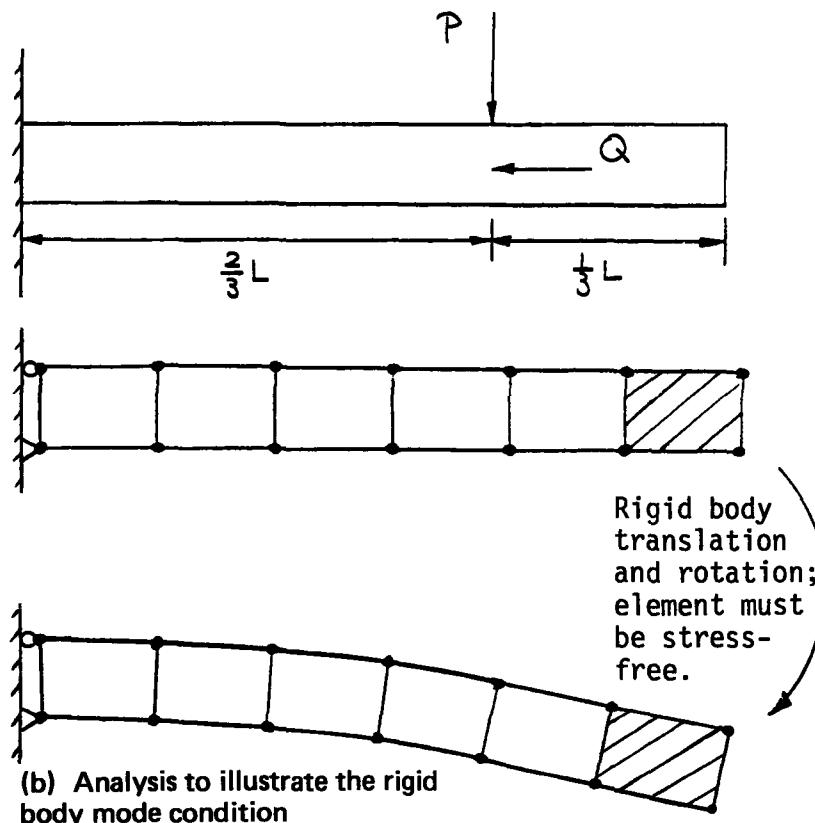
- 1) all required rigid body modes
- 2) all required constant strain states



If an incompatible element layout is used, then in addition every patch of elements must be able to represent the constant strain states. Then we have convergence but non-monotonic convergence.

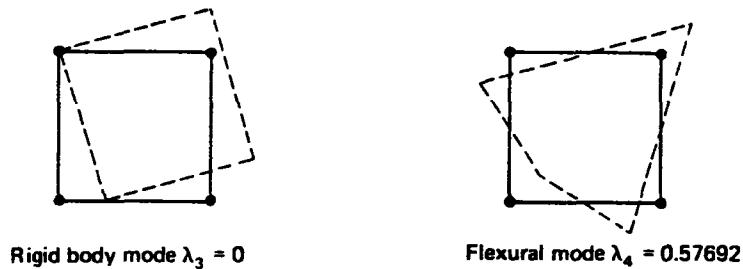
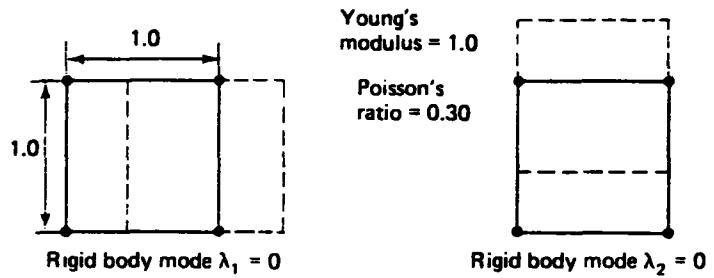


(a) Rigid body modes of a plane stress element



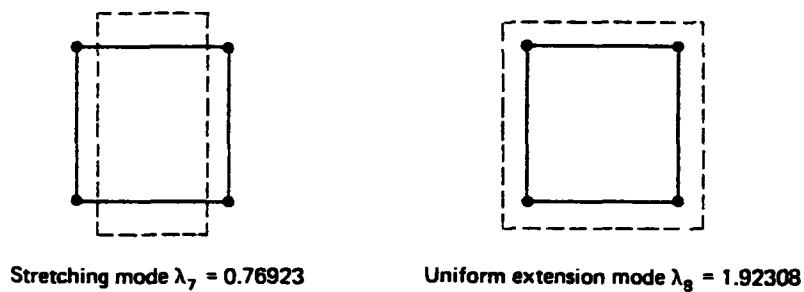
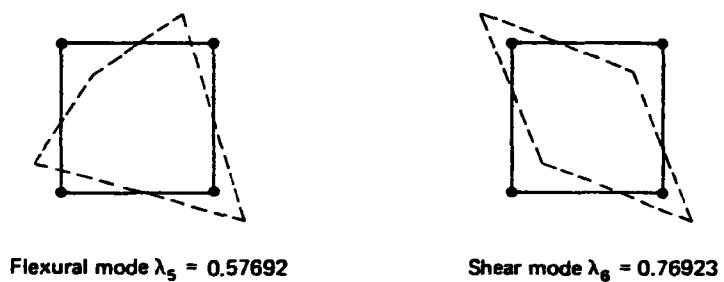
(b) Analysis to illustrate the rigid body mode condition

**Fig. 4.24.** Use of plane stress element in analysis of cantilever



**Fig. 4.25 (a)** Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of four-node plane stress element

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**Fig. 4.25 (b)** Eigenvectors and eigenvalues of four-node plane stress element

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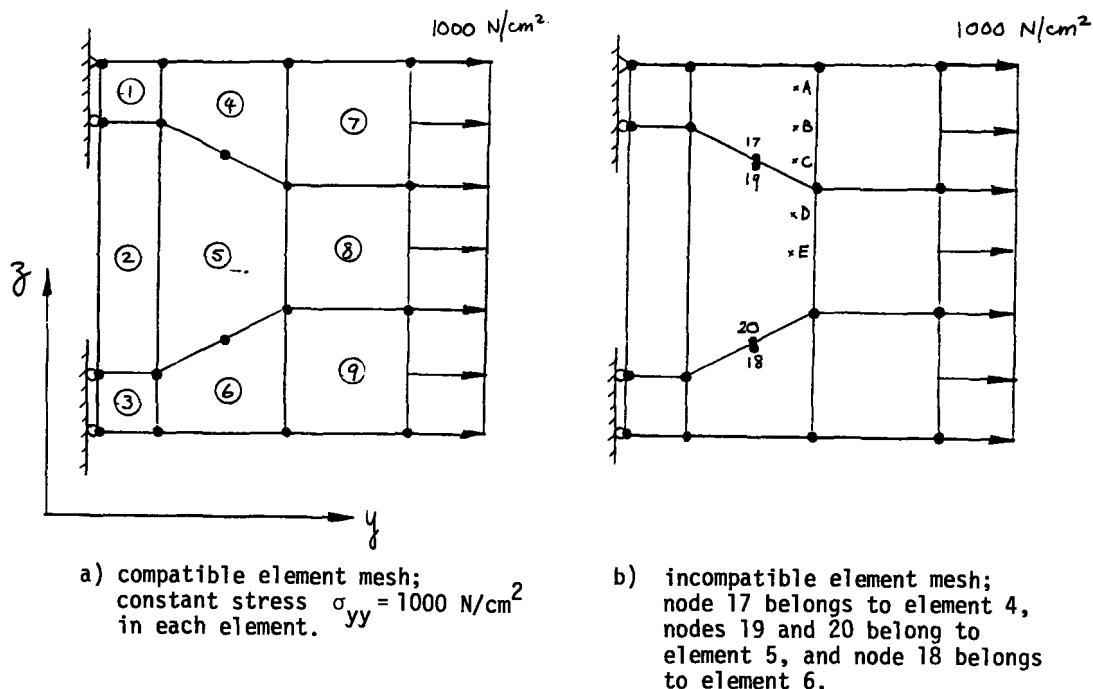


Fig. 4.30 (a) Effect of displacement incompatibility in stress prediction

$\sigma_{yy}$  stress predicted by the incompatible element mesh:

Point	$\sigma_{yy} (\text{N/m}^2)$
A	1066
B	716
C	359
D	1303
E	1303

Fig. 4.30 (b) Effect of displacement incompatibility in stress prediction

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# **IMPLEMENTATION OF METHODS IN COMPUTER PROGRAMS; EXAMPLES SAP, ADINA**

**LECTURE 5**

**56 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 5 Implementation of the finite element method**

**The computer programs SAP and ADINA**

**Details of allocation of nodal point degrees of freedom, calculation of matrices, the assembly process**

**Example analysis of a cantilever plate**

**Out-of-core solution**

**Effective nodal-point numbering**

**Flow chart of total solution process**

**Introduction to different effective finite elements used in one, two, three-dimensional, beam, plate and shell analyses**

**TEXTBOOK:** Appendix A, Sections: 1.3, 8.2.3

**Examples: A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, Example Program STAP**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE FINITE ELEMENT  
METHOD**

We derived the equilibrium equations

$$\underline{K}\underline{U} = \underline{R} ; \underline{R} = \underline{R}_B + \dots$$

where

$$\underline{K} = \sum_m \underline{K}^{(m)} ; \underline{R}_B = \sum_m \underline{R}_B^{(m)}$$

$$\underline{K}^{(m)} = \int_{V(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)T} \underline{C}^{(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)} dV^{(m)}$$

$$\underline{R}_B^{(m)} = \int_{V(m)} \underline{H}^{(m)T} \underline{f}^{(m)} \underline{B}^{(m)} dV^{(m)}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underline{H}^{(m)} & \underline{B}^{(m)} & N = \text{no. of d.o.f.} \\ k \times N & l \times N & \text{of total structure} \end{array}$$

In practice, we calculate compacted element matrices.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underline{K} & \underline{R}_B & \dots n = \text{no. of} \\ n \times n & n \times 1 & \text{element d.o.f.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underline{H} & \underline{B} \\ k \times n & l \times n \end{array}$$

The stress analysis process can be understood to consist of essentially three phases:

1. Calculation of structure matrices  $K, M, C$ , and  $R$ , whichever are applicable.
2. Solution of equilibrium equations.
3. Evaluation of element stresses.

The calculation of the structure  
matrices is performed as follows:

1. The nodal point and element in-  
formation are read and/or generated.
2. The element stiffness matrices,  
mass and damping matrices, and  
equivalent nodal loads are calculated.
3. The structure matrices  $K$ ,  $M$ ,  
 $C$ , and  $R$ , whichever are  
applicable, are assembled.

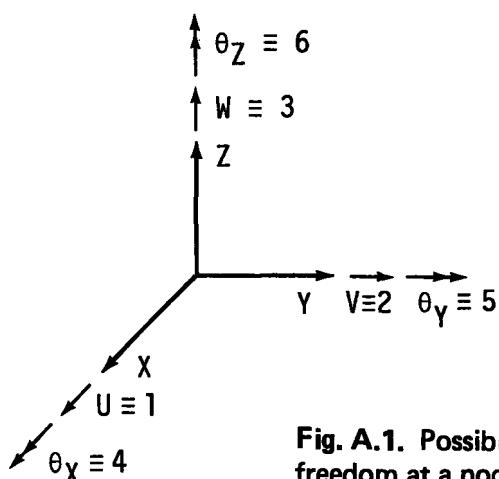
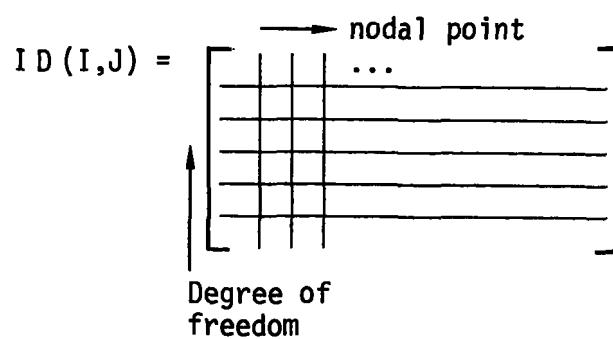
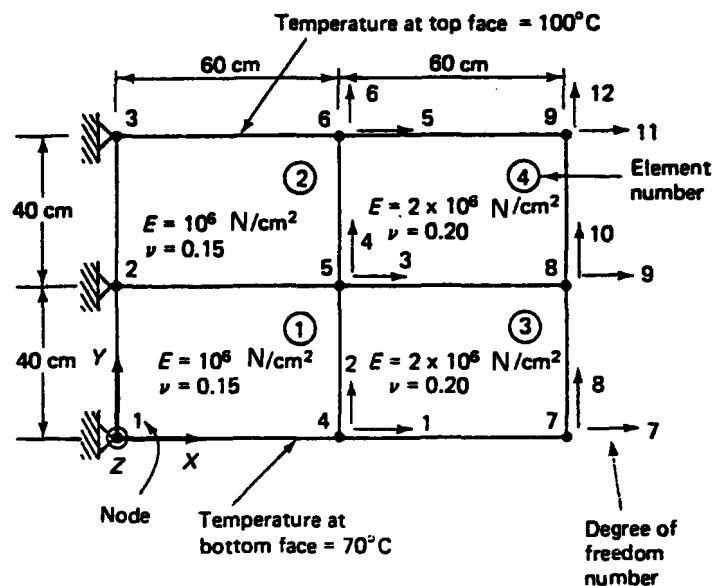


Fig. A.1. Possible degrees of  
freedom at a nodal point.





**Fig. A.2.** Finite element cantilever idealization.

In this case the ID array is given by

$$\mathbf{ID} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and then

$$ID = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 & 11 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 10 & 12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Also

$$x^T = [ 0.0 \quad 0.0 \quad 0.0 \quad 60.0 \quad 60.0 \quad 60.0 \quad 120.0 \quad 120.0 \quad 120.0 ]$$

$$y^T = [ 0.0 \quad 40.0 \quad 80.0 \quad 0.0 \quad 40.0 \quad 80.0 \quad 0.0 \quad 40.0 \quad 80.0 ]$$

$$z^T = [ 0.0 \quad 0.0 ]$$

$$t^T = [ 70.0 \quad 85.0 \quad 100.0 \quad 70.0 \quad 85.0 \quad 100.0 \quad 70.0 \quad 85.0 \quad 100.0 ]$$

**For the elements we have**

**Element 1: node numbers: 5,2,1,4;  
material property set: 1**

**Element 2: node numbers: 6,3,2,5;  
material property set: 1**

**Element 3: node numbers: 8,5,4,7;  
material property set: 2**

**Element 4: node numbers: 9,6,5,8;  
material property set: 2**

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**CORRESPONDING COLUMN AND ROW NUMBERS**

For compacted matrix	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
For $\underline{K}_1$	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	2

$$\underline{L}\underline{M}^T = [3 \ 4 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2]$$

Similarly, we can obtain the LM arrays that correspond to the elements 2,3, and 4. We have for element 2,

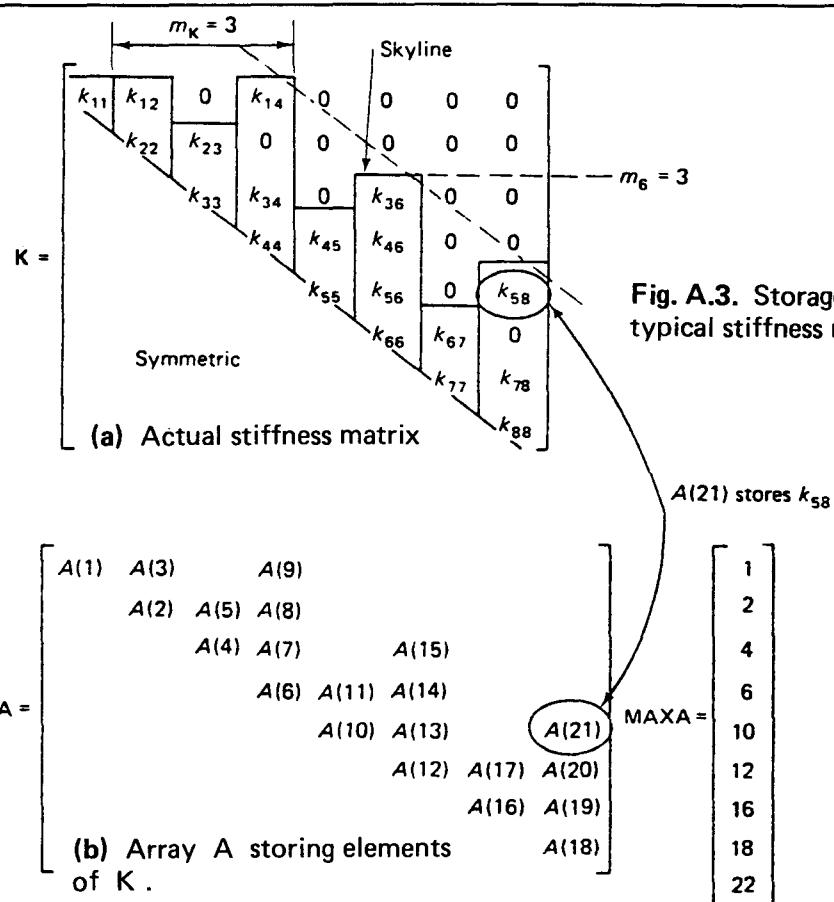
$$LM^T = [5 \ 6 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 3 \ 4]$$

for element 3,

$$LM^T = [9 \ 10 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2 \ 7 \ 8]$$

and for element 4,

$$LM^T = [11 \ 12 \ 5 \ 6 \ 3 \ 4 \ 9 \ 10]$$



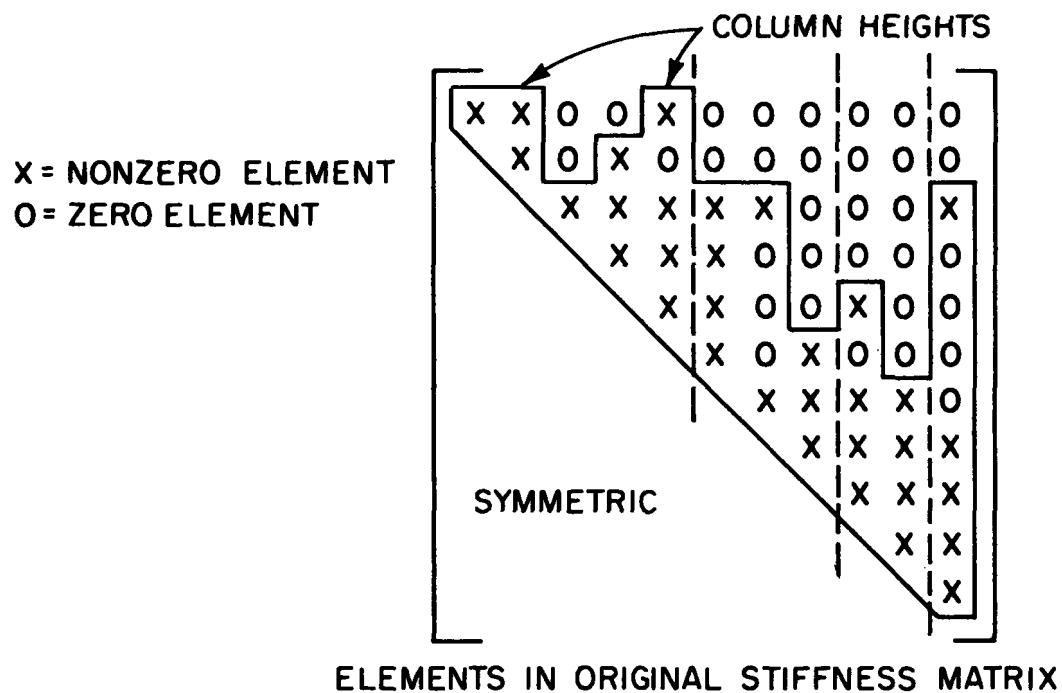


Fig. 10. Typical element pattern in a stiffness matrix using block storage.

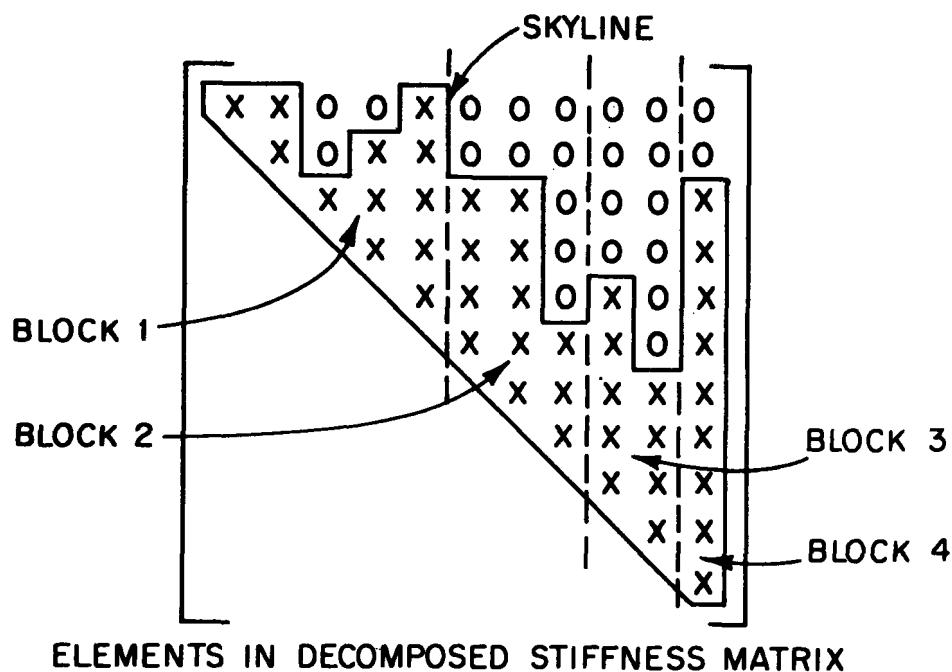
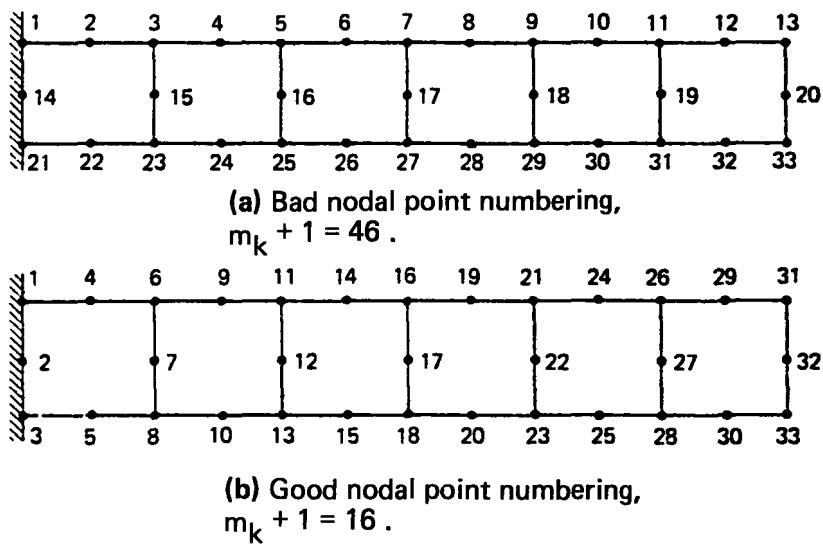
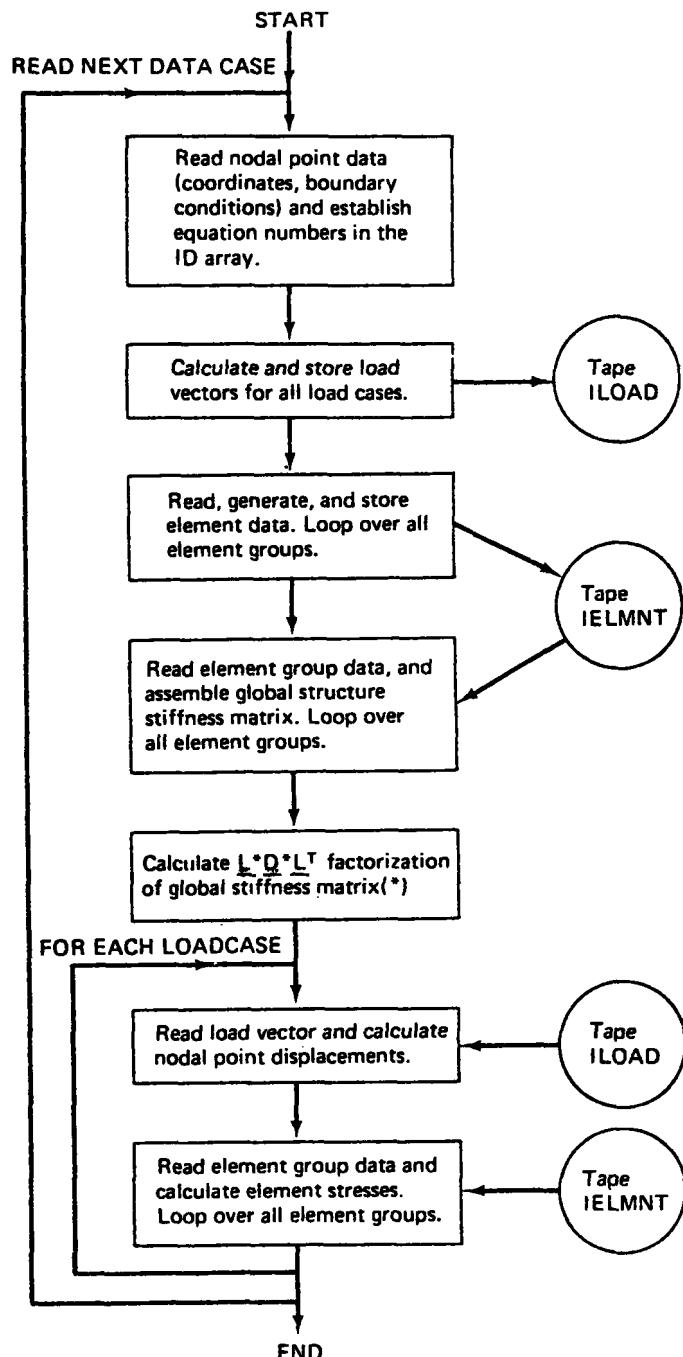


Fig. 10. Typical element pattern in a stiffness matrix using block storage.



