

# Algorithm for problems involving flat shells



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## 1) Input data:

1.1 Material properties and thickness for each different shell ( $m$ ):

- Young's modulus:  $E^{(m)}$
- Poisson ratio:  $\nu^{(m)}$
- Density:  $\rho^{(m)}$
- Thickness:  $h^{(m)}$

1.2 Mesh (discretization) data:

- Nodal coordinates matrix:

$$[\mathbf{X}] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{x}^{(n)} & \hat{y}^{(n)} & \hat{z}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \hat{x}^{(n)} & \hat{y}^{(n)} & \hat{z}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array}} \right\} \text{Number of nodes } N$$

$\hat{x}^{(n)}$  : x-coordinate of node  $n$   
 $\hat{y}^{(n)}$  : y-coordinate of node  $n$   
 $\hat{z}^{(n)}$  : z-coordinate of node  $n$

- Nodal connectivities matrix:

$$[\mathbf{T}_n] = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} n_1^{(e)} & n_2^{(e)} & \vdots & n_4^{(e)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{cccc} n_1^{(e)} & n_2^{(e)} & \vdots & n_4^{(e)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{array}} \right\} \text{Number of elements } N_e$$

$n_i^{(e)}$  : global node # assigned to  $i$ -th node in element ( $e$ )

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- Material connectivities matrix:

$$[\mathbf{T}_m] = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ m^{(e)} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ m^{(e)} \\ \vdots \end{array}} \right\} \text{Number of elements } N_e \quad m^{(e)} : \text{material index \# assigned to element } (e)$$

## 1.3 Boundary conditions:

- Fix nodes and DOFs matrix:

$$[\mathbf{U}_p] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} u^{(p)} & \vdots & j^{(p)} \\ n^{(p)} & & \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} u^{(p)} & \vdots & j^{(p)} \\ n^{(p)} & & \end{array}} \right\} \text{Number of prescribed DOFs}$$

$u^{(p)} : \text{value of prescribed displ./rot. } (p)$   
 $n^{(p)} : \text{global node \# assigned to } (p)$   
 $j^{(p)} : \text{degree of freedom assigned to } (p)$

## 1.4 External forces:

- Non-null point forces matrix (N):

$$[\mathbf{F}_e] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} f^{(q)} & \vdots & j^{(q)} \\ n^{(q)} & & \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} f^{(q)} & \vdots & j^{(q)} \\ n^{(q)} & & \end{array}} \right\} \text{Number of point forces}$$

$f^{(q)} : \text{value of point force/moment } (q)$   
 $n^{(q)} : \text{global node \# assigned to } (q)$   
 $j^{(q)} : \text{degree of freedom assigned to } (q)$

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- Distributed loads matrix (N/m<sup>2</sup>):

$$[\mathbf{P}_e] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} p^{(r)} & \vdots & j^{(r)} \\ n^{(r)} & & \\ \vdots & & \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} p^{(r)} & \vdots & j^{(r)} \\ n^{(r)} & & \\ \vdots & & \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Number of DOFs} \\ \text{with distributed} \\ \text{loads} \end{array}$$

$p^{(r)}$  : value of distr. force/moment ( $r$ )  
 $n^{(r)}$  : global node # assigned to ( $r$ )  
 $j^{(r)}$  : degree of freedom assigned to ( $r$ )

- Body forces matrix (N/kg):

$$[\mathbf{B}_e] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} b^{(s)} & \vdots & j^{(s)} \\ n^{(s)} & & \\ \vdots & & \end{array} \right] \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{ccc} b^{(s)} & \vdots & j^{(s)} \\ n^{(s)} & & \\ \vdots & & \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Number of DOFs} \\ \text{with body forces} \end{array}$$

$b^{(s)}$  : value of body force/moment ( $s$ )  
 $n^{(s)}$  : global node # assigned to ( $s$ )  
 $j^{(s)}$  : degree of freedom assigned to ( $s$ )