**Fig. A.4.** Bad and good nodal point numbering for finite element assemblage.



**Fig. A.5. Flow chart of program STAP. \*See Section 8.2.2.**

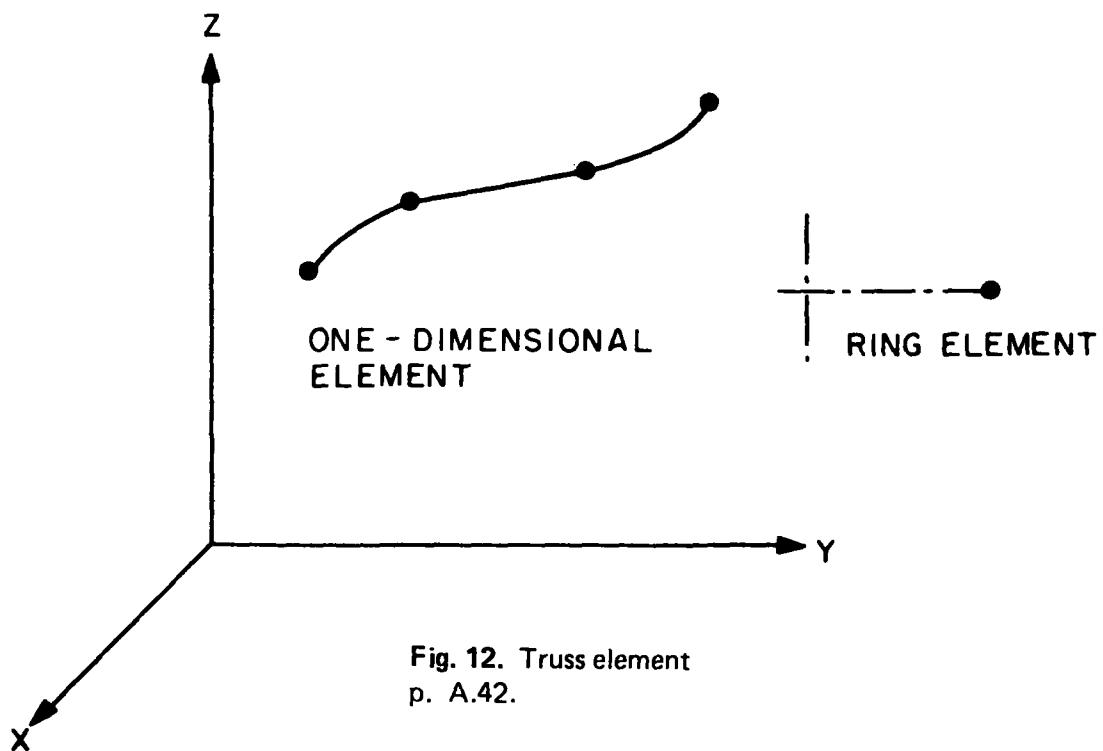


Fig. 12. Truss element  
p. A.42.

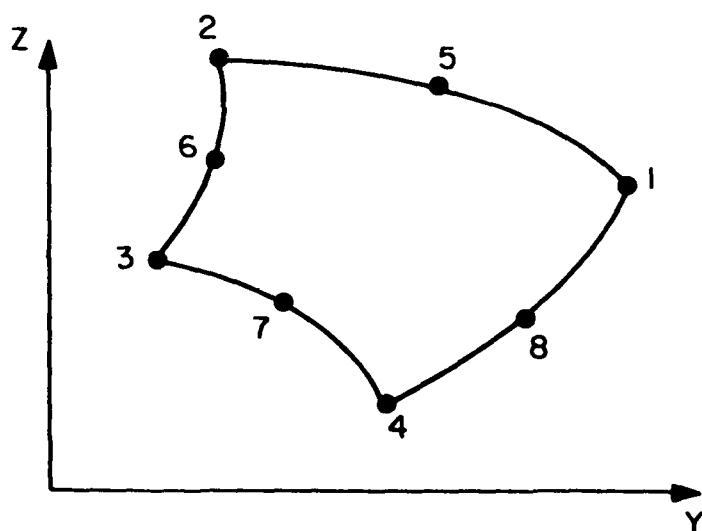


Fig. 13. Two-dimensional plane  
stress, plane strain and axisymmetric  
elements.  
p..A.43.

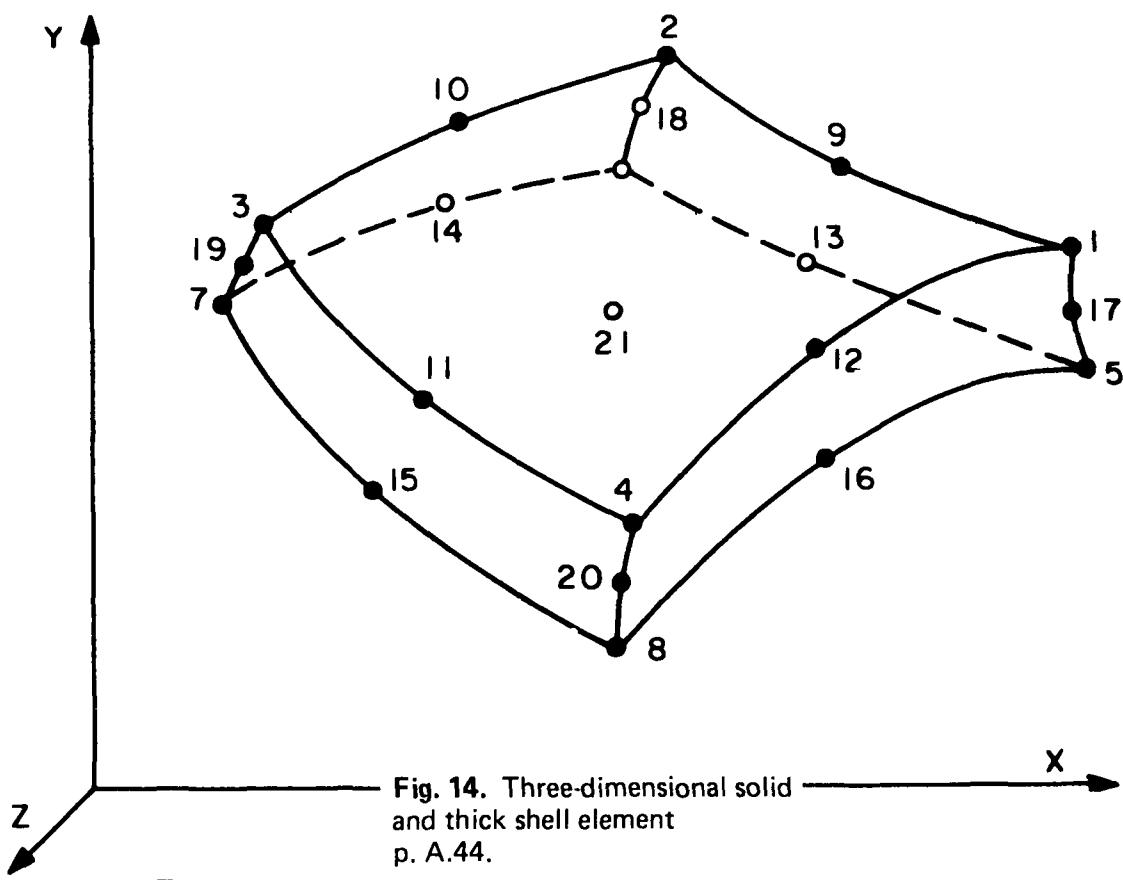


Fig. 14. Three-dimensional solid  
and thick shell element  
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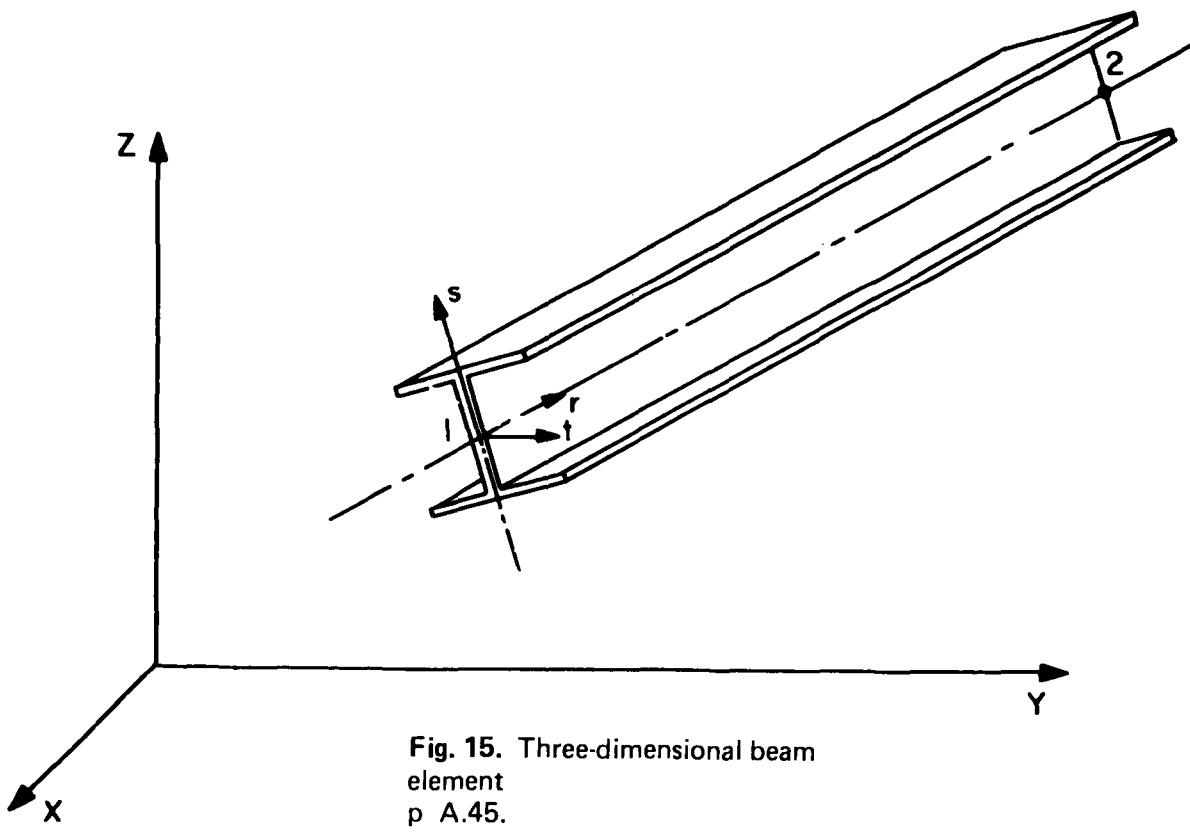
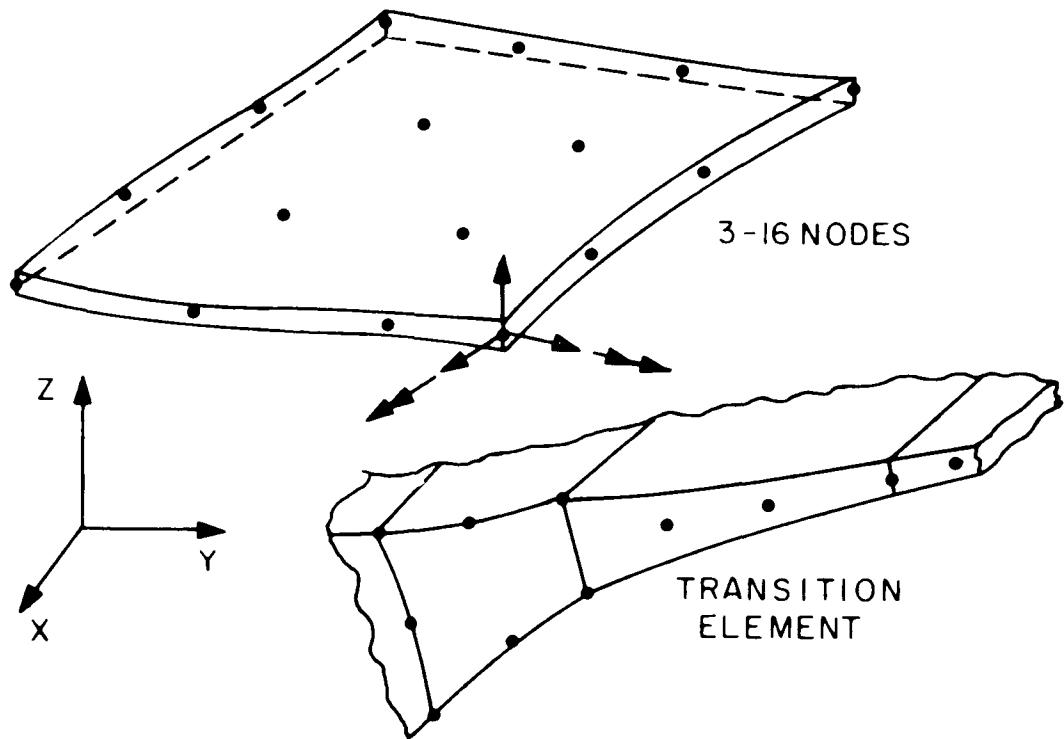


Fig. 15. Three-dimensional beam  
element  
p. A.45.



**Fig. 16.** Thin shell element  
(variable-number-nodes)  
p. A.46.

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# **FORMULATION AND CALCULATION OF ISOPARAMETRIC MODELS**

**LECTURE 6**  
**57 MINUTES**

**LECTURE 6 Formulation and calculation of isoparametric continuum elements**

**Truss, plane-stress, plane-strain, axisymmetric and three-dimensional elements**

**Variable-number-nodes elements, curved elements**

**Derivation of interpolations, displacement and strain interpolation matrices, the Jacobian transformation**

**Various examples; shifting of internal nodes to achieve stress singularities for fracture mechanics analysis**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.1, 5.3.3, 5.5.1**

**Examples: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17**

**FORMULATION AND  
CALCULATION OF ISO-  
PARAMETRIC FINITE  
ELEMENTS**

- We considered earlier (lecture 4) generalized coordinate finite element models
- We now want to discuss a more general approach to deriving the required

interpolation matrices  
and element matrices

→ **isoparametric  
elements**

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**Isoparametric Elements**  
**Basic Concept: (Continuum Elements)**

**Interpolate Geometry**

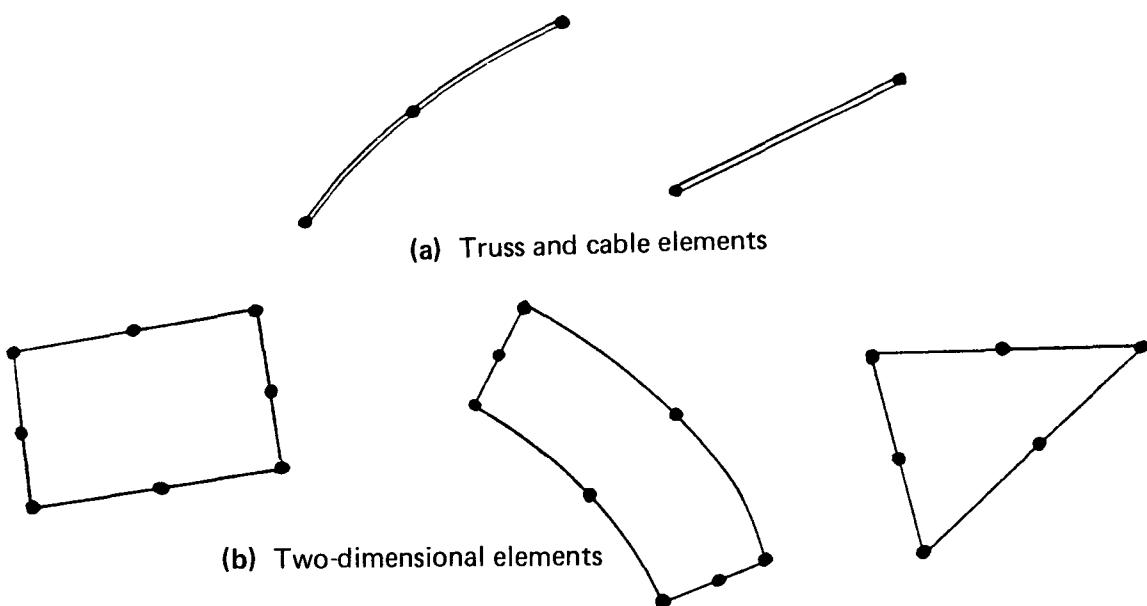
$$x = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i x_i ; \quad y = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i y_i ; \quad z = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i z_i$$

**Interpolate Displacements**

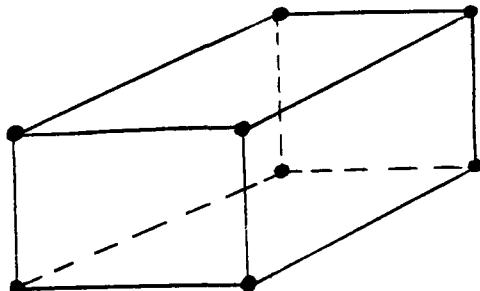
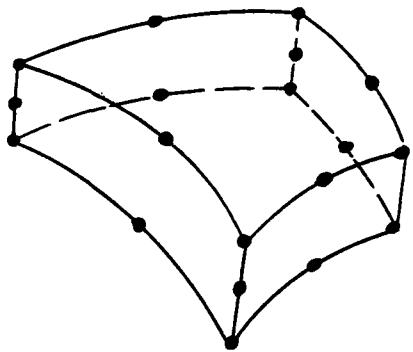
$$u = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i u_i \quad v = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i v_i \quad w = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i w_i$$

**N = number of nodes**

1/D Element	Truss	
2/D Elements	Plane stress Plane strain Axisymmetric Analysis	Continuum Elements
3/D Elements	Three-dimensional Thick Shell	



**Fig. 5.2. Some typical continuum elements**

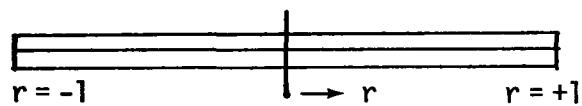


(c) Three-dimensional elements

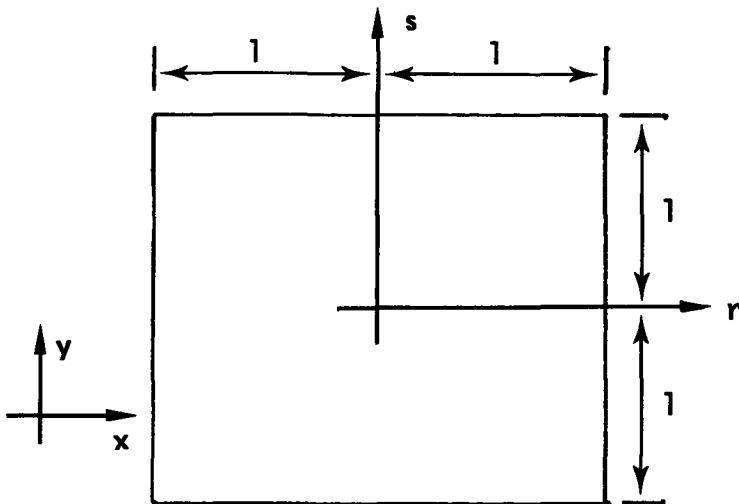
Fig. 5.2. Some typical continuum elements

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Consider special geometries first:



Truss, 2 units long



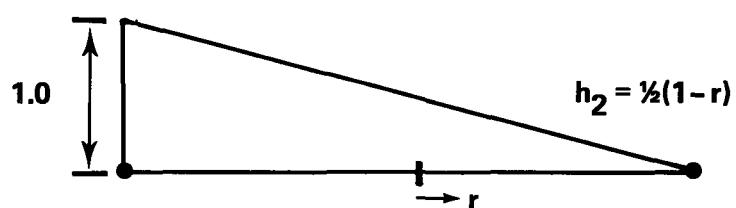
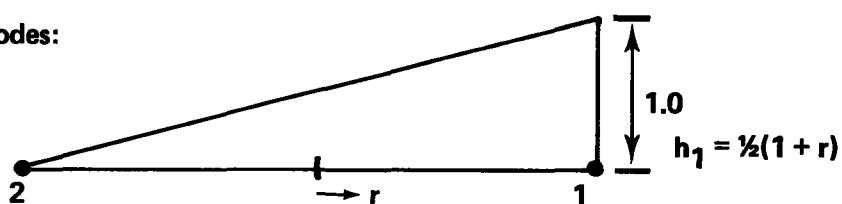
**2/D element, 2x2 units**

**Similarly 3/D element 2x2x2 units  
(r - s - t axes)**

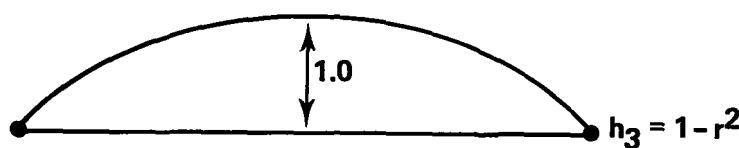
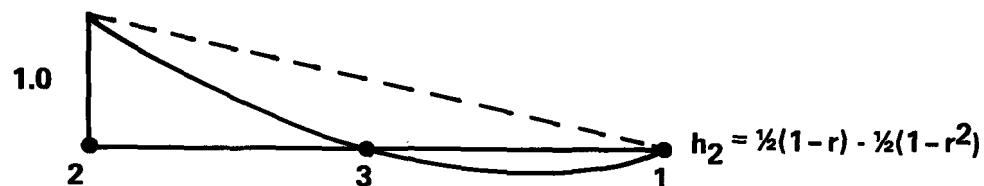
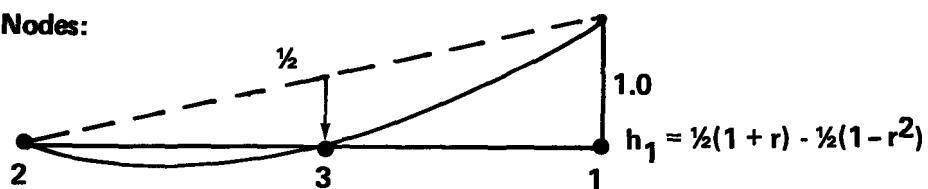
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#### **1 - D Element**

**2 Nodes:**

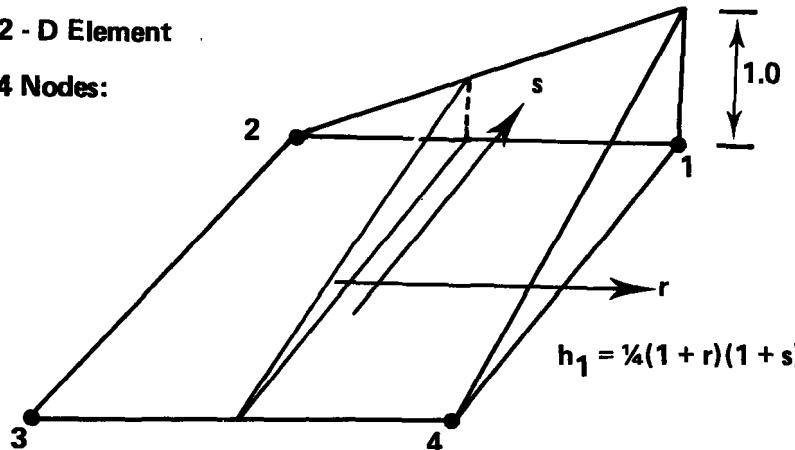


**3 Nodes:**



**2 - D Element**

**4 Nodes:**



**Similarly**

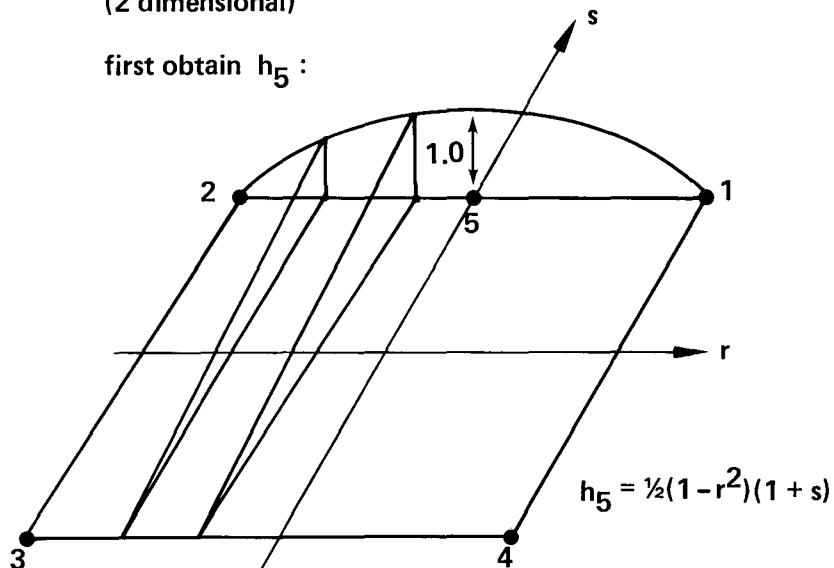
$$h_2 = 1/4(1-r)(1+s)$$

$$h_3 = 1/4(1-r)(1-s)$$

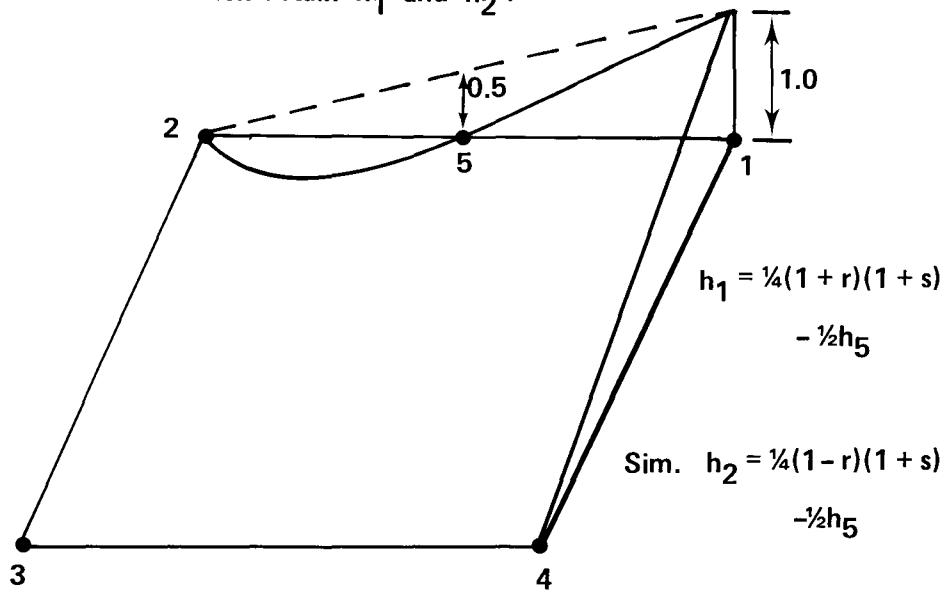
$$h_4 = 1/4(1+r)(1-s)$$

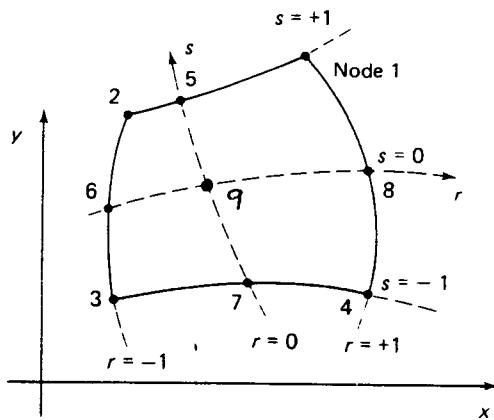
Construction of 5 node element  
(2 dimensional)

first obtain  $h_5$ :



Then obtain  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ :





(a) Four to 9 variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element

**Fig. 5.5.** Interpolation functions of four to nine variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element.

Include only if node  $i$  is defined

$i = 5 \quad i = 6 \quad i = 7 \quad i = 8 \quad i = 9$

$h_1 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1+r)(1+s)$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_5$	.....	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_8$	$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_2 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1+s)$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_5$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_6$				$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_3 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1-s)$	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_6$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_7$			$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_4 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1+r)(1-s)$	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_7$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_8$	$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$	
$h_5 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-r^2)(1+s)$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_6 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)(1-r)$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_7 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-r^2)(1-s)$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_8 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)(1+r)$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_9 =$	$(1-r^2)(1-s^2)$						

(b) Interpolation functions

**Fig. 5.5.** Interpolation functions of four to nine variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element:

Having obtained the  $h_i$ , we can construct the matrices  $\underline{H}$  and  $\underline{B}$ :

- The elements of  $\underline{H}$  are the  $h_i$  (or zero)
- The elements of  $\underline{B}$  are the derivatives of the  $h_i$  (or zero),

Because for the  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  elements we can use

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \\ y &= s \\ z &= t \end{aligned}$$

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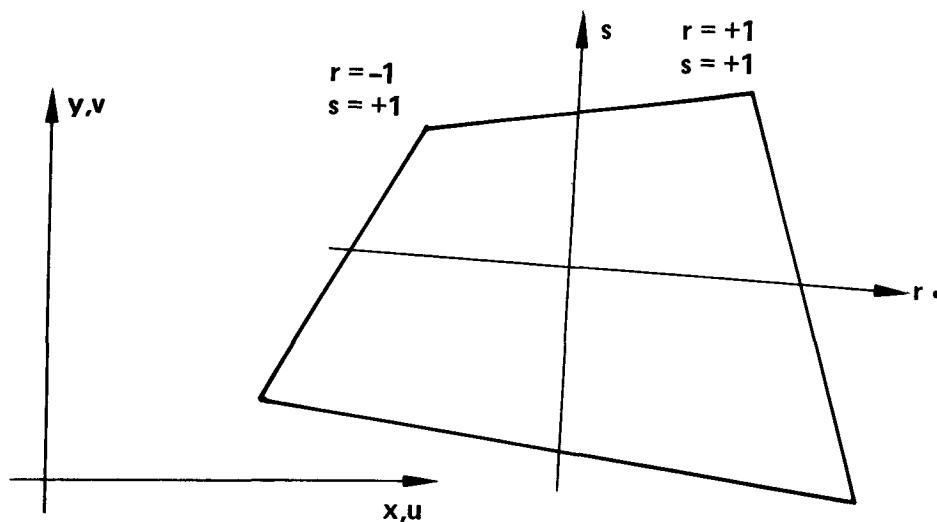
**EXAMPLE 4 node 2 dim. element**

$$\begin{bmatrix} u(r,s) \\ v(r,s) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_1 & 0 & | & h_2 & 0 & | & h_3 & 0 & | & h_4 & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 0 & h_2 & 0 & h_3 & 0 & h_4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{H}} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{rr} \\ \epsilon_{ss} \\ \gamma_{rs} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} & 0 & & & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s} & & & 0 & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} & \ddots & & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix}}_B \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We note again     $r \equiv x$   
 $s \equiv y$

### GENERAL ELEMENTS



Displacement and geometry interpolation as before, but

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

or

Aside:  
cannot use

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \dots$$

$$\underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}} = \underline{J} \underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} \quad (\text{in general})$$

$$\underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial x}} = \underline{J}^{-1} \underline{\frac{\partial}{\partial r}} \quad (5.25)$$

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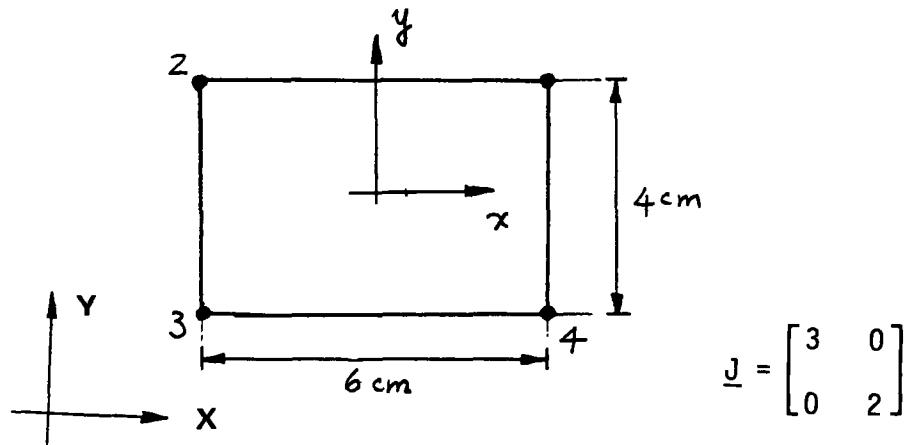
Using (5.25) we can find the matrix B of general elements

The H and B matrices are a function of r, s, t; for the integration thus use

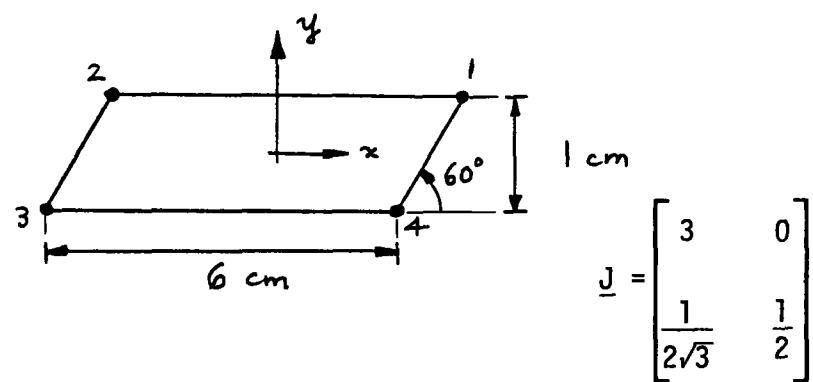
$$dv = \det \underline{J} dr ds dt$$

Fig. 5.9. Some two-dimensional elements

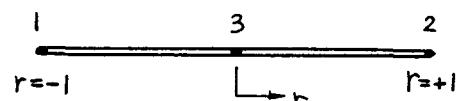
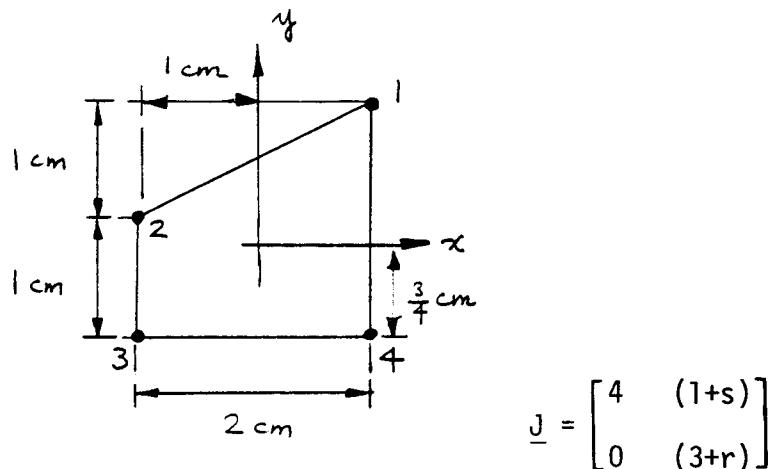
Element 1



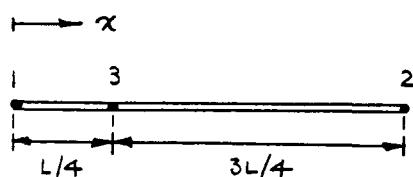
Element 2



Element 3



Natural space



Actual physical space

Fig. 5.23. Quarter-point one-dimensional element.

**Here we have**

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^3 h_i x_i \Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{4}(1+r)^2$$

**hence**

$$\underline{J} = \left[ \frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2} L \right]$$

**and**

$$\underline{B} = \frac{1}{\frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2} L} [h_{1,r} \ h_{2,r} \ h_{3,r}]$$

**or**

$$\underline{B} = \frac{1}{\frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2} L} [(-\frac{1}{2} + r) \ (\frac{1}{2} + r) \ -2r]$$

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**Since**

$$r = 2\sqrt{\frac{x}{L}} - 1$$

$$\underline{B} = \left[ \left( \frac{2}{L} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{L}} \ \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \ \left( \frac{2}{L} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \ \ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{L}} \ \frac{4}{L} \right) \right] \right)$$

**We note**

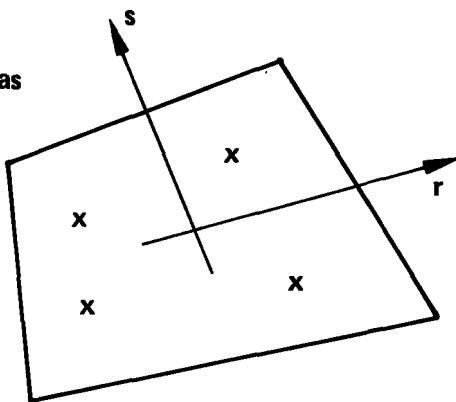
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \text{ singularity at } X = 0 !$$

**Numerical Integration**

**Gauss Integration  
Newton-Cotes Formulas**

$$\underline{K} = \sum_{i,j,k} \alpha_{ijk} \underline{F}_{ijk}$$

$$\underline{F} = \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} \det \underline{J}$$



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# **FORMULATION OF STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS**

**LECTURE 7**

**52 MINUTES**

**LECTURE 7 Formulation and calculation of isoparametric structural elements**

**Beam, plate and shell elements**

**Formulation using Mindlin plate theory and unified general continuum formulation**

**Assumptions used including shear deformations**

**Demonstrative examples: two-dimensional beam, plate elements**

**Discussion of general variable-number-nodes elements**

**Transition elements between structural and continuum elements**

**Low- versus high-order elements**

**TEXTBOOK:** Sections: 5.4.1, 5.4.2, 5.5.2, 5.6.1

**Examples: 5.20, 5.21, 5.22, 5.23, 5.24, 5.25, 5.26, 5.27**

**FORMULATION OF  
STRUCTURAL  
ELEMENTS**

- beam, plate and shell elements
- isoparametric approach for interpolations

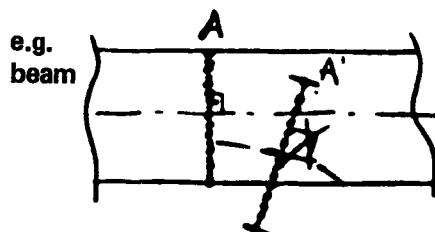
**Strength of Materials  
Approach**

- straight beam elements  
use beam theory including shear effects
- plate elements  
use plate theory including shear effects  
(Reissner/Mindlin)

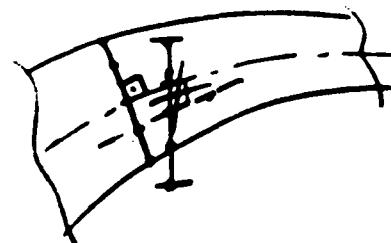
**Continuum  
Approach**

- Use the general principle of virtual displacements, but
- exclude the stress components not applicable
  - use kinematic constraints for particles on sections originally normal to the mid-surface

" particles remain on a straight line during deformation"



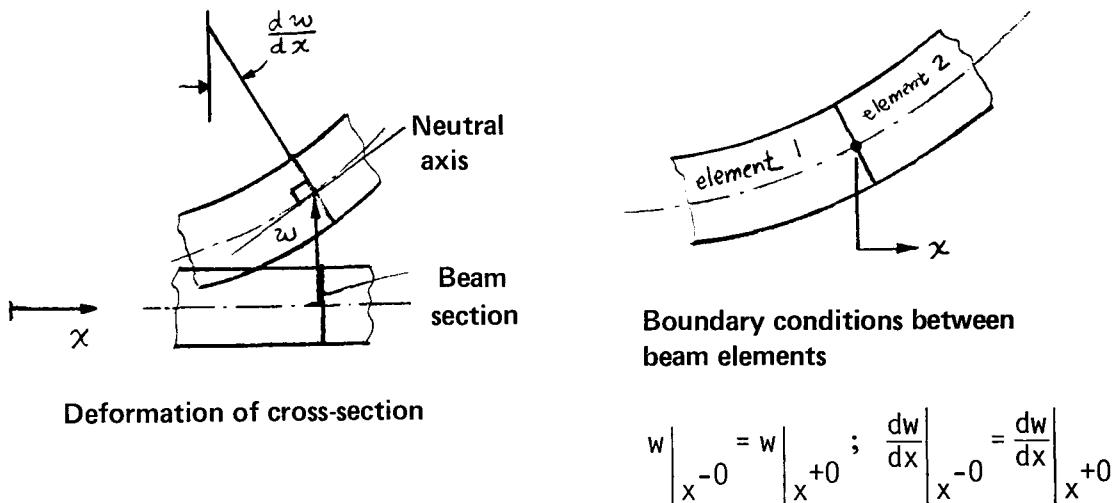
e.g.  
beam



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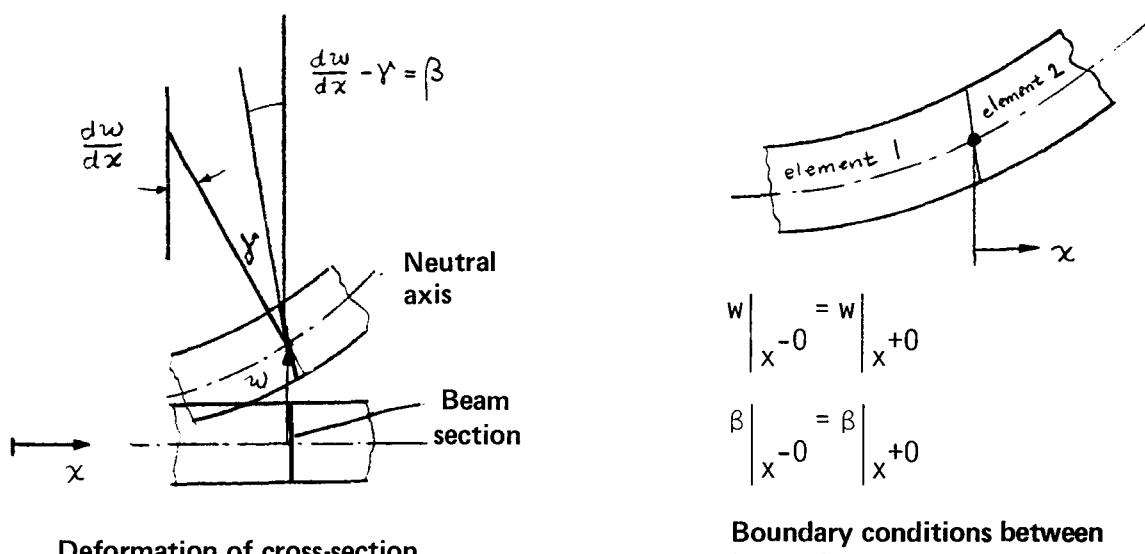
## Formulation of structural elements

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a) Beam deformations excluding shear effect

Fig. 5.29. Beam deformation mechanisms



b) Beam deformations including shear effect

Fig. 5.29. Beam deformation mechanisms

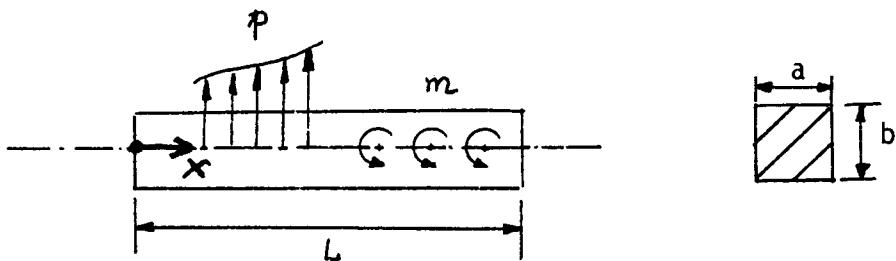
We use

$$\beta = \frac{dw}{dx} - \gamma \quad (5.48)$$

$$\tau = \frac{V}{A_s}; \quad \gamma = \frac{\tau}{G}; \quad k = \frac{A_s}{A} \quad (5.49)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{EI}{2} \int_0^L \left( \frac{d\beta}{dx} \right)^2 dx + \frac{GAk}{2} \int_0^L \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right)^2 dx \\ &\quad - \int_0^L p w dx - \int_0^L m \beta dx \end{aligned} \quad (5.50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & EI \int_0^L \left( \frac{d\beta}{dx} \right) \delta \left( \frac{d\beta}{dx} \right) dx \\ &+ GAk \int_0^L \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right) \delta \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right) dx \\ &- \int_0^L p \delta w dx - \int_0^L m \delta \beta dx = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.51)$$