Note: Recall that degrees of freedom indices # represent:

- $j = 1$  : displacement/force in x-direction
- $j = 2$  : displacement/force in y-direction
- $j = 3$  : displacement/force in z-direction
- $j = 4$  : rotation/moment about x-direction
- $j = 5$  : rotation/moment about y-direction
- $j = 6$  : rotation/moment about z-direction

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## 2) Assembly of global matrices:

### 2.1 Initialization:

$N_{\text{dof}} = 6N$  (total number of degrees of freedom)

$$[\mathbf{K}] = [\mathbf{0}]_{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}}$$

$$[\mathbf{M}] = [\mathbf{0}]_{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}}$$

### 2.2 Assembly process:

For each element  $e$ :

Vector product!!

#### a) Compute rotation matrix:

$$\{\mathbf{S}\} = (\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1), :)\}^T) \times (\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2), :)\}^T) / 2$$

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'\} = \{\mathbf{S}\} / \|\{\mathbf{S}\}\| \quad (\equiv \text{normal vector of the flat shell element})$$

$$\{\mathbf{d}\} = (\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2), :)\}^T + \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1), :)\}^T) / 2$$

$$\{\mathbf{i}'\} = \{\mathbf{d}\} / \|\{\mathbf{d}\}\|; \quad \{\mathbf{j}'\} = \{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'\} \times \{\mathbf{i}'\}$$

$$[\mathbf{R}'] = \begin{bmatrix} \{\mathbf{i}'\} & \{\mathbf{j}'\} & \{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'\} & [\mathbf{0}]_{3 \times 2} \\ [\mathbf{0}]_{3 \times 3} & \{\mathbf{i}'\} & \{\mathbf{j}'\} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\mathbf{R}(:, :, e) = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathbf{R}'] & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} \\ [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{R}'] & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} \\ [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{R}'] & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} \\ [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{0}]_{5 \times 6} & [\mathbf{R}'] \end{bmatrix}$$

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b) Get nodal coefficients for the shape functions:

$$\{\mathbf{a}\} = \{-1, 1, 1, -1\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{b}\} = \{-1, -1, 1, 1\}$$

c) Compute element matrices:

c1) 1 Gauss point quadrature matrices:

$$\{\mathbf{N}_1\} = \{1, 1, 1, 1\}^T/4$$

$$\{\mathbf{N}_{1,\xi}\} = \{\mathbf{a}\}/4$$

$$\{\mathbf{N}_{1,\eta}\} = \{\mathbf{b}\}/4$$

$$[\mathbf{J}_1] = [\mathbf{0}]_{2 \times 2}$$

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$[\mathbf{J}_1] = [\mathbf{J}_1] + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{N}_{1,\xi}(i) \\ \mathbf{N}_{1,\eta}(i) \end{pmatrix} \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, i), :)\} [\hat{\mathbf{i}}' \quad \hat{\mathbf{j}}']$$

End loop over nodes

$$[\mathbf{N}_{1,x'}] = [\mathbf{J}_1]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}_{1,\xi} \\ \mathbf{N}_{1,\eta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_1 = 4 \det[\mathbf{J}_1] \quad (\equiv \text{area associated to Gauss point})$$

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c1.1) Shear component of stiffness matrix:

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, i) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & N_{1,x'}(1, i) & 0 & N_1(i) \\ 0 & 0 & N_{1,x'}(2, i) & -N_1(i) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

End loop over nodes

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} 5h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} E^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} / (12(1 + \nu^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))}))$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, e) = [\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, 1), \mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, 2), \mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, 3), \mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, 4)]$$

$$\mathbf{K}_s(:, :, e) = S_1 [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T [\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, e)]^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_s] [\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, e)] [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]$$

c1.2) Membrane **transverse** component of stiffness matrix:

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, i) = [N_{1,x'}(2, i) \quad N_{1,x'}(1, i) \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

End loop over nodes

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_t} = h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} E^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} / (2(1 + \nu^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))}))$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, e) = [\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, 1), \mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, 2), \mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, 3), \mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, 4)]$$

$$\mathbf{K}_m(:, :, e) = S_1 [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T [\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, e)]^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_t}] [\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, e)] [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]$$

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c2) 4 Gauss points quadrature matrices:

$$\mathbf{K}_b(:, :, e) = [\mathbf{0}]_{24 \times 24}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_e(:, :, e) = [\mathbf{0}]_{24 \times 24}$$

$$\{\xi_4\} = \{-1, 1, 1, -1\}/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\{\eta_4\} = \{-1, -1, 1, 1\}/\sqrt{3}$$

$$\{\mathbf{w}_4\} = \{1, 1, 1, 1\}$$

For each Gauss point  $k$  (from 1 to 4):

$$\mathbf{J}_4 = [\mathbf{0}]_{2 \times 2}$$

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$N_4(i) = (1 + \mathbf{a}(i)\xi_4(k))(1 + \mathbf{b}(i)\eta_4(k))/4$$

$$N_{4,\xi}(1, i) = \mathbf{a}(i)(1 + \mathbf{b}(i)\eta_4(k))/4$$

$$N_{4,\eta}(1, i) = \mathbf{b}(i)(1 + \mathbf{a}(i)\xi_4(k))/4$$

$$\mathbf{J}_4 = \mathbf{J}_4 + \begin{Bmatrix} N_{4,\xi}(i) \\ N_{4,\eta}(i) \end{Bmatrix} \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, i), :)\}[\hat{\mathbf{t}}' \quad \hat{\mathbf{j}}']$$

End loop over nodes



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$$\mathbf{N}_{4,x'} = [\mathbf{J}_4]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} N_{4,\xi} \\ N_{4,\eta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_4(e, k) = \mathbf{w}_4(k) \cdot \det[\mathbf{J}_4] \quad (\equiv \text{area associated to Gauss point})$$

c2.1) Membrane **normal** component of stiffness matrix:

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$\mathbf{B}'_{m_n(i)}(:, :, i) = \begin{bmatrix} N_{4,x'}(1, i) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & N_{4,x'}(2, i) & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

End loop over nodes

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu(T_m(e)) \\ \nu(T_m(e)) & 1 \end{bmatrix} h(T_m(e)) E(T_m(e)) / (1 - \nu(T_m(e))^2)$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_{m_n}(:, :, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_{m_n(i)}(:, :, 1), \mathbf{B}'_{m_n(i)}(:, :, 2), \mathbf{B}'_{m_n(i)}(:, :, 3), \mathbf{B}'_{m_n(i)}(:, :, 4)]$$

$$\mathbf{K}_m(:, :, e) = \mathbf{K}_m(:, :, e) + \mathcal{S}_4(e, k) [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T [\mathbf{B}'_{m_n}(:, :, e, k)]^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_n}] [\mathbf{B}'_{m_n}(:, :, e, k)] [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]$$

Notice that to avoid shear locking, we have previously computed the component of the membrane stiffness matrix dealing with transverse strains (with only 1 Gauss point), so now we just need to add the normal component:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}'_{m_n} \\ \mathbf{K}'_{m_t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} & \mathbf{B}'_{m_t} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_n} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} \\ \mathbf{B}'_{m_t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} \end{bmatrix}^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_n}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} \end{bmatrix}^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_{m_n}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}'_{m_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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c2.2) Bending component of stiffness matrix:

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, i) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{4,x'}(1, i) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & N_{4,x'}(2, i) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -N_{4,x'}(1, i) & N_{4,x'}(2, i) \end{bmatrix}$$