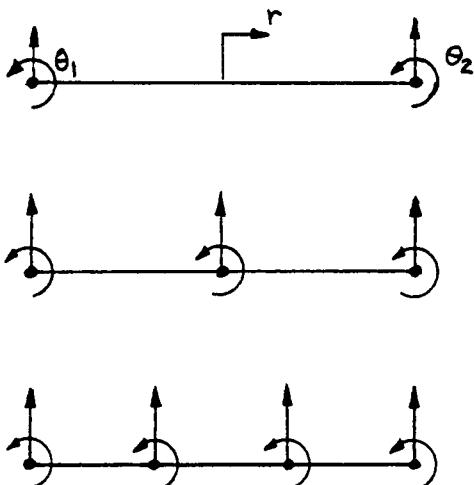
(a) Beam with applied loading

$E$  = Young's modulus,  $G$  = shear modulus

$$k = \frac{5}{6} E, \quad A = ab, \quad I = \frac{ab^3}{12}$$

Fig. 5.30. Formulation of two-dimensional beam element

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(b) Two, three- and four-node models;  
 $\theta_i = \beta_i, i=1, \dots, q$  (Interpolation  
functions are given in Fig. 5.4)

Fig. 5.30. Formulation of two-dimensional beam element

The interpolations are now

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i w_i ; \beta = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i \theta_i \quad (5.52)$$

$$\underline{w} = \underline{H}_w \underline{U} ; \beta = \underline{H}_\beta \underline{U}$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \underline{B}_w \underline{U} ; \frac{\partial \beta}{\partial x} = \underline{B}_\beta \underline{U} \quad (5.53)$$

Where

$$\underline{U}^T = [w_1 \dots w_q \ \theta_1 \dots \theta_q]$$

$$\underline{H}_w = [h_1 \dots h_q \ 0 \dots 0]$$

$$\underline{H}_\beta = [0 \dots 0 \ h_1 \dots h_q] \quad (5.54)$$

and

$$\underline{B}_w = J^{-1} \left[ \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} \dots \frac{\partial h_q}{\partial r} \ 0 \dots 0 \right]$$

$$\underline{B}_\beta = J^{-1} \left[ 0 \dots 0 \ \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} \dots \frac{\partial h_q}{\partial r} \right] \quad (5.55)$$

So that

$$\underline{K} = EI \int_{-1}^1 \underline{B}_{\beta}^T \underline{B}_{\beta} \det J \, dr + GAk \int_{-1}^1 (\underline{B}_w - \underline{H}_{\beta})^T (\underline{B}_w - \underline{H}_{\beta}) \det J \, dr \quad (5.56)$$

and

$$\underline{R} = \int_{-1}^1 \underline{H}_w^T p \det J \, dr + \int_{-1}^1 \underline{H}_{\beta}^T m \det J \, dr \quad (5.57)$$


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Considering the order of interpolations required, we study

$$\Pi = \int_0^L \left( \frac{d\beta}{dx} \right)^2 dx + \alpha \int_0^L \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right)^2 dx ;$$

$$\alpha = \frac{GAK}{EI} \quad (5.60)$$

Hence

- use parabolic (or higher-order) elements
- discrete Kirchhoff theory
- reduced numerical integration

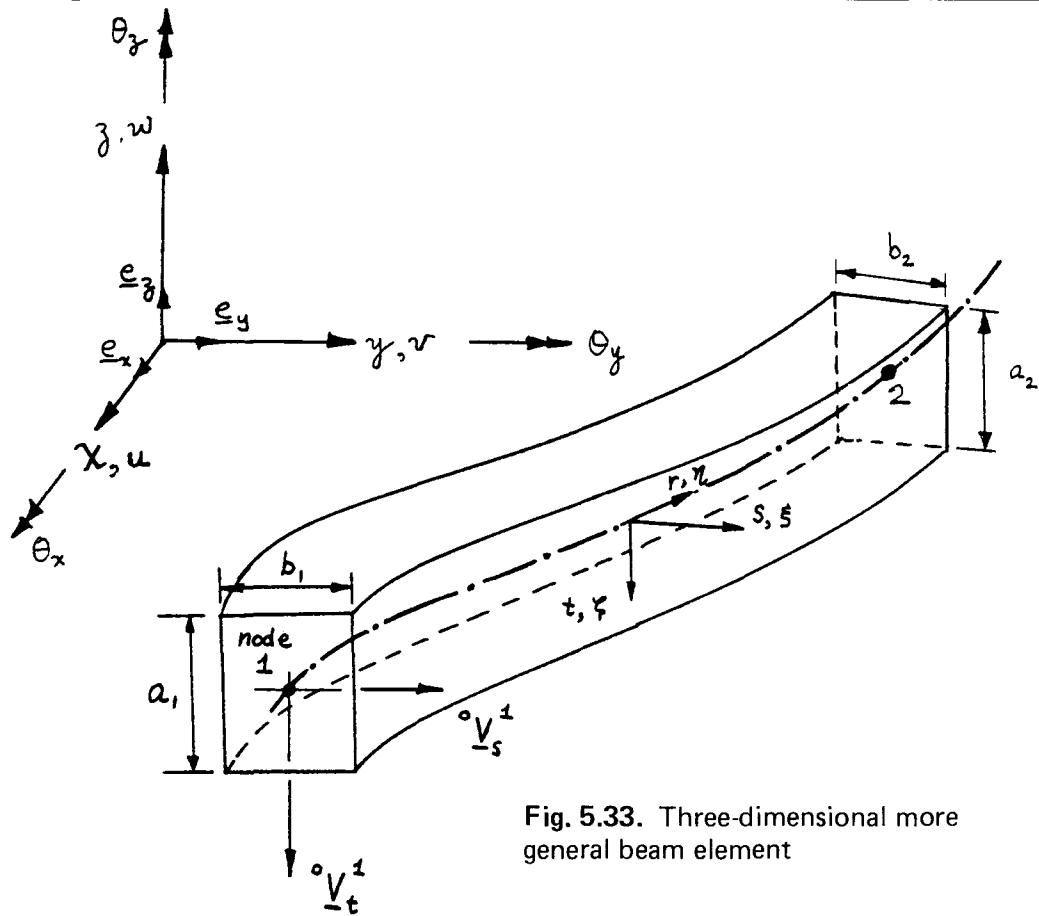


Fig. 5.33. Three-dimensional more general beam element

Here we use

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ell_x(r, s, t) &= \sum_{k=1}^q h_k \ell_{x_k} + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k \ell_{v_{tx}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k \ell_{v_{sx}} \\
 \ell_y(r, s, t) &= \sum_{k=1}^q h_k \ell_{y_k} + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k \ell_{v_{ty}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k \ell_{v_{sy}} \quad (5.61) \\
 \ell_z(r, s, t) &= \sum_{k=1}^q h_k \ell_{z_k} + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k \ell_{v_{tz}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k \ell_{v_{sz}}
 \end{aligned}$$

So that

$$u(r,s,t) = l_x - 0_x$$

$$v(r,s,t) = l_y - 0_y \quad (5.62)$$

$$w(r,s,t) = l_z - 0_z$$

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and

$$u(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k u_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{tx}^k \\ + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k v_{sx}^k$$

$$v(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k v_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{ty}^k \\ + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k v_{sy}^k$$

$$w(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k w_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{tz}^k \\ + \frac{s}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q b_k h_k v_{sz}^k$$

(5.63)

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Finally, we express the vectors  $\underline{v}_t^k$  and  $\underline{v}_s^k$  in terms of rotations about the Cartesian axes  $x, y, z$ ,

$$\underline{v}_t^k = \underline{\theta}_k \times \underline{0}_{\underline{v}_t^k}$$

$$\underline{v}_s^k = \underline{\theta}_k \times \underline{0}_{\underline{v}_s^k} \quad (5.65)$$

where

$$\underline{\theta}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_x^k \\ \theta_y^k \\ \theta_z^k \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.66)$$

We can now find

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\eta\eta} \\ \gamma_{\eta\xi} \\ \gamma_{\eta\xi} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=1}^q B_k \underline{u}_k \quad (5.67)$$

where

$$\underline{u}_k^T = [u_k \ v_k \ w_k \ \theta_x^k \ \theta_y^k \ \theta_z^k] \quad (5.68)$$

and then also have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{\eta\eta} \\ \tau_{\eta\xi} \\ \tau_{\eta\xi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & G_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\eta\eta} \\ \gamma_{\eta\xi} \\ \gamma_{\eta\xi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.77)$$

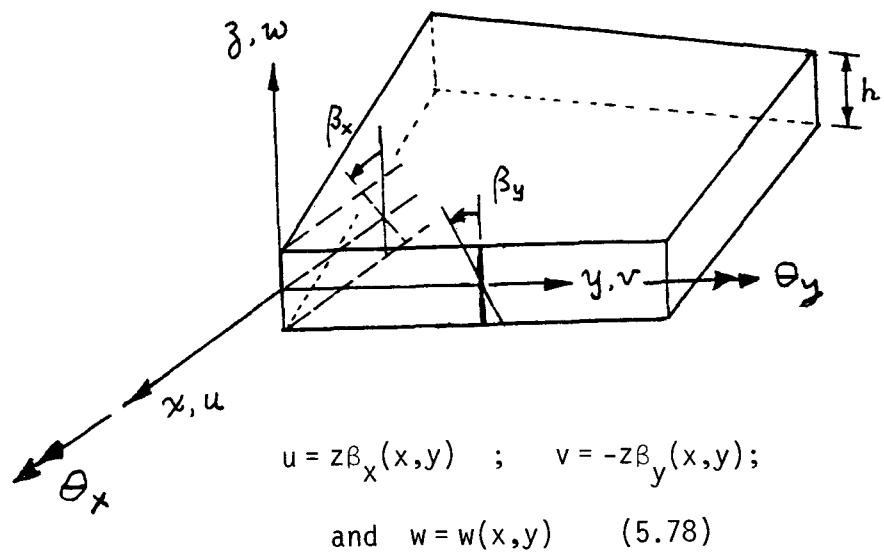


Fig. 5.36. Deformation mechanisms  
in analysis of plate including shear  
deformations

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Hence

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} \\ \epsilon_{yy} \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = z \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.79)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \beta_y \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \beta_x \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.80)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{xx} \\ \tau_{yy} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} = z \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

(5.81)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \beta_y \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \beta_x \end{bmatrix}$$

(5.82)

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The total potential for the element is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi = & \frac{1}{2} \int_A \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\epsilon_{xx} \ \epsilon_{yy} \ \gamma_{xy}] \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{xx} \\ \tau_{yy} \\ \tau_{xy} \end{bmatrix} dz \ dA \\ & + \frac{k}{2} \int_A \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} [\gamma_{yz} \ \gamma_{zx}] \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \end{bmatrix} dx \ dA \\ & - \int_A w \ p \ dA \end{aligned}$$

(5.83)

or performing the integration  
through the thickness

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_A \underline{\underline{C}}_b \underline{\underline{\kappa}} dA + \frac{1}{2} \int_A \underline{\underline{C}}_s \underline{\underline{\gamma}} dA - \int_A w p dA \quad (5.84)$$

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where

$$\underline{\underline{\kappa}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{\underline{\gamma}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} - \beta_y \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \beta_x \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.86)$$

$$\underline{\underline{C}}_b = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\underline{\underline{C}}_s = \frac{Ehk}{2(1+\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.87)$$

Using the condition  $\delta\Pi=0$  we obtain the principle of virtual displacements for the plate element.

$$\int_A \underline{\delta \kappa}^T \underline{C}_b \underline{\kappa} dA + \int_A \underline{\delta} \underline{\gamma}^T \underline{C}_s \underline{\gamma} dA$$

$$- \int_A \delta w p dA = 0 \quad (5.88)$$

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We use the interpolations

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i w_i ; \beta_x = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i \theta_y^i$$

$$\beta_y = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i \theta_x^i \quad (5.89)$$

and

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i x_i ; y = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i y_i$$

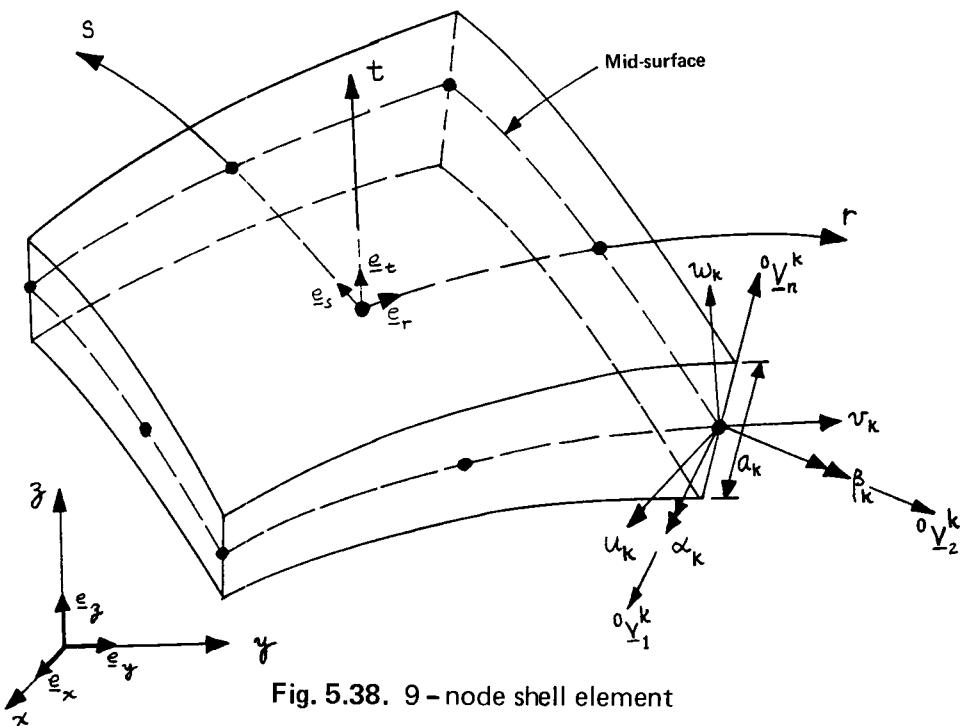


Fig. 5.38. 9-node shell element

For shell elements we proceed as in the formulation of the general beam elements,

$$^0x(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k {}^0x_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k {}^0V_{nx}^k$$

$$^0y(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k {}^0y_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k {}^0V_{ny}^k$$

$$^0z(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k {}^0z_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k {}^0V_{nz}^k$$

(5.90)

Therefore,

$$u(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k u_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{nx}^k$$

$$v(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k v_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{ny}^k$$

$$\vdots$$

$$w(r,s,t) = \sum_{k=1}^q h_k w_k + \frac{t}{2} \sum_{k=1}^q a_k h_k v_{nz}^k$$

where (5.91)

$$\underline{v}_n^k = \underline{v}_n^k - \underline{v}_n^0 \quad (5.92)$$

To express  $\underline{v}_n^k$  in terms of  
rotations at the nodal - point k  
we define

$$\underline{v}_1^0 = \left( \underline{e}_y \times \underline{v}_n^k \right) / |\underline{e}_y \times \underline{v}_n^k| \quad (5.93a)$$

$$\underline{v}_2^0 = \underline{v}_n^k \times \underline{v}_1^0 \quad (5.93b)$$

then

$$\underline{v}_n^k = -\underline{v}_2^0 \alpha_k + \underline{v}_1^0 \beta_k \quad (5.94)$$

## Formulation of structural elements

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Finally, we need to recognize the use of the following stress - strain law

$$\underline{\tau} = C_{sh} \underline{\varepsilon} \quad (5.100)$$

$$\underline{\varepsilon}^T = [\varepsilon_{xx} \ \varepsilon_{yy} \ \varepsilon_{zz} \ \gamma_{xy} \ \gamma_{yz} \ \gamma_{zx}]$$

$$C_{sh} = Q_{sh}^T \left( \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \right) Q_{sh}$$

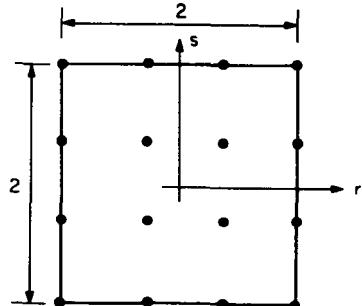
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

symmetric

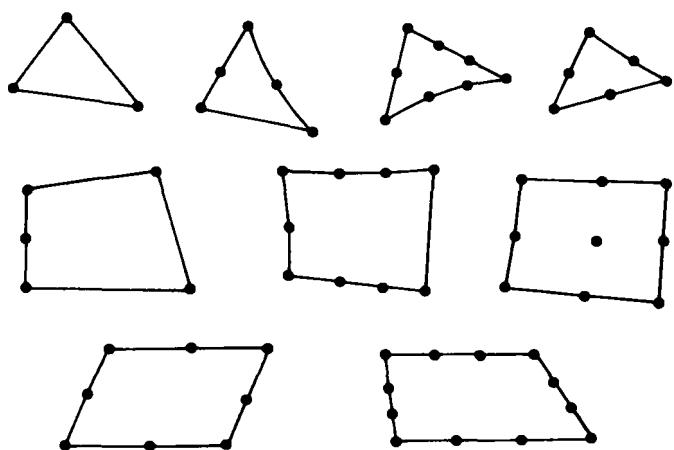
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### 16 - node parent element with cubic interpolation

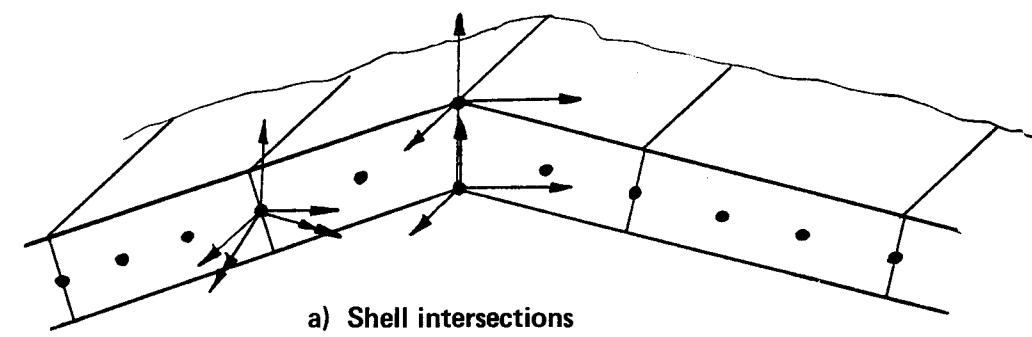


Some derived elements:

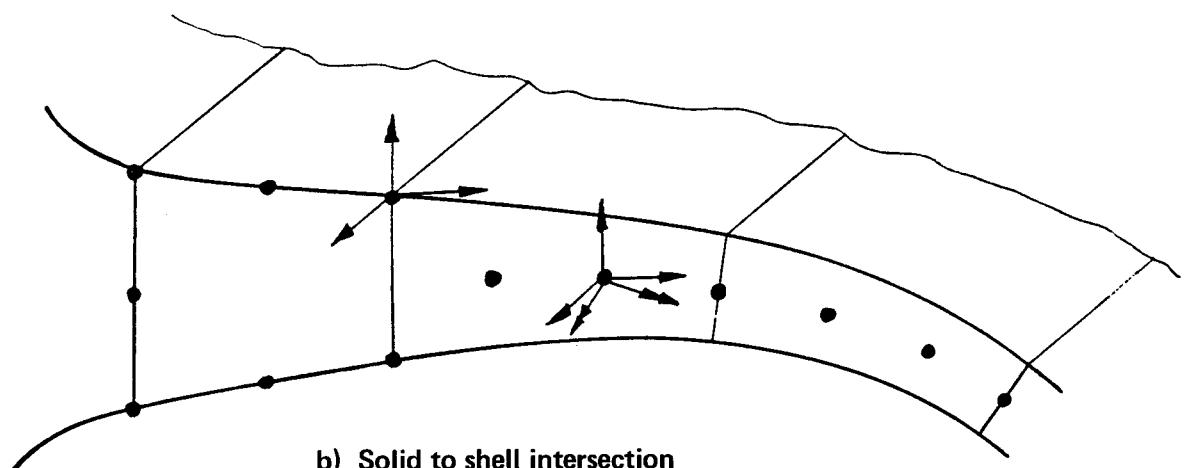


Variable - number - nodes shell element

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a) Shell intersections



b) Solid to shell intersection

Fig. 5.39. Use of shell transition elements

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# **NUMERICAL INTEGRATIONS, MODELING CONSIDERATIONS**

**LECTURE 8**

**47 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 8 Evaluation of isoparametric element matrices**

**Numerical integrations, Gauss, Newton-Cotes formulas**

**Basic concepts used and actual numerical operations performed**

**Practical considerations**

**Required order of integration, simple examples**

**Calculation of stresses**

**Recommended elements and integration orders for one-, two-, three-dimensional analysis, and plate and shell structures**

**Modeling considerations using the elements**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 5.7.1, 5.7.2, 5.7.3, 5.7.4, 5.8.1, 5.8.2, 5.8.3**

**Examples: 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, 5.31, 5.32, 5.33, 5.34, 5.35, 5.36, 5.37, 5.38, 5.39**

NUMERICAL INTEGRATION,  
SOME MODELING CONSIDERATIONS

- Newton-Cotes formulas
- Gauss integration
- Practical considerations
- Choice of elements

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We had

$$\underline{K} = \int_V \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} dV \quad (4.29)$$

$$\underline{M} = \int_V \rho \underline{H}^T \underline{H} dV \quad (4.30)$$

$$\underline{R}_B = \int_V \underline{H}^T \underline{f}^B dV \quad (4.31)$$

$$\underline{R}_S = \int_S \underline{H}^S \underline{f}^S dS \quad (4.32)$$

$$\underline{R}_I = \int_V \underline{B}^T \underline{\tau} I dV \quad (4.33)$$

In isoparametric finite element analysis we have:

- the displacement interpolation matrix  $\underline{H}$  (r,s,t)

- the strain-displacement interpolation matrix  $\underline{B}$  (r,s,t)

Where r,s,t vary from -1 to +1.

Hence we need to use:

$$dV = \det \underline{J} dr ds dt$$

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Hence, we now have, for example in two-dimensional analysis:

$$\underline{K} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} \det \underline{J} dr ds$$

$$\underline{M} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \rho \underline{H}^T \underline{H} \det \underline{J} dr ds$$

etc...

The evaluation of the integrals  
is carried out effectively using  
numerical integration, e.g.:

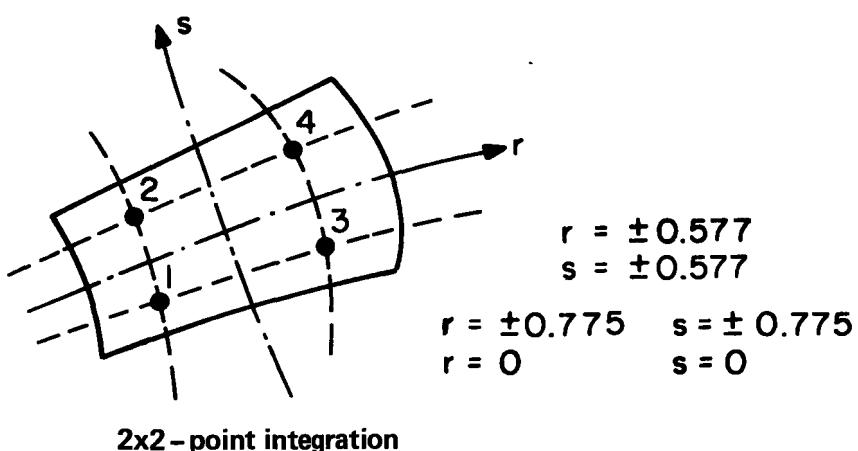
$$K = \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_{ij} F_{ij}$$

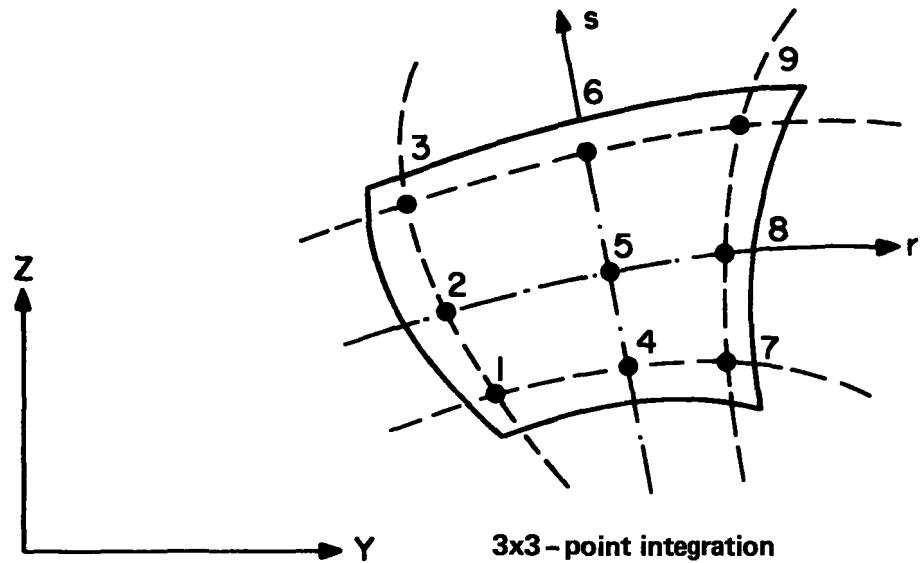
where

$i, j$  denote the integration points

$\alpha_{ij}$  = weight coefficients

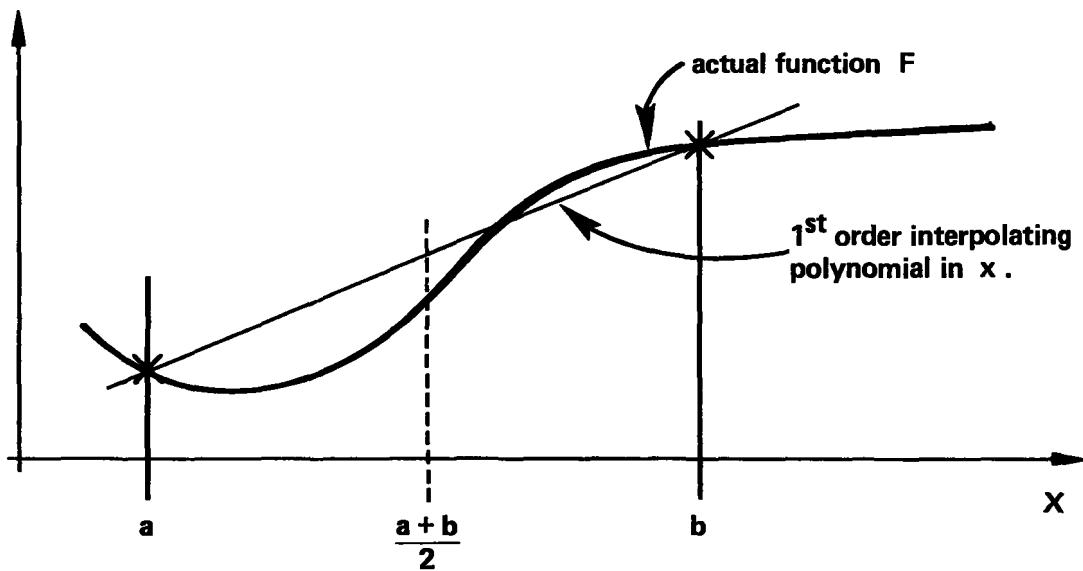
$$F_{ij} = B_{ij}^T C B_{ij} \det J_{ij}$$

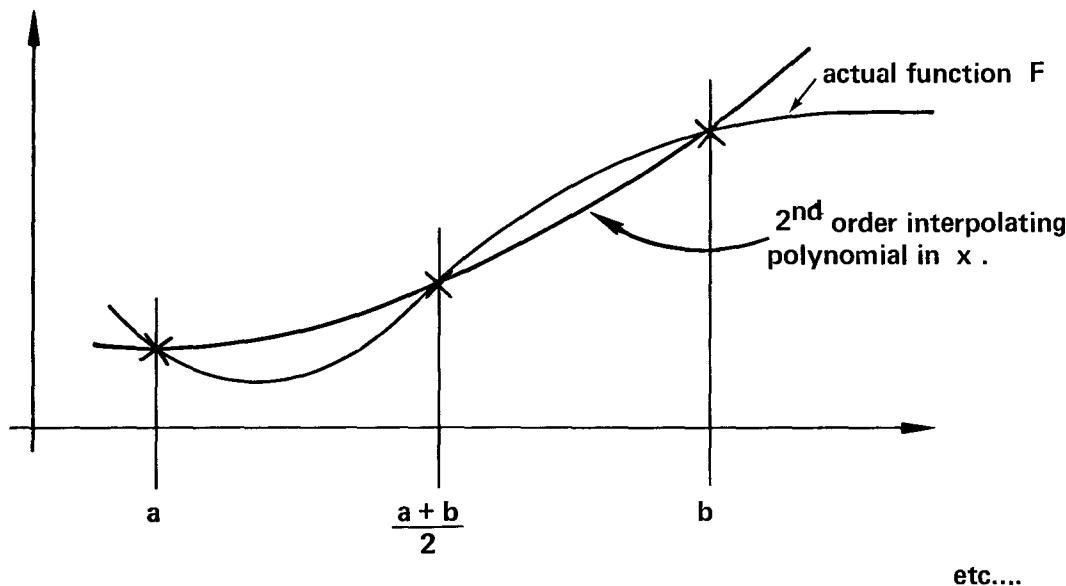





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Consider one-dimensional integration  
and the concept of an interpolating  
polynomial.





In Newton - Cotes integration we use sampling points at equal distances, and

$$\int_a^b F(r) dr = (b-a) \sum_{i=0}^n C_i^n F_i + R_n$$

(5.123)

**n** = number of intervals

$C_i^n$  = Newton - Cotes constants

interpolating polynomial is of order **n**.

Number of Intervals $n$	$C_0^n$	$C_1^n$	$C_2^n$	$C_3^n$	$C_4^n$	$C_5^n$	$C_6^n$	Upper Bound on Error $R_n$ as a Function of the Derivative of $F$
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$						$10^{-1}(b-a)^3 F'''(r)$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$					$10^{-3}(b-a)^5 F^{IV}(r)$
3	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$				$10^{-3}(b-a)^5 F^{IV}(r)$
4	$\frac{7}{90}$	$\frac{32}{90}$	$\frac{12}{90}$	$\frac{32}{90}$	$\frac{7}{90}$			$10^{-6}(b-a)^7 F^{VII}(r)$
5	$\frac{19}{288}$	$\frac{75}{288}$	$\frac{50}{288}$	$\frac{50}{288}$	$\frac{75}{288}$	$\frac{19}{288}$		$10^{-6}(b-a)^7 F^{VII}(r)$
6	$\frac{41}{840}$	$\frac{216}{840}$	$\frac{27}{840}$	$\frac{272}{840}$	$\frac{27}{840}$	$\frac{216}{840}$	$\frac{41}{840}$	$10^{-9}(b-a)^9 F^{VIII}(r)$

Table 5.1. Newton-Cotes numbers  
and error estimates.

In Gauss numerical integration we  
use

$$\int_a^b F(r) dr = \alpha_1 F(r_1) + \alpha_2 F(r_2) + \dots + \alpha_n F(r_n) + R_n \quad (5.124)$$

where both the weights  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$   
and the sampling points  $r_1, \dots, r_n$   
are variables.

The interpolating polynomial is now  
of order  $2n - 1$ .

<i>n</i>	<i>r<sub>i</sub></i>	<i>α<sub>i</sub></i>
1	0. (15 zeros)	2. (15 zeros)
2	±0.57735 02691 89626	1.00000 00000 00000
3	±0.77459 66692 41483 0.00000 00000 00000	0.55555 55555 55556 0.88888 88888 88889
4	±0.86113 63115 94053 ±0.33998 10435 84856	0.34785 48451 37454 0.65214 51548 62546
5	±0.90617 98459 38664 ±0.53846 93101 05683 0.00000 00000 00000	0.23692 68850 56189 0.47862 86704 99366 0.56888 88888 88889
6	±0.93246 95142 03152 ±0.66120 93864 66265 ±0.23861 91860 83197	0.17132 44923 79170 0.36076 15730 48139 0.46791 39345 72691

**Table 5.2.** Sampling points and weights in Gauss-Legendre numerical integration.

Now let,

$r_i$  be a sampling point and

$α_i$  be the corresponding weight

for the interval -1 to +1.

Then the actual sampling point and weight for the interval a to b are

$$\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2} r_i \text{ and } \frac{b-a}{2} α_i$$

and the  $r_i$  and  $α_i$  can be tabulated as in Table 5.2.

In two- and three-dimensional analysis  
we use

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r, s) dr ds = \sum_i \alpha_i \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r_i, s) ds \quad (5.131)$$

or

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r, s) dr ds = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j F(r_i, s_j) \quad (5.132)$$

and corresponding to (5.113),

$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_i \alpha_j$ , where  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$   
are the integration weights for  
one-dimensional integration.  
Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r, s, t) dr ds dt \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k} \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k F(r_i, s_j, t_k) \end{aligned} \quad (5.133)$$

and  $\alpha_{ijk} = \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k$ .

Practical use of numerical integration

- The integration order required to evaluate a specific element matrix exactly can be evaluated by studying the function  $\underline{F}$  to be integrated.
- In practice, the integration is frequently not performed exactly, but the integration order must be high enough.

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Considering the evaluation of the element matrices, we note the following requirements:

a) stiffness matrix evaluation:

(1) the element matrix does not contain any spurious zero energy modes (i.e., the rank of the element stiffness matrix is not smaller than evaluated exactly); and

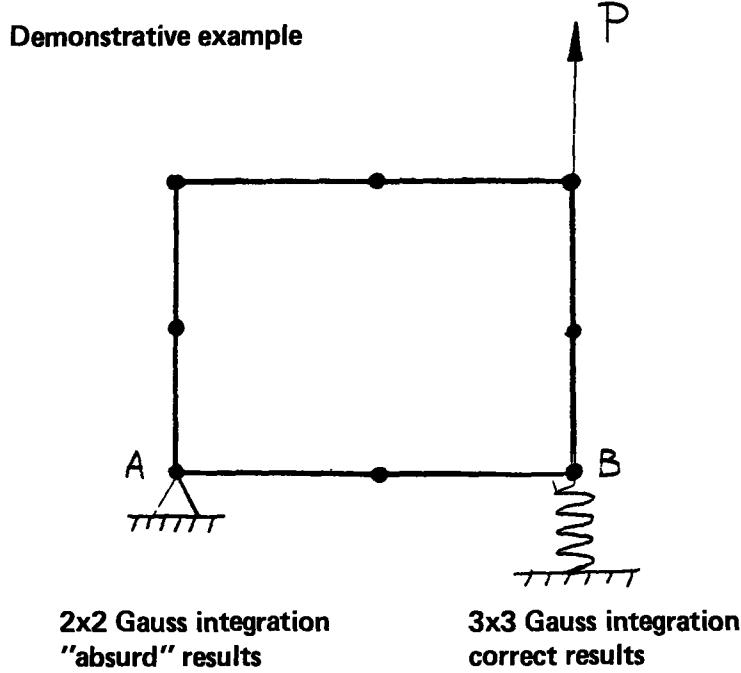
(2) the element contains the required constant strain states.

b) mass matrix evaluation:

the total element mass must be included.

c) force vector evaluations:

the total loads must be included.



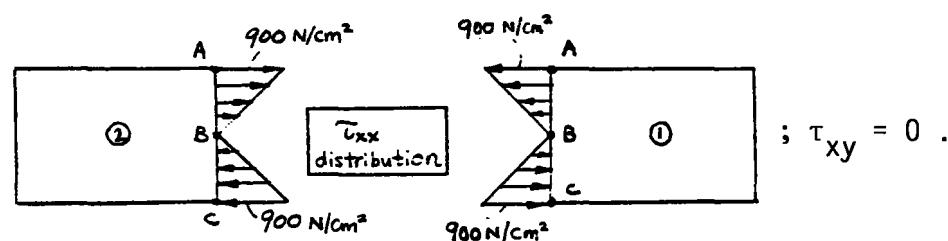
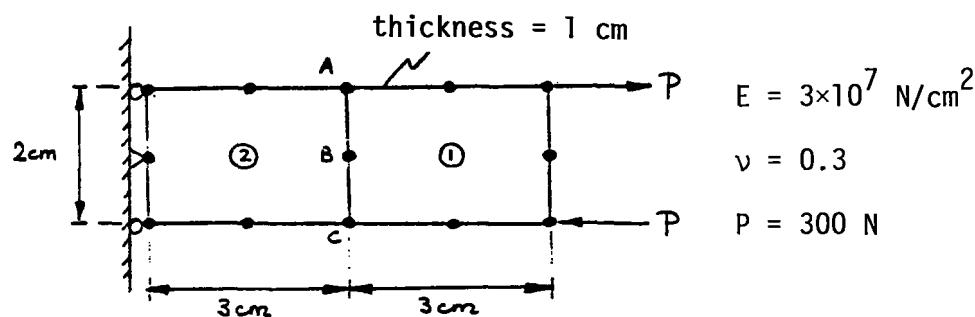
**Fig. 5.46.** 8 - node plane stress element supported at B by a spring.

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#### Stress calculations

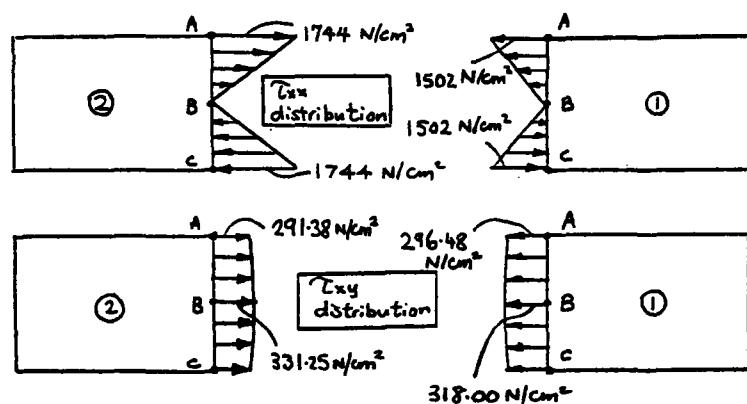
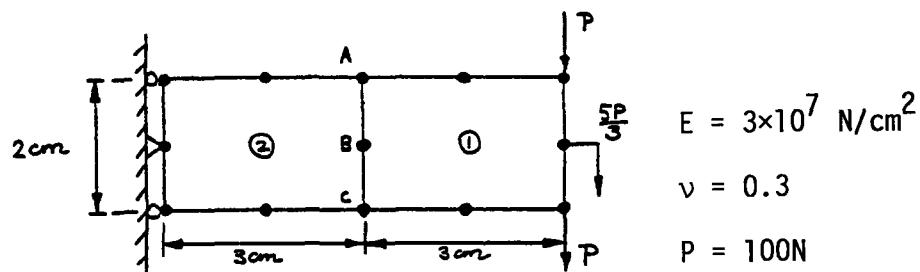
$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \underline{\underline{C}} \underline{\underline{B}} \underline{\underline{U}} + \underline{\underline{\tau}}^I \quad (5.136)$$

- stresses can be calculated at any point of the element.
- stresses are, in general, discontinuous across element boundaries.



(a) Cantilever subjected to bending moment and finite element solutions.

Fig. 5.47. Predicted longitudinal stress distributions in analysis of cantilever.



(b) Cantilever subjected to tip-shear force and finite element solutions

Fig. 5.47. Predicted longitudinal stress distributions in analysis of cantilever.

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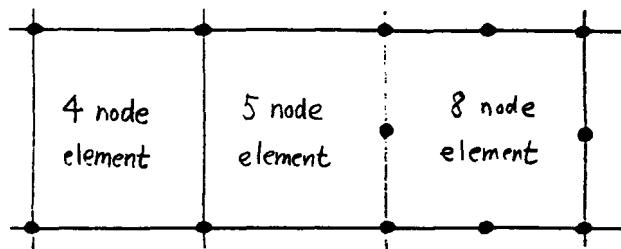
### Some modeling considerations

We need

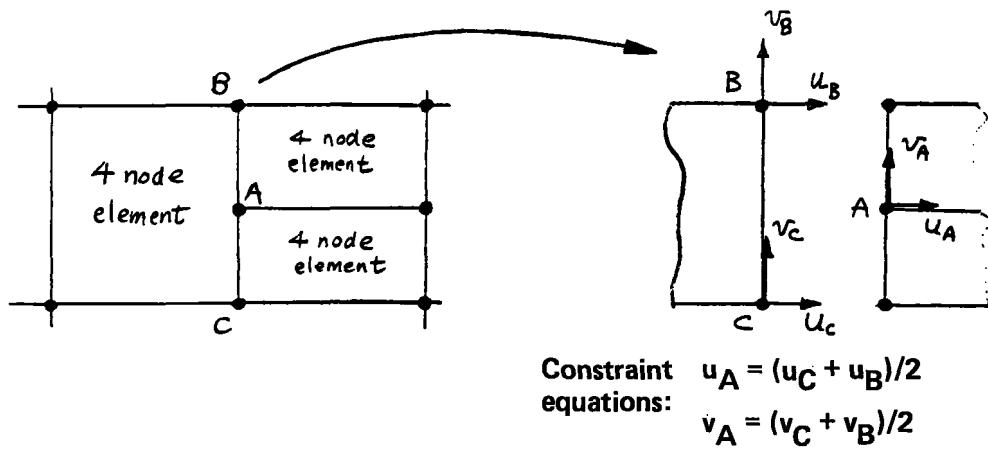
- a qualitative knowledge of the response to be predicted
- a thorough knowledge of the principles of mechanics and the finite element procedures available
- parabolic/undistorted elements usually most effective

**Table 5.6 Elements usually effective in analysis.**

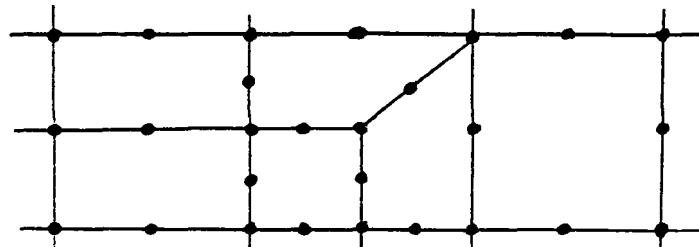
TYPE OF PROBLEM	ELEMENT
TRUSS OR CABLE	2-node
TWO-DIMENSIONAL PLANE STRESS PLANE STRAIN AXISYMMETRIC	8-node or 9-node
THREE-DIMENSIONAL	20-node
3-D BEAM	3-node or 4-node
PLATE	9-node
SHELL	9-node or 16-node



a) 4 - node to 8 - node element  
transition region



b) 4 - node to 4 - node element  
transition



c) 8 - node to finer 8 - node element  
layout transition region

Fig. 5.49. Some transitions with compatible element layouts

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# **SOLUTION OF FINITE ELEMENT EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS IN STATIC ANALYSIS**

**LECTURE 9**

**60 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 9 Solution of finite element equations in static analysis**

**Basic Gauss elimination**

**Static condensation**

**Substructuring**

**Multi-level substructuring**

**Frontal solution**

**L D L<sup>T</sup> - factorization (column reduction scheme)  
as used in SAP and ADINA**

**Cholesky factorization**

**Out-of-core solution of large systems**

**Demonstration of basic techniques using simple examples**

**Physical interpretation of the basic operations used**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 8.1, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.4,**

**Examples: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10**

**SOLUTION OF  
EQUILIBRIUM  
EQUATIONS IN  
STATIC ANALYSIS**

$$\underline{K} \quad \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$

- Iterative methods,  
e.g. Gauss-Seidel
- Direct methods
  - these are basically variations of **Gauss elimination**

- static condensation
- substructuring
- frontal solution
- $\underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T$  factorization
- Cholesky decomposition
- Crout
- column reduction (skyline) solver

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**THE BASIC GAUSS ELIMINATION PROCEDURE**

Consider the Gauss elimination solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.2)$$

**STEP 1: Subtract a multiple of equation 1 from equations 2 and 3 to obtain zero elements in the first column of K .**

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{16}{5} & \frac{29}{5} & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.3)$$

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{15}{7} & -\frac{20}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{20}{7} & \frac{65}{14} \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ -\frac{5}{14} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.4)$$

**STEP 3:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{15}{7} & -\frac{20}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \frac{8}{7} \\ \frac{7}{6} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.5)$$

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Now solve for the unknowns  $U_4$ ,  
 $U_3$ ,  $U_2$  and  $U_1$ :

$$U_4 = \frac{\frac{7}{6}}{\frac{5}{6}} = \frac{7}{5}; \quad U_3 = \frac{\frac{8}{7} - (-\frac{20}{7}) U_4}{\frac{15}{7}} = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$U_2 = \frac{1 - (-\frac{16}{5}) U_3 - (1) U_4}{\frac{14}{5}} = \frac{13}{5} \quad (8.6)$$

$$U_1 = \frac{0 - (-4)\frac{19}{35} - (1)\frac{36}{15} - (0)\frac{7}{5}}{5} = \frac{8}{5}$$

## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in static analysis

### STATIC CONDENSATION

Partition matrices into

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{K}_{aa} & \underline{K}_{ac} \\ \underline{K}_{ca} & \underline{K}_{cc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{U}_a \\ \underline{U}_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{R}_a \\ \underline{R}_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.28)$$

Hence

$$\underline{U}_c = \underline{K}_{cc}^{-1} (\underline{R}_c - \underline{K}_{ca} \underline{U}_a)$$

and

$$\underbrace{(\underline{K}_{aa} - \underline{K}_{ac} \underline{K}_{cc}^{-1} \underline{K}_{ca})}_{\bar{\underline{K}}_{aa}} \underline{U}_a = \underline{R}_a - \underline{K}_{ac} \underline{K}_{cc}^{-1} \underline{R}_c$$

### Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underline{K}_{ac}$        $\underline{K}_{aa}$

$\underline{K}_{cc}$        $\underline{K}_{ca}$

Hence (8.30) gives

$$\underline{K}_{aa} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -4 & 1 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [1/5] \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

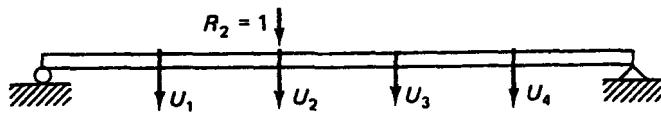
so that

$$\underline{K}_{aa} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ -\frac{16}{5} & \frac{29}{5} & -4 \\ 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

and we have obtained the 3x3 unreduced matrix in (8.3)

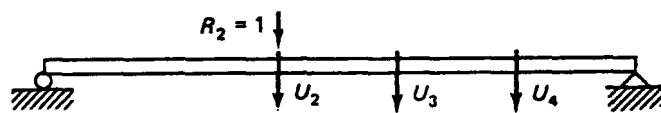
## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in static analysis

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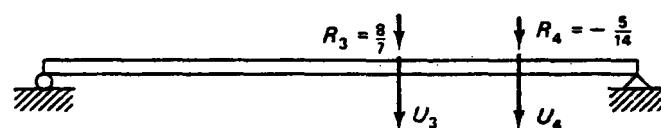
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$


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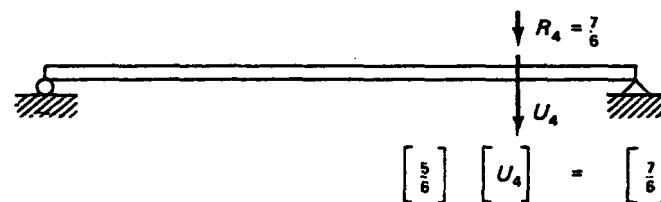
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ -\frac{16}{5} & \frac{29}{5} & -4 \\ 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$


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$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{15}{7} & -\frac{20}{7} \\ -\frac{20}{7} & \frac{65}{14} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_3 \\ U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{7} \\ -\frac{5}{14} \end{bmatrix}$$


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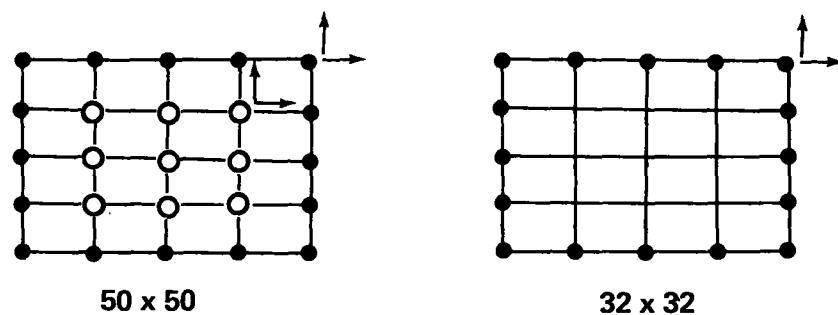


$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Fig. 8.1** Physical systems considered in the Gauss elimination solution of the simply supported beam.