End loop over nodes

$$\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu^{(T_m(e))} & 0 \\ \nu^{(T_m(e))} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - \nu^{(T_m(e))})/2 \end{bmatrix} h^{(T_m(e))^3} E^{(T_m(e))} / (12(1 - \nu^{(T_m(e))^2}))$$

$$\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, 1), \mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, 2), \mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, 3), \mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, 4)]$$

$$\mathbf{K}_b(:, :, e) = \mathbf{K}_b(:, :, e) + \mathbf{S}_4(e, k) [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T [\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, e, k)]^T [\bar{\mathbf{C}}'_b] [\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, e, k)] [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]$$

c2.3) Mass matrix:

For each node  $i$  (from 1 to 4) in the element:

$$\mathbf{N}^{(i)}(:, :, i) = \mathbf{N}_4(i) [\mathbf{1}]_{5 \times 5} \quad ([\mathbf{1}]_{5 \times 5} \equiv \text{Identity matrix of } 5 \times 5)$$

End loop over nodes

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$$\bar{\mathbf{p}}' = \rho^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))^2}/12 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))^2}/12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N}(:, :, e, k) = [\mathbf{N}^{(i)}(:, :, 1), \mathbf{N}^{(i)}(:, :, 2), \mathbf{N}^{(i)}(:, :, 3), \mathbf{N}^{(i)}(:, :, 4)]$$

$$\mathbf{M}_e(:, :, e) = \mathbf{M}_e(:, :, e) + \mathbf{S}_4(e, k) [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T [\mathbf{N}(:, :, e, k)]^T [\bar{\mathbf{p}}'] [\mathbf{N}(:, :, e, k)] [\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]$$

End loop over Gauss points

d) Assembly to global matrices:

For each degree of freedom  $j$  from 1 to 6

$$I_{\text{dof}}(j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(6 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(12 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(18 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4) - 1) + j$$

End loop over DOFs

$$\mathbf{K}(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) = \mathbf{K}(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) + \mathbf{K}_m(:, :, e) + \mathbf{K}_b(:, :, e) + \mathbf{K}_s(:, :, e)$$

$$\mathbf{M}(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) = \mathbf{M}(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) + \mathbf{M}_e(:, :, e)$$

End loop over elements

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## 3) Compute artificial rotation stiffness matrix:

3.1 Find nodal normal to set criteria for finding coplanar nodes:

$$[\mathbf{n}] = [\mathbf{0}]_{3 \times N}$$

For each element  $e$ :

a) Compute normal and surface:

$$\{\mathbf{S}\} = (\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1), :)\}^T) \times (\{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4), :)\}^T - \{\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2), :)\}^T) / 2$$

$$S(e) = \sqrt{(\mathbf{S}(1))^2 + (\mathbf{S}(2))^2 + (\mathbf{S}(3))^2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{k}}'(:, e) = \{\mathbf{S}\} / S(e)$$

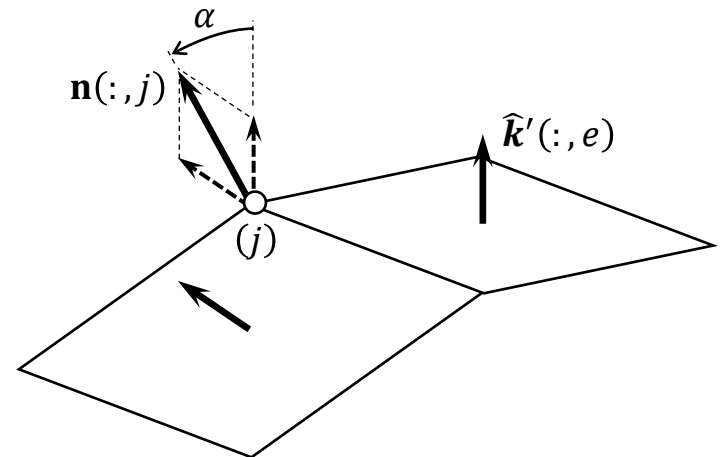
b) Assemble to get nodal normal:

For each element node  $i$

$$\mathbf{n}(:, \mathbf{T}_n(e, i)) = \mathbf{n}(:, \mathbf{T}_n(e, i)) + \hat{\mathbf{k}}'(:, e)$$

End loop over element nodes

End loop over elements



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3.2 Compute artificial rotation matrix:

$$[\mathbf{K}_r] = [\mathbf{0}]_{N_{\text{dof}} \times N_{\text{dof}}}$$

For each element  $e$ :

For each element node  $i$ :

a) Determine whether it is or not a coplanar node

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}(\mathbf{n}(:, \mathbf{T}_n(e, i)) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}'(:, e) / \|\mathbf{n}(:, \mathbf{T}_n(e, i))\|) \quad \leftarrow \text{Scalar product!!}$$

If  $\alpha < 0.1^\circ$  (we can consider node coplanar)

b) Evaluate artificial rotation stiffness component

$$I_{\text{dof}} = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, i) - 1) + \{4, 5, 6\}^T$$

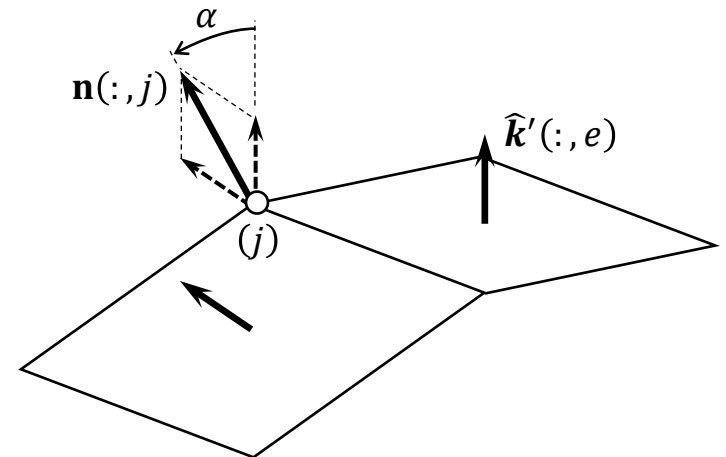
$$\mathbf{K}_r(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) = \mathbf{K}_r(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) + E^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} h^{(\mathbf{T}_m(e))} S(e) \{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'(:, e)\} \{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'(:, e)\}^T$$

End loop over element nodes

End loop over elements

3.3 Update stiffness matrix:

$$[\bar{\mathbf{K}}] = [\mathbf{K}] + [\mathbf{K}_r]$$



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If  $\alpha < 0.1^\circ$  (we can consider node coplanar)

b) Evaluate artificial rotation stiffness component

$$I_{\text{dof}} = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, i) - 1)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_r(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}}) = \mathbf{K}_r(I_{\text{dof}}, I_{\text{dof}})$$

End loop over element nodes

End loop over elements

## 3.3 Update stiffness matrix:

$$[\bar{\mathbf{K}}] = [\mathbf{K}] + [\mathbf{K}_r]$$

In a 3D coupled beams-shells problem, coplanar nodes contained in a beam element do not induce a singularity in the global stiffness matrix (when beam stiffness is also accounted for). In Matlab, for a given shell element node  $\mathbf{T}_n(e, i)$ , we can check whether it is part of a beam element with:

$$\text{ind\_beam} = \text{ismember}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, i), \mathbf{T}_{nb}(:))$$

where  $\mathbf{T}_{nb}$  refers to the nodal connectivities matrix for beam elements. Then, the criterion is:

$$\text{if } \alpha < 5^\circ \ \&\& \ \text{ind\_beam} == \text{false}$$

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## 4) Compute global force vector:

### 4.1 Point loads:

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{f}}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}_{N_{\text{dof}} \times 1}$$