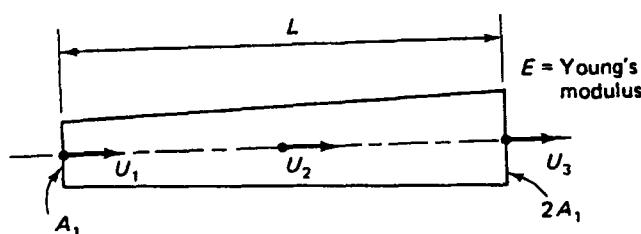
### **SUBSTRUCTURING**

- We use static condensation on the internal degrees of freedom of a substructure
- the result is a new stiffness matrix of the substructure involving boundary degrees of freedom only




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### **Example**



**Fig. 8.3.** Truss element with linearly varying area.

We have for the element,

$$\frac{EA_1}{6L} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -20 & 3 \\ -20 & 48 & -28 \\ 3 & -28 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in static analysis

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**First rearrange the equations**

$$\frac{EA_1}{6L} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 3 & -20 \\ 3 & 25 & -28 \\ -20 & -28 & 48 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_3 \\ U_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_3 \\ R_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Static condensation of  $U_2$  gives**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{EA_1}{6L} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 3 \\ 3 & 25 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -20 \\ -28 \end{bmatrix} \left[ \frac{1}{48} \right] \begin{bmatrix} -20 & -28 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + \frac{20}{48} R_2 \\ R_3 + \frac{28}{48} R_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$


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**or**

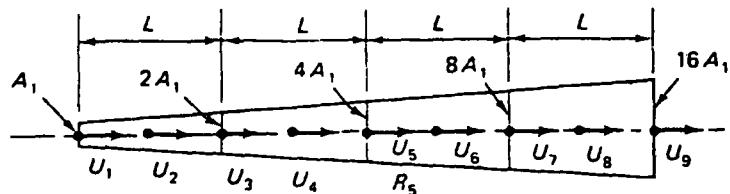
$$\frac{13}{9} \frac{EA_1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + \frac{5}{12} R_2 \\ R_3 + \frac{7}{12} R_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**and**

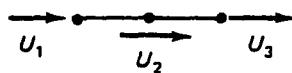
$$U_2 = \frac{1}{24} \left( \frac{3L}{EA_1} R_2 + 10 U_1 + 14 U_3 \right)$$


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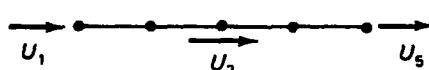
**Multi-level Substructuring**



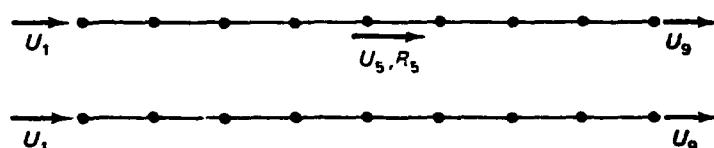
**Bar with linearly varying area**



**(a) First-level substructure**



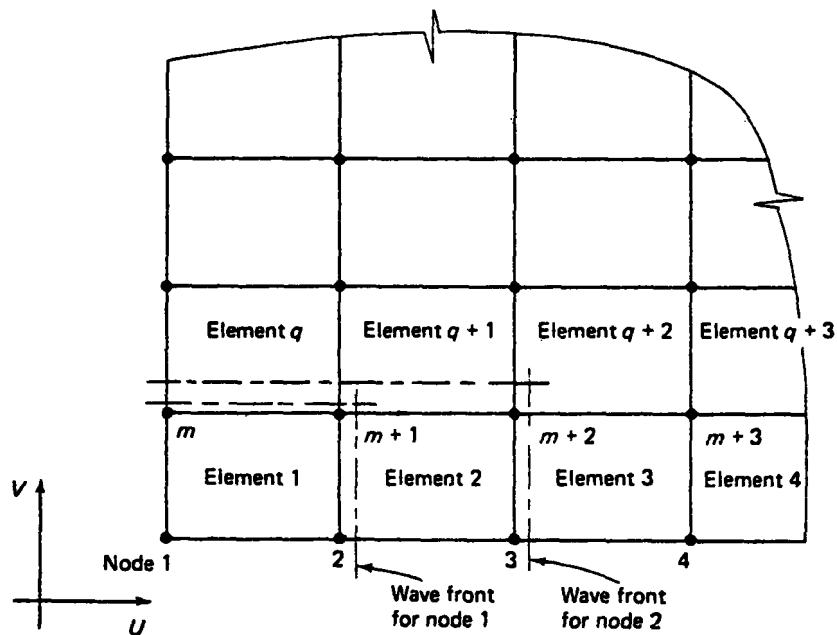
**(b) Second-level substructure**



**(c) Third-level substructure and actual structure.**

**Fig. 8.5. Analysis of bar using substructuring.**

**Frontal Solution**



**Fig. 8.6.** Frontal solution of plane stress finite element idealization.

- The frontal solution consists of successive static condensation of nodal degrees of freedom.
- Solution is performed in the order of the element numbering .
- Same number of operations are performed in the frontal solution as in the skyline solution, if the element numbering in the wave front solution corresponds to the nodal point numbering in the skyline solution.

### L D L<sup>T</sup> FACTORIZATION

- is the basis of the skyline solution (column reduction scheme)

- Basic Step

$$\underline{L}_1^{-1} \underline{K} = \underline{K}_1$$

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \frac{4}{5} & 1 & & \\ -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 & 6 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{14}{5} & -\frac{16}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{16}{5} & \frac{29}{5} & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & -4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$


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We note

$$\underline{L}_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \frac{4}{5} & 1 & & \\ -\frac{1}{5} & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{L}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ -\frac{4}{5} & 1 & & \\ \frac{1}{5} & 0 & 1 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$


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**Proceeding in the same way**

$$\underline{L}_{n-1}^{-1} \underline{L}_{n-2}^{-1} \cdots \underline{L}_2^{-1} \underline{L}_1^{-1} \underline{K} = \underline{S}$$

$$\underline{S} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccccc} x & x & x & x & \dots & x \\ x & x & x & \dots & & x \\ x & & \dots & & x & \\ x & & \dots & x & & \\ x & & & \ddots & & x \end{array} \right] \quad \text{upper triangular matrix}$$

**Hence**

$$\underline{K} = (\underline{L}_1 \underline{L}_2 \cdots \underline{L}_{n-2} \underline{L}_{n-1}) \underline{S}$$

**or**

$$\underline{K} = \underline{L} \underline{S} ; \underline{L} = \underline{L}_1 \underline{L}_2 \cdots \underline{L}_{n-2} \underline{L}_{n-1}$$

**Also, because  $\underline{K}$  is symmetric**

$$\underline{K} = \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T ;$$

**where**

$$\underline{D} = \text{diagonal matrix} ; d_{ii} = s_{ii}$$

In the Cholesky factorization, we use

$$\underline{K} = \underline{\tilde{L}} \underline{\tilde{L}}^T$$

where

$$\underline{\tilde{L}} = \underline{L} \underline{D}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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### **SOLUTION OF EQUATIONS**

Using

$$\underline{K} = \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T \quad (8.16)$$

we have

$$\underline{L} \underline{V} = \underline{R} \quad (8.17)$$

$$\underline{D} \underline{L}^T \underline{U} = \underline{V} \quad (8.18)$$

where

$$\underline{V} = \underline{L}_{n-1}^{-1} \cdots \underline{L}_2^{-1} \underline{L}_1^{-1} \underline{R} \quad (8.19)$$

and

$$\underline{L}^T \underline{U} = \underline{D}^{-1} \underline{V} \quad (8.20)$$

COLUMN REDUCTION SCHEME

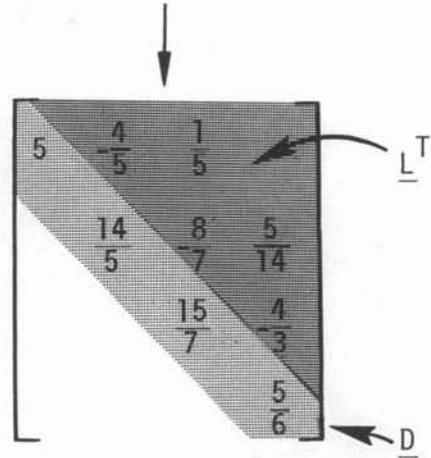
$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 1 \\ 6 & -4 & 1 \\ 6 & -4 & \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -\frac{4}{5} & 1 \\ \frac{14}{5} & -4 & 1 \\ 6 & -4 & \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -\frac{4}{5} & 1 \\ \frac{14}{5} & -4 & 1 \\ 6 & -4 & \\ & & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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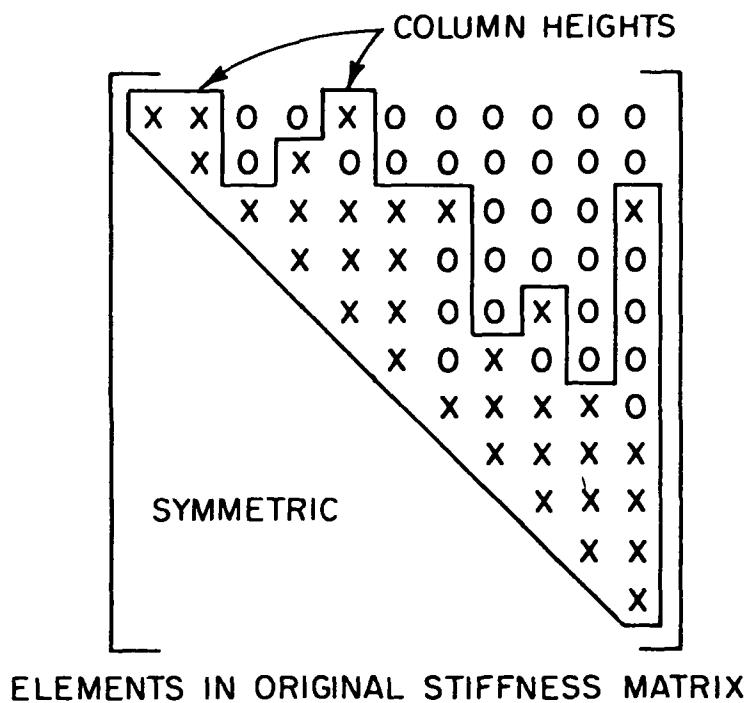
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## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in static analysis

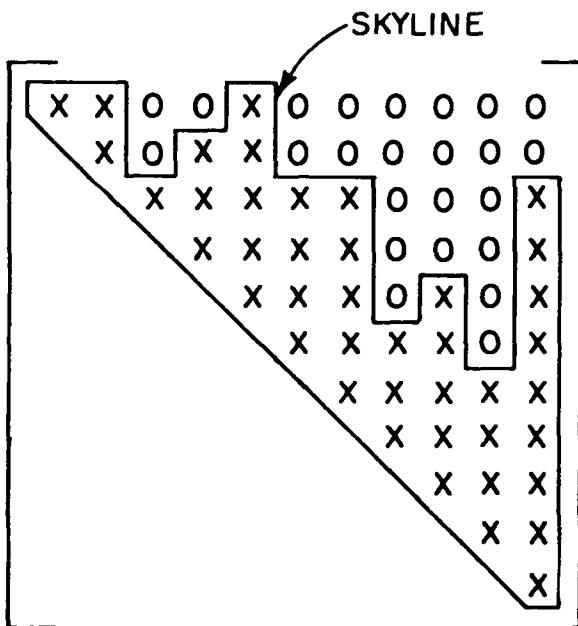
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O = ZERO ELEMENT



Typical element pattern in  
a stiffness matrix

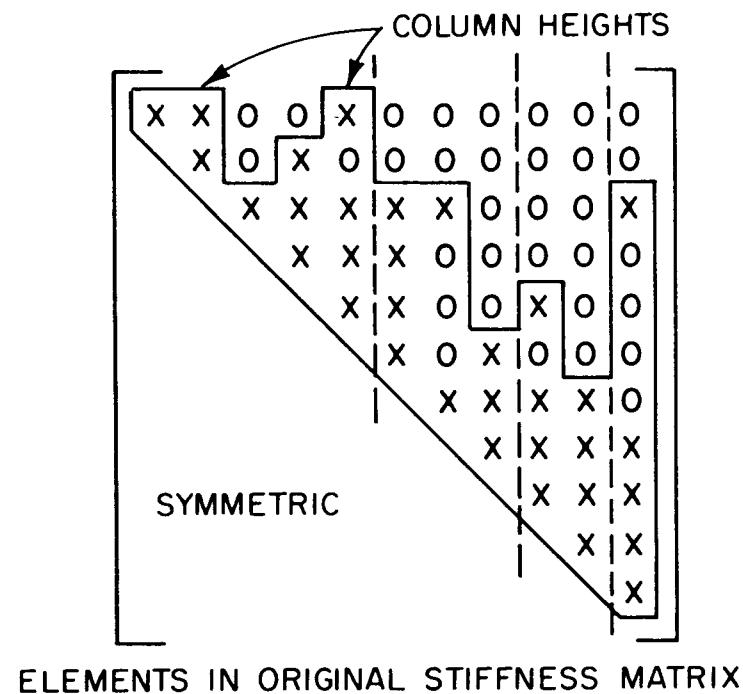
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**Typical element pattern in a stiffness matrix using block storage.**

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# **SOLUTION OF FINITE ELEMENT EQUILIBRIUM EQUATIONS IN DYNAMIC ANALYSIS**

**LECTURE 10**

**56 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 10 Solution of dynamic response by direct integration**

**Basic concepts used**

**Explicit and implicit techniques**

**Implementation of methods**

**Detailed discussion of central difference and Newmark methods**

**Stability and accuracy considerations**

**Integration errors**

**Modeling of structural vibration and wave propagation problems**

**Selection of element and time step sizes**

**Recommendations on the use of the methods in practice**

**TEXTBOOK:** Sections: 9.1, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 9.2.4, 9.2.5, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 9.4.3, 9.4.4

**Examples:** 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.12

**DIRECT INTEGRATION  
SOLUTION OF EQUILIBRIUM  
EQUATIONS IN DYNAMIC  
ANALYSIS**

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{C} \dot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$

- explicit, implicit integration
- computational considerations
- selection of solution time step ( $\Delta t$ )
- some modeling considerations

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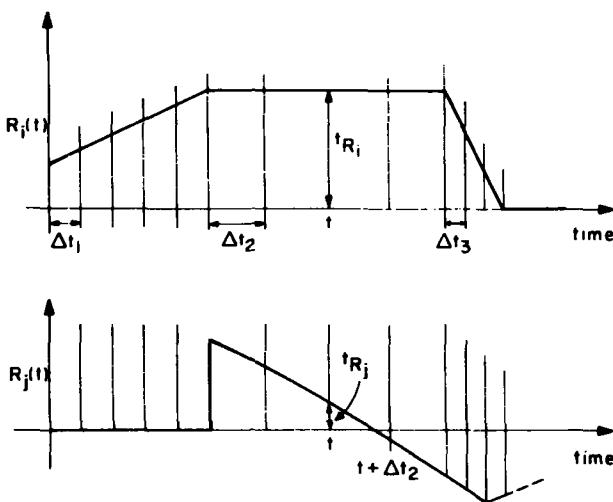
**Equilibrium equations in dynamic analysis**

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{C} \dot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (9.1)$$

or

$$\underline{F}_I(t) + \underline{F}_D(t) + \underline{F}_E(t) = \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.2)$$

**Load description**



**Fig. 1. Evaluation of externally applied nodal point load vector  $t_R$  at time  $t$ .**

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**THE CENTRAL DIFFERENCE METHOD (CDM)**

$$t_{\underline{U}} = \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} \{ t - \Delta t \underline{U} - 2t \underline{U} + t + \Delta t \underline{U} \} \quad (9.3)$$

$$t_{\dot{\underline{U}}} = \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (-t - \Delta t \underline{U} + t + \Delta t \underline{U}) \quad (9.4)$$

$$\underline{M} t_{\ddot{\underline{U}}} + \underline{C} t_{\dot{\underline{U}}} + \underline{K} t_{\underline{U}} = t_{\underline{R}} \quad (9.5)$$

an explicit integration scheme

**Combining (9.3) to (9.5) we obtain**

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} M + \frac{1}{2\Delta t} C \right) t_{U+} &= t_R - \left( K - \frac{2}{\Delta t^2} M \right) t_U \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} M - \frac{1}{2\Delta t} C \right) t_{U-} \end{aligned} \tag{9.6}$$

**where we note**

$$\begin{aligned} K t_U &= \left( \sum_m K^{(m)} \right) t_U \\ &= \sum_m \left( K^{(m)} t_U \right) = \sum_m t_E^{(m)} \end{aligned}$$


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#### Computational considerations

- **to start the solution, use**

$$-\Delta t_U(i) = 0_U(i) - \Delta t 0_{Udot}(i) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} 0_{Uddot}(i) \tag{9.7}$$

- **in practice, mostly used with lumped mass matrix and low-order elements.**

### Stability and Accuracy of CDM

- $\Delta t$  must be smaller than  $\Delta t_{cr}$

$$\Delta t_{cr} = \frac{T_n}{\pi} ; T_n = \text{smallest natural period in the system}$$

hence method is conditionally stable

- in practice, use for continuum elements,

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta L}{c} ; c = \sqrt{\frac{E}{\rho}}$$

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### for lower-order elements

$\Delta L$  = smallest distance between nodes

### for high-order elements

$\Delta L$  = (smallest distance between nodes)/(rel. stiffness factor)

- method used mainly for wave propagation analysis
- number of operations  $\propto$  no. of elements and no. of time steps

**THE NEWMARK METHOD**

$$\underline{\dot{U}}^{t+\Delta t} = \underline{\dot{U}}^t + [(1 - \delta) \underline{\ddot{U}}^t + \delta \underline{\ddot{U}}^{t+\Delta t}] \Delta t \quad (9.27)$$

$$\underline{U}^{t+\Delta t} = \underline{U}^t + \underline{\dot{U}}^t \Delta t \quad (9.28)$$

$$+ [(\frac{1}{2} - \alpha) \underline{\ddot{U}}^t + \alpha \underline{\ddot{U}}^{t+\Delta t}] \Delta t^2$$

$$\underline{M} \underline{\ddot{U}}^{t+\Delta t} + \underline{C} \underline{\dot{U}}^{t+\Delta t} + \underline{K} \underline{U}^{t+\Delta t} = \underline{R}^{t+\Delta t} \quad (9.29)$$

an implicit integration scheme solution  
is obtained using

$$\hat{\underline{R}}^{t+\Delta t} = \underline{R}^{t+\Delta t}$$

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- In practice, we use mostly

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \delta = \frac{1}{2}$$

which is the

constant-average-acceleration  
method  
(Newmark's method)

- method is unconditionally stable

- method is used primarily for analysis  
of structural dynamics problems

- number of operations

$$= \frac{1}{2} n m^2 + 2 n m t$$

### Accuracy considerations

- time step  $\Delta t$  is chosen based on accuracy considerations only
- Consider the equations

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$

and

$$\underline{U} = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i x_i(t)$$

where

$$\underline{K} \phi_i = \omega_i^2 \underline{M} \phi_i$$

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Using

$$\underline{\Phi}^T \underline{K} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{\Omega}^2 ; \quad \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{I}$$

where

$$\underline{\Phi} = [\underline{\phi}_1, \dots, \underline{\phi}_n] ; \quad \underline{\Omega}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \omega_n^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

we obtain  $n$  equations from which to solve for  $x_i(t)$  (see Lecture 11)

$$\ddot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{R} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Hence, the direct step-by-step solution of

$$\underline{M} \dot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R}$$

corresponds to the direct step-by-step solution of

$$\ddot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = \phi_i^T R \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

with

$$\underline{U} = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i x_i$$

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Therefore, to study the accuracy of the Newmark method, we can study the solution of the single degree of freedom equation

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = r$$

Consider the case

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$${}^0x = 1.0 \quad ; \quad {}^0\dot{x} = 0 \quad ; \quad {}^0\ddot{x} = -\omega^2$$

## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in dynamic analysis

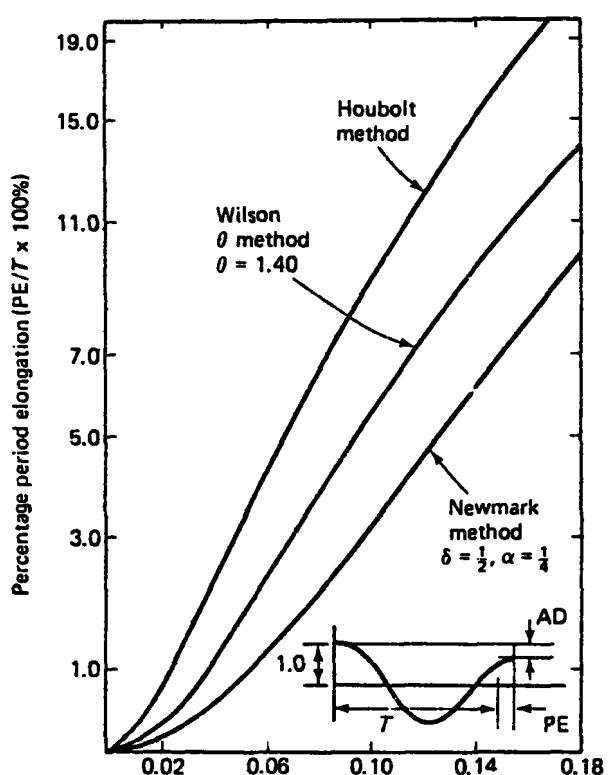


Fig. 9.8 (a) Percentage period elongations and amplitude decays.

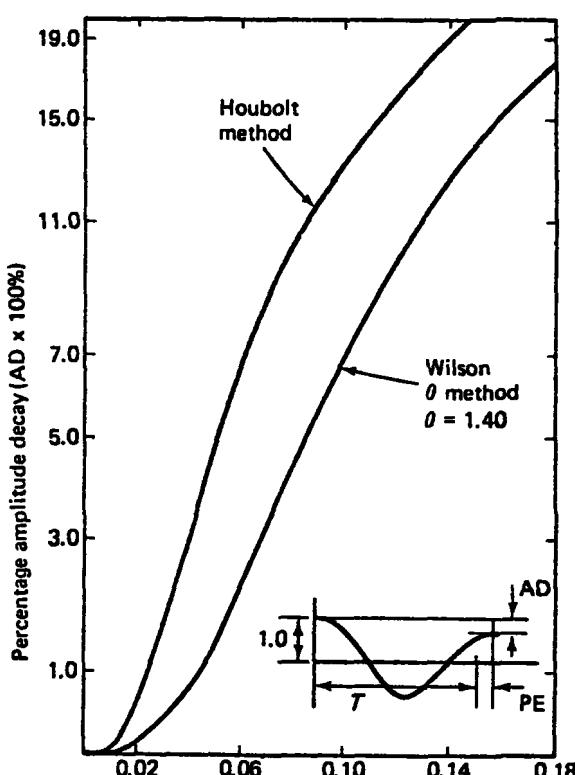


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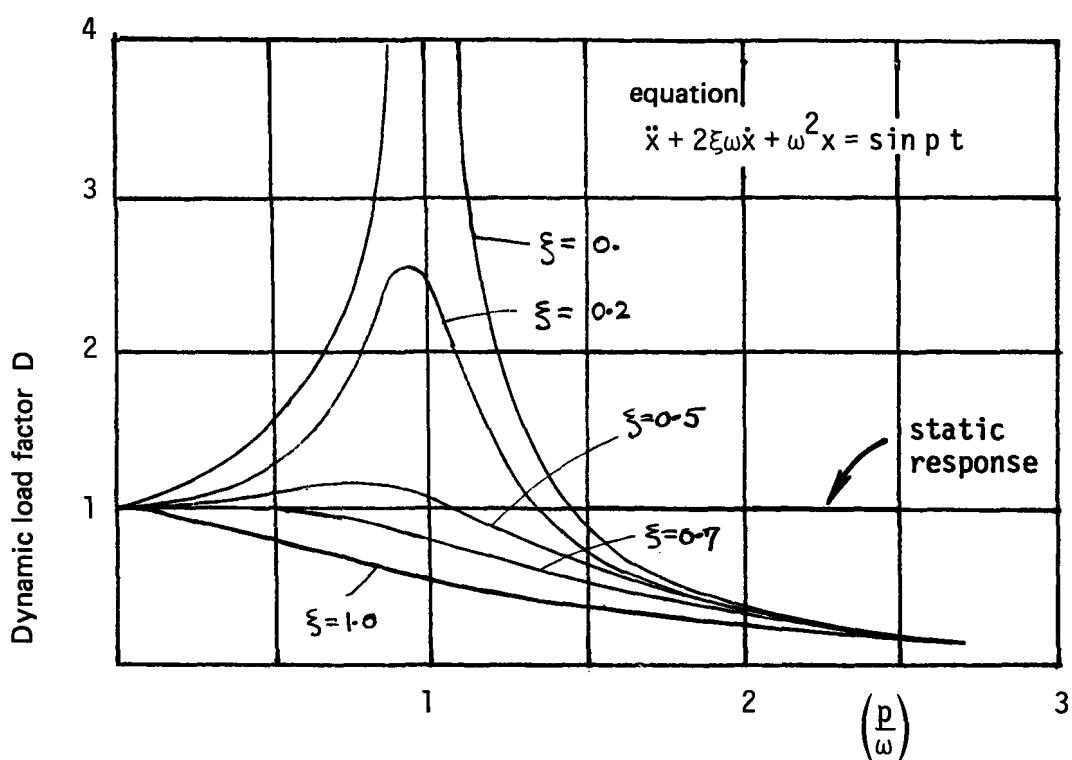
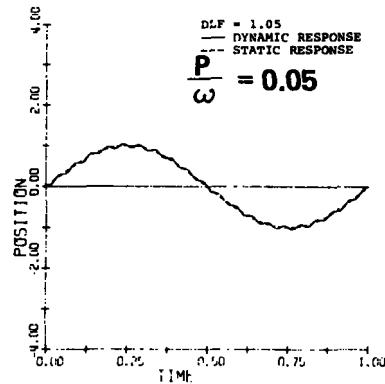


Fig. 9.4. The dynamic load factor

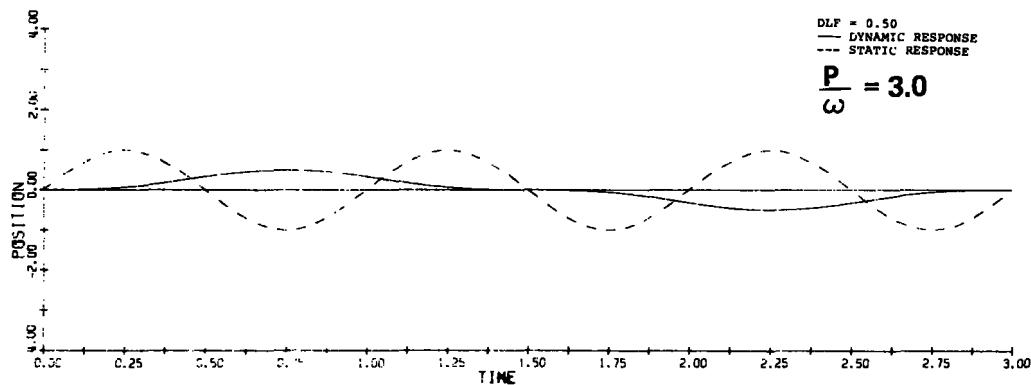
## Solution of finite element equilibrium equations in dynamic analysis

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Response of a single degree  
of freedom system.

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Response of a single degree  
of freedom system.

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### Modeling of a structural vibration problem

- 1) Identify the frequencies contained in the loading, using a Fourier analysis if necessary.
- 2) Choose a finite element mesh that accurately represents all frequencies up to about four times the highest frequency  $\omega_u$  contained in the loading.
- 3) Perform the direct integration analysis. The time step  $\Delta t$  for this solution should equal about  $\frac{1}{20} T_u$ , where  $T_u = 2\pi/\omega_u$ , or be smaller for stability reasons.

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### Modeling of a wave propagation problem

If we assume that the wave length is  $L_w$ , the total time for the wave to travel past a point is

$$t_w = \frac{L_w}{c} \quad (9.100)$$

where  $c$  is the wave speed. Assuming that  $n$  time steps are necessary to represent the wave, we use

$$\Delta t = \frac{t_w}{n} \quad (9.101)$$

and the "effective length" of a finite element should be

$$L_e = c \Delta t \quad (9.102)$$

**SUMMARY OF STEP-BY-STEP INTEGRATIONS**

**-- INITIAL CALCULATIONS --**

1. Form linear stiffness matrix  $\underline{K}$ , mass matrix  $\underline{M}$  and damping matrix  $\underline{C}$ , whichever applicable;

**Calculate the following constants:**

**Newmark method:**  $\delta \geq 0.50$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0.25(0.5 + \delta)^2$

$$\begin{array}{llll} a_0 = 1/(\alpha\Delta t^2) & a_1 = \delta/(\alpha\Delta t) & a_2 = 1/(\alpha\Delta t) & a_3 = 1/(2\alpha)-1 \\ a_4 = \delta/\alpha - 1 & a_5 = \Delta t(\delta/\alpha - 2)/2 & a_6 = a_0 & a_7 = -a_2 \\ a_8 = -a_3 & a_9 = \Delta t(1 - \delta) & a_{10} = \delta\Delta t \end{array}$$

**Central difference method:**

$$a_0 = 1/\Delta t^2 \quad a_1 = 1/2\Delta t \quad a_2 = 2a_0 \quad a_3 = 1/a_2$$


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2. Initialize  $0_{\underline{U}}$ ,  $0_{\dot{\underline{U}}}$ ,  $0_{\ddot{\underline{U}}}$ ;

**For central difference method only, calculate  $\Delta t_{\underline{U}}$  from initial conditions:**

$$\Delta t_{\underline{U}} = 0_{\underline{U}} + \Delta t \quad 0_{\dot{\underline{U}}} + a_3 \quad 0_{\ddot{\underline{U}}}$$

3. Form effective linear coefficient matrix;

**in implicit time integration:**

$$\hat{\underline{K}} = \underline{K} + a_0 \underline{M} + a_1 \underline{C}$$

**in explicit time integration:**

$$\hat{\underline{M}} = a_0 \underline{M} + a_1 \underline{C}$$

4. In dynamic analysis using  
implicit time integration  
triangularize  $\hat{\underline{K}}$ .

--- FOR EACH STEP ---

- (i) Form effective load vector;

in implicit time integration:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \hat{\underline{R}} &= \underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \underline{R} + \underline{M}(a_0 \ \underline{t}_U + a_2 \ \underline{t}_{\dot{U}} + a_3 \ \underline{t}_{\ddot{U}}) \\ &\quad + \underline{C}(a_1 \ \underline{t}_U + a_4 \ \underline{t}_{\dot{U}} + a_5 \ \underline{t}_{\ddot{U}}) \end{aligned}$$

in explicit time integration:

$$\underline{t}^{\hat{R}} = \underline{t}_R + a_2 \underline{M}(\underline{t}_U - \underline{t}^{-\Delta t} \underline{U}) + \hat{\underline{M}}(\underline{t}^{-\Delta t} \underline{U} - \underline{t}_E)$$

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- (ii) Solve for displacement increments;

in implicit time integration:

$$\hat{\underline{K}}(\underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \underline{U}) = \underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \hat{\underline{R}} ; \underline{U} = \underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \underline{U} - \underline{t}_U$$

in explicit time integration:

$$\hat{\underline{M}}(\underline{t}^{+\Delta t} \underline{U}) = \underline{t}^{\hat{R}}$$

**Newmark Method:**

$$t^{+\Delta t} \ddot{U} = a_6 \underline{U} + a_7 \dot{\underline{U}} + a_8 \ddot{\underline{U}}$$

$$t^{+\Delta t} \dot{\underline{U}} = \dot{\underline{U}} + a_9 \ddot{\underline{U}} + a_{10} t^{+\Delta t} \ddot{\underline{U}}$$

$$t^{+\Delta t} \underline{U} = \underline{U} + \underline{U}$$

**Central Difference Method:**

$$\dot{\underline{U}} = a_1 (t^{+\Delta t} \underline{U} - t^{-\Delta t} \underline{U})$$

$$\ddot{\underline{U}} = a_0 (t^{+\Delta t} \underline{U} - 2t \underline{U} + t^{-\Delta t} \underline{U})$$

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# **MODE SUPERPOSITION ANALYSIS; TIME HISTORY**

**LECTURE 11**

**48 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 11 Solution of dynamic response by mode superposition**

**The basic idea of mode superposition**

**Derivation of decoupled equations**

**Solution with and without damping**

**Caughey and Rayleigh damping**

**Calculation of damping matrix for given damping ratios**

**Selection of number of modal coordinates**

**Errors and use of static correction**

**Practical considerations**

**TEXTBOOK: Sections: 9.3.1, 9.3.2, 9.3.3**

**Examples: 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, 9.11**

**Mode Superposition Analysis**

**Basic idea is:**

**transform dynamic equilibrium  
equations into a more effective  
form for solution,  
using**

$$\underline{U} = \underline{P} \underline{X}(t)$$

$n \times 1 \quad n \times n \quad n \times 1$

$\underline{P}$  = transformation matrix

$\underline{X}(t)$  = generalized displacements

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**Using**

$$\underline{U}(t) = \underline{P} \underline{X}(t) \quad (9.30)$$

**on**

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{C} \dot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{R} \quad (9.1)$$

**we obtain**

$$\tilde{\underline{M}} \ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \tilde{\underline{C}} \dot{\underline{X}}(t) + \tilde{\underline{K}} \underline{X}(t) = \tilde{\underline{R}}(t) \quad (9.31)$$

**where**

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\underline{M}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{M} \underline{P} ; \quad \tilde{\underline{C}} = \underline{P}^T \underline{C} \underline{P} ; \\ \tilde{\underline{K}} &= \underline{P}^T \underline{K} \underline{P} ; \quad \tilde{\underline{R}} = \underline{P}^T \underline{R} \end{aligned} \quad (9.32)$$

An effective transformation matrix  $\underline{P}$  is established using the displacement solutions of the free vibration equilibrium equations with damping neglected,

$$\underline{M} \ddot{\underline{U}} + \underline{K} \underline{U} = \underline{0} \quad (9.34)$$

Using

$$\underline{U} = \underline{\phi} \sin \omega(t - t_0) \quad (9.35)$$

we obtain the generalized eigenproblem,

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \omega^2 \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \quad (9.36)$$

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with the  $n$  eigensolutions  $(\omega_1^2, \underline{\phi}_1)$ ,  
 $(\omega_2^2, \underline{\phi}_2), \dots, (\omega_n^2, \underline{\phi}_n)$ , and

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{M} \underline{\phi}_j \begin{cases} = 1 & ; \quad i = j \\ = 0 & ; \quad i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (9.37)$$

$$0 \leq \omega_1^2 \leq \omega_2^2 \leq \omega_3^2 \dots \leq \omega_n^2 \quad (9.38)$$

**Defining**

$$\underline{\Phi} = [\underline{\phi}_1, \underline{\phi}_2, \dots, \underline{\phi}_n] ; \underline{\Omega}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 \\ \omega_2^2 \\ \vdots \\ \omega_n^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9.39)$$

**we can write**

$$\underline{K} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{M} \underline{\Phi} \underline{\Omega}^2 \quad (9.40)$$

**and have**

$$\underline{\Phi}^T \underline{K} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{\Omega}^2 ; \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} \underline{\Phi} = \underline{I} \quad (9.41)$$

**Now using**

$$\underline{U}(t) = \underline{\Phi} \underline{X}(t) \quad (9.42)$$

**we obtain equilibrium equations  
that correspond to the modal  
generalized displacements**

$$\ddot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{C} \underline{\Phi} \dot{\underline{X}}(t) + \underline{\Omega}^2 \underline{X}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.43)$$

**The initial conditions on  $\underline{X}(t)$  are obtained using (9.42) and the  $M$  - orthonormality of  $\underline{\Phi}$ ; i.e., at time 0 we have**

$$0_{\underline{X}} = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} 0_{\underline{U}} ; \quad 0_{\dot{\underline{X}}} = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{M} 0_{\dot{\underline{U}}} \quad (9.44)$$

## Mode superposition analysis; time history

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### Analysis with Damping Neglected

$$\ddot{\underline{x}}(t) + \underline{\Omega}^2 \underline{x}(t) = \underline{\Phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.45)$$

i.e.,  $n$  individual equations of the form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{x}_i(t) + \omega_i^2 x_i(t) &= r_i(t) \\ \text{where } r_i(t) &= \underline{\Phi}_i^T \underline{R}(t) \end{aligned} \right\} i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (9.46)$$

with

$$x_i \Big|_{t=0} = \underline{\Phi}_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{U}_0 \quad (9.47)$$

$$\dot{x}_i \Big|_{t=0} = \underline{\Phi}_i^T \underline{M}^{-1} \underline{\dot{U}}_0$$


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Using the Duhamel integral we have

$$x_i(t) = \frac{1}{\omega_i} \int_0^t r_i(\tau) \sin \omega_i(t - \tau) d\tau \quad (9.48)$$

$$+ \alpha_i \sin \omega_i t + \beta_i \cos \omega_i t$$

where  $\alpha_i$  and  $\beta_i$  are determined from the initial conditions in (9.47).

And then

$$\underline{U}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{\Phi}_i x_i(t) \quad (9.49)$$

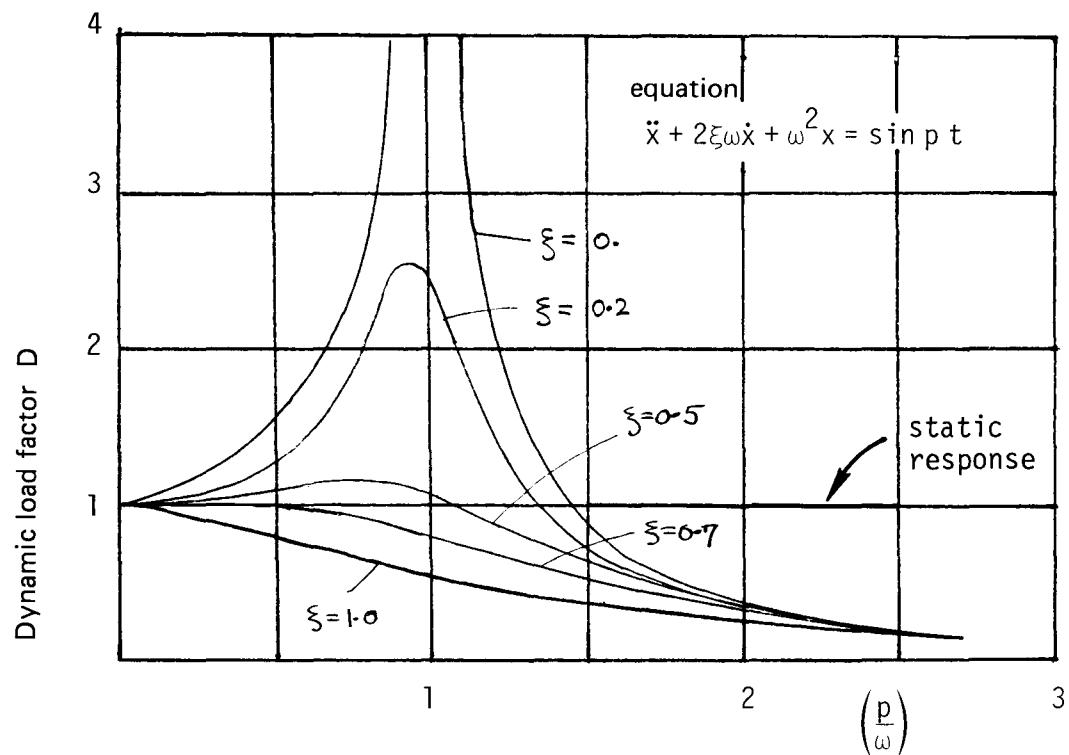


Fig. 9.4. The dynamic load factor

Hence we use

$$\underline{U}^p = \sum_{i=1}^p \phi_i x_i(t)$$

where

$$\underline{U}^p \doteq \underline{U}$$

The error can be measured using

$$\epsilon^p(t) = \frac{\|\underline{R}(t) - (\underline{M}\dot{\underline{U}}^p(t) + \underline{K}\underline{U}^p(t))\|_2}{\|\underline{R}(t)\|_2}$$

(9.50)

## Mode superposition analysis; time history

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### Static correction

Assume that we used  $p$  modes to obtain  $\underline{U}^p$ , then let

$$\underline{R} = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i (\underline{M} \underline{\phi}_i)$$

Hence

$$r_i = \underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{R}$$

Then

$$\Delta \underline{R} = \underline{R} - \sum_{i=1}^p r_i (\underline{M} \underline{\phi}_i)$$

and

$$\underline{K} \Delta \underline{U} = \Delta \underline{R}$$

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### Analysis with Damping Included

Recall, we have

$$\ddot{\underline{x}}(t) + \underline{\phi}^T \underline{C} \underline{\phi} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) + \underline{\omega}^2 \underline{x}(t) = \underline{\phi}^T \underline{R}(t) \quad (9.43)$$

If the damping is proportional

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T \underline{C} \underline{\phi}_j = 2\omega_i \xi_i \delta_{ij} \quad (9.51)$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}_i(t) + 2\omega_i \xi_i \dot{x}_i(t) + \omega_i^2 x_i(t) &= r_i(t) \\ i &= 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \quad (9.52)$$

A damping matrix that satisfies the relation in (9.51) is obtained using the Caughey series,

$$\underline{C} = \underline{M} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} a_k [\underline{M}^{-1} \underline{K}]^k \quad (9.56)$$

where the coefficients  $a_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, p$ , are calculated from the  $p$  simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i = \frac{1}{2} & \left( \frac{a_0}{\omega_i} + a_1 \omega_i + a_2 \omega_i^3 + \dots \right. \\ & \left. + a_{p-1} \omega_i^{p-3} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (9.57)$$

A special case is Rayleigh damping,

$$\underline{C} = \alpha \underline{M} + \beta \underline{K} \quad (9.55)$$

example:

Assume  $\xi_1 = 0.02$  ;  $\xi_2 = 0.10$   
 $\omega_1 = 2$        $\omega_2 = 3$

calculate  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

We use

$$\underline{\phi}_i^T (\alpha \underline{M} + \beta \underline{K}) \underline{\phi}_i = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

or

$$\alpha + \beta \omega_i^2 = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

Using this relation for  $\omega_1$ ,  $\xi_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $\xi_2$ , we obtain two equations for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ :

$$\underline{\alpha} + 4\underline{\beta} = 0.08$$

$$\underline{\alpha} + 9\underline{\beta} = 0.60$$

The solution is  $\alpha = -0.336$  and  $\beta = 0.104$ . Thus the damping matrix to be used is

$$\underline{C} = -0.336 \underline{M} + 0.104 \underline{K}$$

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Note that since

$$\alpha + \beta \omega_i^2 = 2\omega_i \xi_i$$

for any  $i$ , we have, once  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have been established,

$$\xi_i = \frac{\alpha + \beta \omega_i^2}{2\omega_i}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{2\omega_i} + \frac{\beta}{2} \omega_i$$

Response solution

As in the case of no damping.  
we solve  $p$  equations

$$\ddot{x}_i + 2\omega_i \xi_i x_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = r_i$$

with

$$r_i = \underline{\phi}_i^T R$$

$$x_i|_{t=0} = \underline{\phi}_i^T M \underline{0}_U$$

$$\dot{x}_i|_{t=0} = \underline{\phi}_i^T M \underline{0}_{\dot{U}}$$

and then

$$\underline{U}^p = \sum_{i=1}^p \underline{\phi}_i x_i(t)$$


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Practical considerations

mode superposition analysis  
is effective

- when the response lies in a few modes only,  $p \ll n$
- when the response is to be obtained over many time intervals (or the modal response can be obtained in closed form).

e.g. earthquake engineering  
vibration excitation

- it may be important to calculate  $\varepsilon_p(t)$  or the static correction.