For row  $q$  in  $[\mathbf{F}_e]$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}(6(\mathbf{F}_e(q, 2) - 1) + \mathbf{F}_e(q, 3), 1) = \hat{\mathbf{f}}(6(\mathbf{F}_e(q, 2) - 1) + \mathbf{F}_e(q, 3), 1) + \mathbf{F}_e(q, 1)$$

End loop over rows in  $[\mathbf{F}_e]$

### 4.2 Nodal distributed forces:

$$[\mathbf{P}] = \{\mathbf{0}\}_{N \times 6}$$

For row  $r$  in  $[\mathbf{P}_e]$

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}_e(r, 2), \mathbf{P}_e(r, 3)) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{P}_e(r, 2), \mathbf{P}_e(r, 3)) + \mathbf{P}_e(r, 1)$$

End loop over rows in  $[\mathbf{P}_e]$

### 4.3 Nodal body forces:

$$[\mathbf{B}] = \{\mathbf{0}\}_{N \times 6}$$

For row  $s$  in  $[\mathbf{B}_e]$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}_e(s, 2), \mathbf{B}_e(s, 3)) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{B}_e(s, 2), \mathbf{B}_e(s, 3)) + \mathbf{B}_e(s, 1)$$

End loop over rows in  $[\mathbf{B}_e]$

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## 4.4 Assembly process:

For each element  $e$ :

a) Compute element force vector:

$$\mathbf{b}(:, e) = \{\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1), :), \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2), :), \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3), :), \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4), :)\}^T$$

$$\mathbf{p}(:, e) = \{\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1), :), \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2), :), \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3), :), \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4), :)\}^T$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_e(:, e) = [\mathbf{M}_e(:, :, e)]\{\mathbf{b}(:, e)\}$$

For each Gauss point  $k$  (from 1 to 4):

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_e(:, e) = \hat{\mathbf{f}}_e(:, e) + \mathbf{S}_4(e, k)[\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]^T[\mathbf{N}(:, :, e, k)]^T[\mathbf{N}(:, :, e, k)][\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]\{\mathbf{p}(:, e)\}$$

End loop over Gauss points

b) Assembly to global force vector:

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End loop over DOFs

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1) = \hat{\mathbf{f}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1) + \hat{\mathbf{f}}_e(:, e)$$

End loop over elements



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## 5) Boundary conditions:

### 5.1 Initialization:

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}\} = \{\mathbf{0}\}_{N_{\text{dof}} \times 1}$$

### 5.2 Prescribed and free DOFs:

For row  $p$  in  $[\mathbf{U}_p]$

$$\mathbf{I}_p(p) = 6(\mathbf{U}_p(p, 2) - 1) + \mathbf{U}_p(p, 3) \quad (\text{vector with prescribed degrees of freedom})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{I}_p(p), 1) = \mathbf{U}_p(p, 1)$$

End loop over rows in  $[\mathbf{U}_p]$

$$\mathbf{I}_f = \{1: N_{\text{dof}}\} - \{\mathbf{I}_p\} \quad (\textbf{Tip: in Matlab, this operation can be done with the `setdiff` function})$$

$$\mathbf{I}_f = \text{setdiff}(1:N_{\text{dof}}, \mathbf{I}_p)$$

## 6) Solve system of equations (static case):

### 6.1 Solve system:

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{I}_f, 1) = [\bar{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{I}_f, \mathbf{I}_f)]^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{I}_f, 1) - [\bar{\mathbf{K}}(\mathbf{I}_f, \mathbf{I}_p)]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{I}_p, 1)\}) \quad (\text{displacements/rotations at free DOFs})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_R = [\mathbf{K}]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}\} - \{\hat{\mathbf{f}}\} \quad (\text{reaction forces/moments at prescribed DOFs})$$

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## 7) Postprocess: Computing local strain and stress in shell elements

### 7.1 Get stress and strain at each Gauss point:

For each element  $e$ :

a) Get each strain component :

For each degree of freedom  $j$  from 1 to 6

$$I_{\text{dof}}(j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 1) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(6 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 2) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(12 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 3) - 1) + j$$

$$I_{\text{dof}}(18 + j, 1) = 6(\mathbf{T}_n(e, 4) - 1) + j$$

End loop over DOFs

For each Gauss point  $k$  (from 1 to 4):

$$\bar{\epsilon}'_b(:, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_b(:, :, e, k)][\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1)\}$$

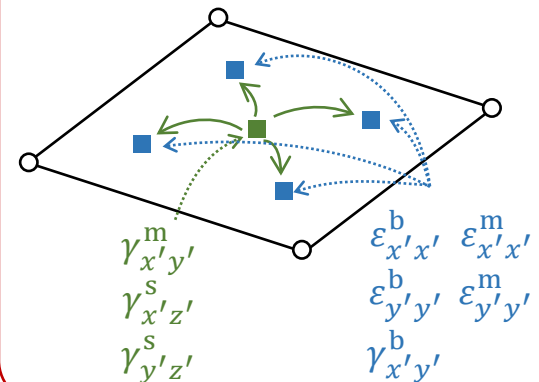
$$\bar{\epsilon}'_m(1:2, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_{m_n}(:, :, e, k)][\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1)\}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}'_m(3, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_{m_t}(:, :, e)]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1)\}$$

$$\bar{\epsilon}'_s(:, e, k) = [\mathbf{B}'_s(:, :, e)][\mathbf{R}(:, :, e)]\{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(I_{\text{dof}}, 1)\}$$

End loop over Gauss points

Since  $\gamma_{x'y'}^m$ ,  $\gamma_{x'z'}^s$  and  $\gamma_{y'z'}^s$  are evaluated at just one Gauss point, we assume that the value is the same for all the element, so we assign them at the 4-Gauss points positions where the other strain components are evaluated.



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b) Get stress:

$$[\mathbf{C}_p] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu^{(T_m(e))} & 0 \\ \nu^{(T_m(e))} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - \nu^{(T_m(e))})/2 \end{bmatrix} E^{(T_m(e))} / (1 - \nu^{(T_m(e))}{}^2)$$

$$[\mathbf{C}_s] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} E^{(T_m(e))} / (2(1 + \nu^{(T_m(e))}))$$

For each Gauss point  $k$  (from 1 to 4):

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_m(:, e, k) = [\mathbf{C}_p] \{ \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}'_m(:, e, k) \} \quad (\text{constant membrane stress over the thickness})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_s(:, e, k) = [\mathbf{C}_s] \{ \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}'_s(:, e, k) \} \quad (\text{constant shear stress over the thickness **assumed**})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_b(:, e, k) = [\mathbf{C}_p] h^{(T_m(e))} \{ \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}'_b(:, e, k) \} / 2 \quad (\text{bending stress on the top surface})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_+ = \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_m(:, e, k) + \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_b(:, e, k); \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_s(:, e, k) \}^T \quad (\text{stress on the top surface})$$

$$\sigma_{VM}^+ = \left( \sigma'_+(1)^2 + \sigma'_+(2)^2 - \sigma'_+(1)\sigma'_+(2) + 3(\sigma'_+(3) + \sigma'_+(4) + \sigma'_+(5)) \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_- = \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_m(:, e, k) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_b(:, e, k); \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_s(:, e, k) \}^T \quad (\text{stress on the bottom surface})$$

$$\sigma_{VM}^- = \left( \sigma'_-(1)^2 + \sigma'_-(2)^2 - \sigma'_-(1)\sigma'_-(2) + 3(\sigma'_-(3) + \sigma'_-(4) + \sigma'_-(5)) \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\sigma_{VM}(e, k) = \max\{\sigma_{VM}^+, \sigma_{VM}^-\}$$

End loop over Gauss points

End loop over elements