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# **SOLUTION METHODS FOR CALCULATIONS OF FREQUENCIES AND MODE SHAPES**

**LECTURE 12**

**58 MINUTES**

## **LECTURE 12 Solution methods for finite element eigenproblems**

**Standard and generalized eigenproblems**

**Basic concepts of vector iteration methods,  
polynomial iteration techniques, Sturm  
sequence methods, transformation methods**

**Large eigenproblems**

**Details of the determinant search and subspace  
iteration methods**

**Selection of appropriate technique, practical  
considerations**

**TEXTBOOK:** Sections: 12.1, 12.2.1, 12.2.2, 12.2.3, 12.3.1, 12.3.2,  
12.3.3, 12.3.4, 12.3.6 (the material in Chapter 11  
is also referred to)

**Examples: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4**

## SOLUTION METHODS FOR EIGENPROBLEMS

**Standard EVP:**

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{\phi}$$

**Generalized EVP:**

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \quad \leftarrow \quad (\lambda = \omega^2)$$

**Quadratic EVP:**

$$(\underline{K} + \lambda \underline{C} + \lambda^2 \underline{M})\underline{\phi} = \underline{0}$$

**Most emphasis on the generalized  
EVP e.g. earthquake engineering**

**"Large EVP"**     $n > 500$      $p = 1, \dots, \frac{1}{3}n$   
 $m > 60$

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**In dynamic analysis, proportional  
damping**

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \omega^2 \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

**If zero freq. are present we can  
use the following procedure**

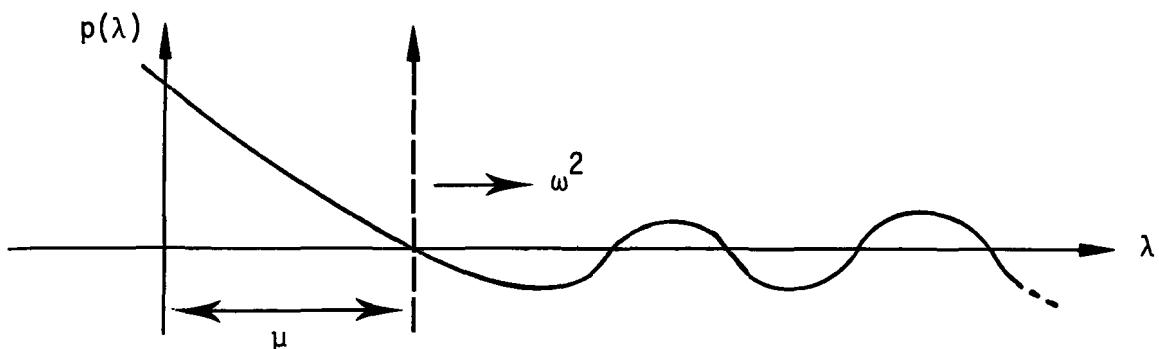
$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} + \mu \underline{M} \underline{\phi} = (\omega^2 + \mu) \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

**or**

$$(\underline{K} + \mu \underline{M})\underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

$$\text{or } \lambda = \omega^2 + \mu$$

$$\omega^2 = \lambda - \mu$$



$$p(\lambda) = \det(\underline{K} - \lambda \underline{M}) ; \quad \underline{K} = \underline{K} + \mu \underline{M}$$

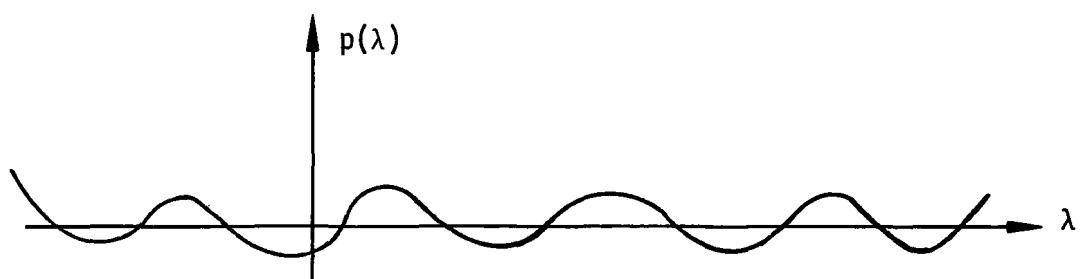

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In buckling analysis

$$\underline{K} \phi = \lambda \underline{K}_G \phi$$

where

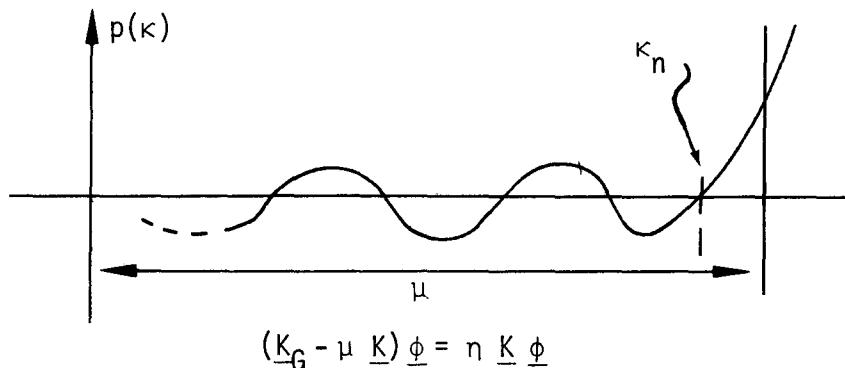
$$p(\lambda) = \det (\underline{K} - \lambda \underline{K}_G)$$



Rewrite problem as:

$$\underline{K}_G \underline{\phi} = \kappa \underline{K} \underline{\phi} \quad \kappa = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

and solve for largest  $\kappa$ :




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Traditional Approach: Transform the generalized EVP or quadratic EVP into a standard form, then solve using one of the many techniques available  
e.g.

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

$$\underline{M} = \tilde{\underline{L}} \tilde{\underline{L}}^T ; \quad \tilde{\underline{\phi}} = \tilde{\underline{L}}^T \underline{\phi}$$

hence

$$\tilde{\underline{K}} \tilde{\underline{\phi}} = \lambda \tilde{\underline{\phi}} ; \quad \tilde{\underline{K}} = \tilde{\underline{L}}^{-1} \underline{K} \tilde{\underline{L}}^{-T}$$

or

$$\underline{M} = \underline{W} \underline{D}^2 \underline{W}^T \quad \text{etc...}$$

Direct solution is more effective.

Consider the Gen. EVP  $\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$   
with

$$0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \lambda_3 \dots \leq \lambda_n$$

$$\underline{\phi}_1 \quad \underline{\phi}_2 \quad \underline{\phi}_3 \dots \quad \underline{\phi}_n$$

eigenpairs  $(\lambda_i, \underline{\phi}_i)$   $i = 1, \dots, p$   
are required or  $i = r, \dots, s$

The solution procedures in use  
operate on the basic equations  
that have to be satisfied.

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### 1) VECTOR ITERATION TECHNIQUES

Equation:  $\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$

e.g. Inverse It.  $\underline{K} \underline{x}_{k+1} = \underline{M} \underline{x}_k$

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \frac{\overline{\underline{x}}_{k+1}}{(\overline{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \underline{M} \underline{x}_{k+1})^{1/2}} \rightarrow \underline{\phi}_1$$

• Forward Iteration

• Rayleigh Quotient Iteration

can be employed to calculate one eigenvalue and vector, deflate then to calculate additional eigenpair

Convergence to "an eigenpair", which one is not guaranteed (convergence may also be slow)

## 2) POLYNOMIAL ITERATION METHODS

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \rightarrow (\underline{K} - \lambda \underline{M}) \underline{\phi} = \underline{0}$$

Hence

$$p(\lambda) = \det (\underline{K} - \lambda \underline{M}) = 0$$



**Newton Iteration**

$$\mu_{i+1} = \mu_i - \frac{p(\mu_i)}{p'(\mu_i)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= a_0 + a_1 \lambda + a_2 \lambda^2 + \dots + a_n \lambda^n \\ &= b_0 (\lambda - \lambda_1) (\lambda - \lambda_2) \dots (\lambda - \lambda_n) \end{aligned}$$

### Explicit polynomial iteration:

- Expand the polynomial and iterate for zeros.
- Technique not suitable for larger problems
  - much work to obtain  $a_i$ 's
  - unstable process

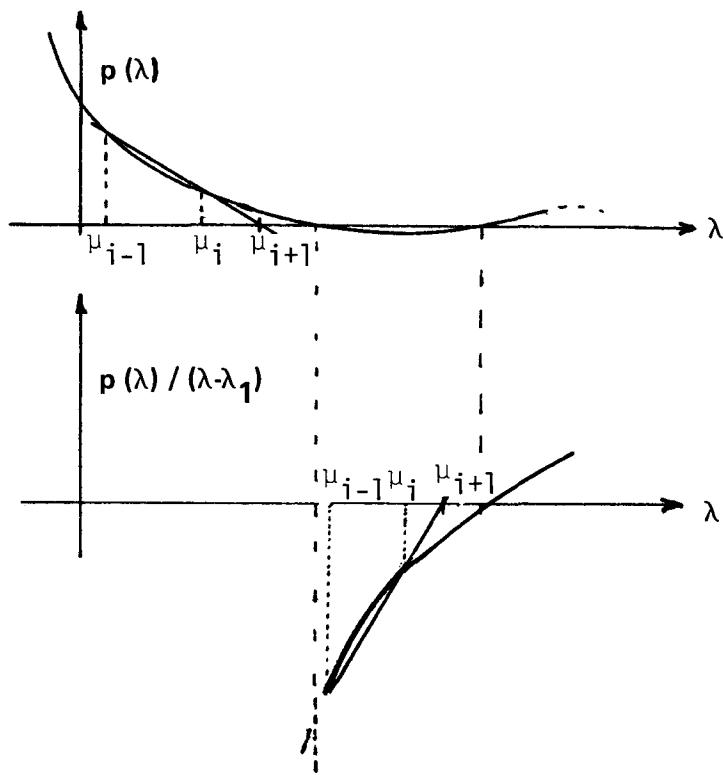
### Implicit polynomial iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu_i) &= \det (\underline{K} - \mu_i \underline{M}) \\ &= \det \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T = \prod_i d_{ii} \end{aligned}$$

- accurate, provided we do not encounter large multipliers
- we directly solve for  $\lambda_1, \dots$
- use SECANT ITERATION:

$$\mu_{i+1} = \mu_i - \frac{p(\mu_i)}{\left( \frac{p(\mu_i) - p(\mu_{i-1})}{\mu_i - \mu_{i-1}} \right)}$$

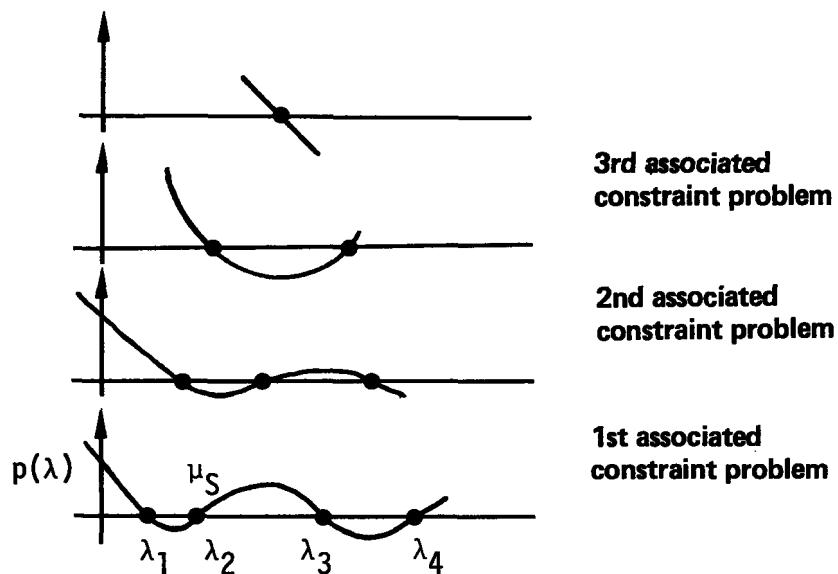
- deflate polynomial after convergence to  $\lambda_1$



Convergence guaranteed to  $\lambda_1$ , then  
 $\lambda_2$ , etc. but can be slow when we  
calculate multiple roots.

Care need be taken in L D L<sup>T</sup> factor-  
ization.

**3) STURM SEQUENCE METHODS**



$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi}$$

$$\underline{K} - \mu_S \underline{M} = \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T$$

Number of negative elements in  
 $\underline{D}$  is equal to the number of  
eigenvalues smaller than  $\mu_S$ .

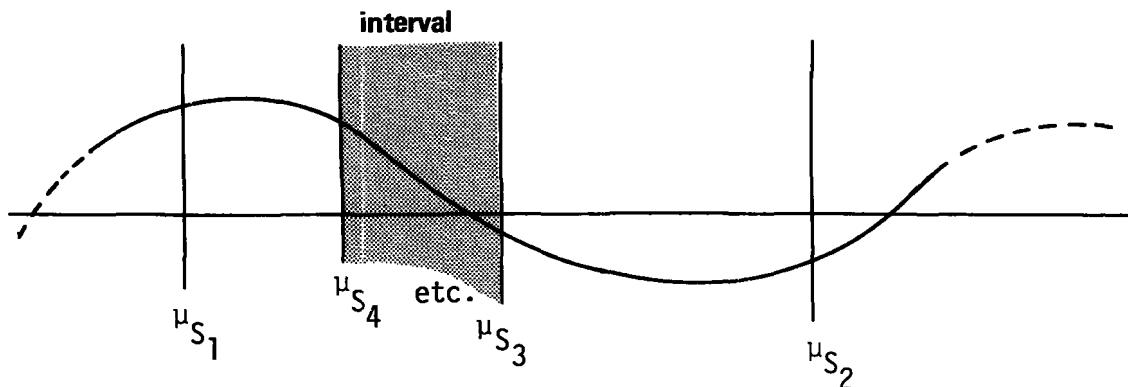
## Solution methods for calculations of frequencies and mode shapes

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### 3) STURM SEQUENCE METHODS

Calculate  $\underline{K} - \mu S_i \underline{M} = \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T$

Count number of negative elements  
in  $\underline{D}$  and use a strategy to isolate  
eigenvalue(s).



• Need to take care in  $\underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T$  factorization

• Convergence can be very slow

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### 4) TRANSFORMATION METHODS

$$\underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \lambda \underline{M} \underline{\phi} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \underline{\phi}^T \underline{K} \underline{\phi} = \underline{\Lambda} \\ \underline{\phi}^T \underline{M} \underline{\phi} = \underline{I} \end{cases}$$

Construct  $\underline{\phi}$  iteratively:

$$\underline{\phi} = [\underline{\phi}_1, \dots, \underline{\phi}_n] ; \quad \underline{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{P}_k^T \dots \underline{P}_2^T \underline{P}_1^T \underline{K} \underline{P}_1 \underline{P}_2 \dots \underline{P}_k \rightarrow \underline{\Lambda}$$

$$\underline{P}_k^T \dots \underline{P}_2^T \underline{P}_1^T \underline{M} \underline{P}_1 \underline{P}_2 \dots \underline{P}_k \rightarrow \underline{I}$$

e.g. generalized Jacobi  
method

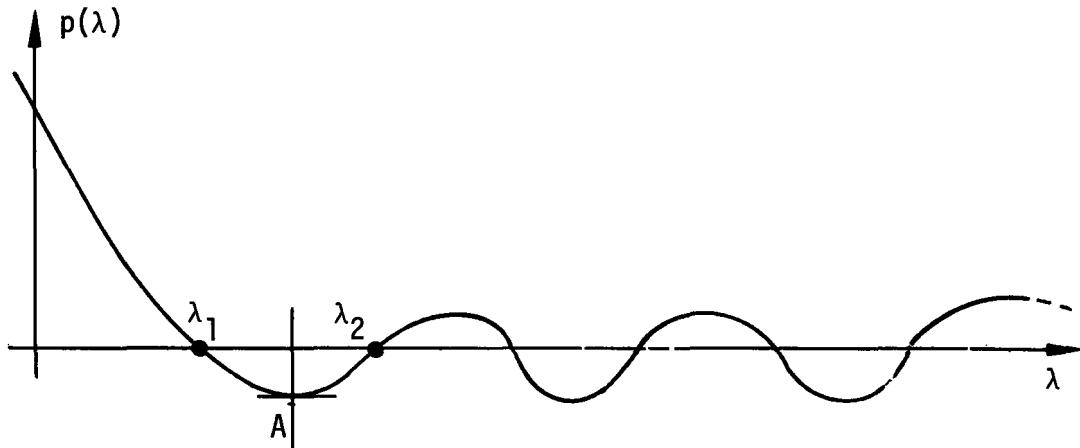
- Here we calculate all eigenpairs simultaneously
- Expensive and ineffective (impossible) or large problems.

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For large eigenproblems it is best to use combinations of the above basic techniques:

- Determinant search to get near a root
- Vector iteration to obtain eigenvector and eigenvalue
- Transformation method for orthogonalization of iteration vectors.
- Sturm sequence method to ensure that required eigenvalue(s) has (or have) been calculated

**THE DETERMINANT SEARCH METHOD**



- 1) Iterate on polynomial to obtain shifts close to  $\lambda_1$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu_i) &= \det (\underline{K} - \mu_i \underline{M}) \\ &= \det \underline{L} \underline{D} \underline{L}^T = \prod_i d_{ii} \\ \mu_{i+1} &= \mu_i - \eta \frac{p(\mu_i)}{p(\mu_i) - p(\mu_{i-1})} \end{aligned}$$

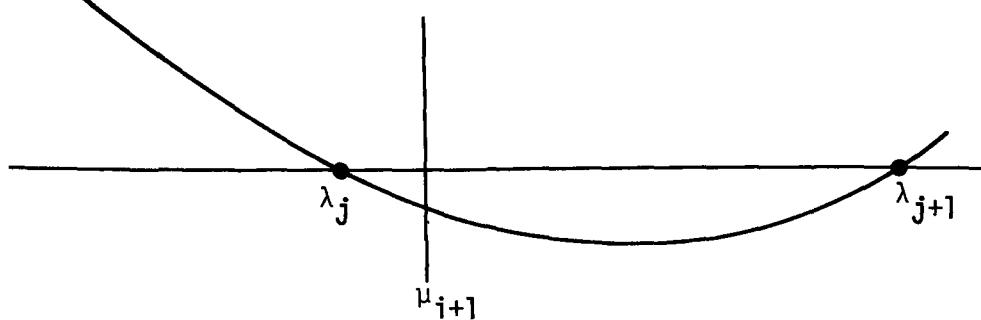
$\eta$  is normally = 1.0

$\eta = 2., 4., 8., \dots$  when convergence is slow

Same procedure can be employed to obtain shift near  $\lambda_i$ , provided  $p(\lambda)$  is deflated of  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{i-1}$

- 2) Use Sturm sequence property to check whether  $\mu_{i+1}$  is larger than an unknown eigenvalue.

- 3) Once  $\mu_{j+1}$  is larger than an unknown eigenvalue, use inverse iteration to calculate the eigenvector and eigenvalue



$$(\underline{K} - \mu_{i+1} \underline{M}) \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \underline{M} \bar{\underline{x}}_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\bullet \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \frac{\bar{\underline{x}}_k}{(\bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \underline{M} \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1})^{1/2}}$$

$$\rho(\bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}) = \frac{\bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \underline{M} \bar{\underline{x}}_k}{\bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \underline{M} \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}}$$

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- 4) Iteration vector must be deflated of the previously calculated eigenvectors using, e.g. Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization.

If convergence is slow use Rayleigh quotient iteration

**Advantage:**

Calculates only eigenpairs actually required; no prior transformation of eigenproblem

**Disadvantage:**

Many triangular factorizations

**• Effective only for small banded systems**

We need an algorithm with less factorizations and more vector iterations when the bandwidth of the system is large.

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### **SUBSPACE ITERATION METHOD**

Iterate with  $q$  vectors when the lowest  $p$  eigenvalues and eigenvectors are required.

$$\text{inverse iteration} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{K} \quad \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1} = \underline{M} \quad \underline{x}_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \\ \underline{K}_{k+1} = \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \quad \underline{K} \quad \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\underline{M}_{k+1} = \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}^T \quad \underline{M} \quad \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1}$$

$$\underline{K}_{k+1} \quad \underline{Q}_{k+1} = \underline{M}_{k+1} \quad \underline{Q}_{k+1} \quad \underline{\Lambda}_{k+1}$$

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = \bar{\underline{x}}_{k+1} \quad \underline{Q}_{k+1}$$

**"Under conditions" we have**

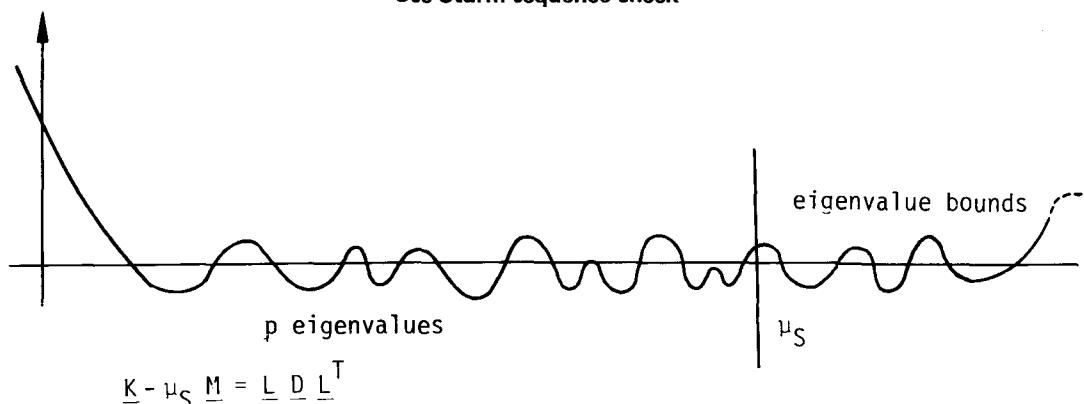
$$\underline{\chi}_{k+1} \rightarrow \underline{\Phi}; \quad \underline{\Lambda}_{k+1} \rightarrow \underline{\Lambda}$$

$$\underline{\Phi} = [\underline{\phi}_1, \dots, \underline{\phi}_q] ; \quad \underline{\Lambda} = \text{diag} (\lambda_j)$$

**CONDITION:**

**starting subspace spanned by  $X_1$  must not be orthogonal to least dominant subspace required.**

### Use Sturm sequence check



no. of -ve elements in D must be equal to p.

### **Convergence rate:**

$$\underline{\phi}_i \geq \lambda_i / \lambda_{q+1} \quad \lambda_i \geq \left( \lambda_i / \lambda_{q+1} \right)^2$$

$$\lambda_i \geq \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_{q+1}} \right)^2$$

**convergence reached**

**when**  $\left| \frac{\lambda_i^{(k)} - \lambda_i^{(k-1)}}{\lambda_i^{(k)}} \right| \leq \text{tol}$

### Starting Vectors

Two choices

$$1) \quad \underline{x}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} | \\ | \\ \vdots \\ | \end{bmatrix}; \quad \underline{x}_j = \underline{e}_k \quad j = 2, \dots, q-1$$

$\underline{x}_q$  = random vector

2) Lanczos method

Here we need to use  $q$  much larger than  $p$ .

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### Checks on eigenpairs

#### 1. Sturm sequence checks

$$2. \quad \varepsilon_i = \frac{\| K \underline{\phi}_i^{(l+1)} - \lambda_i^{(l+1)} M \underline{\phi}_i^{(l+1)} \|_2}{\| K \underline{\phi}_i^{(l+1)} \|_2}$$

important in all solutions.

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