

# An Introduction to the Finite Element Method

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### PART I: THEORETICAL FORMULATION

**Problem 1:** For axisymmetric flows of viscous incompressible fluids (i.e., flow field is independent of  $\theta$  coordinate), the governing equations in the cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  are given by

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \sigma_{rr}) - \frac{\sigma_{\theta\theta}}{r} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{rz}}{\partial z} + f_r = \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (1.1)$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \sigma_{rz}) + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + f_z = \rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} \quad (1.2)$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (ru) + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0 \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$\sigma_{rr} = -P + 2\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}, \quad \sigma_{\theta\theta} = -P + 2\mu \frac{u}{r}, \quad \sigma_{zz} = -P + 2\mu \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}, \quad \sigma_{rz} = \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

(a) Develop the semidiscrete (mixed) finite element model of the equation by the pressure-velocity formulation, and (b) complete the element development by completing the time approximation step (i.e., full discretization) using the  $\alpha$ -family of approximation (use what is already developed in Chapter 6).

**Problem 2:** The equations of motion of an **axisymmetric** elasticity problem are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \sigma_{rr}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{rz}}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{r} (\sigma_{rr} - \sigma_{\theta\theta}) + f_r &= \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_r}{\partial t^2}, \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_{rz}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + \frac{\sigma_{rz}}{r} + f_z &= \rho \frac{\partial^2 u_z}{\partial t^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $u_r$  and  $u_z$  are the displacement components along the  $r$  and  $z$  coordinates, respec-

tively (due to symmetry about the  $\theta$ -axis, the displacement component  $u_\theta = 0$  and all variables are independent of  $\theta$ ). The stresses are related to the strains\* (Hooke's law for an isotropic material)

$$\sigma_{ij} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{ij} + \lambda\delta_{ij}\varepsilon_{kk}; \quad (\sigma_{11} = \sigma_{rr}, \sigma_{12} = \sigma_{r\theta}, \sigma_{33} = \sigma_{zz}, \text{ and so on}) \quad (2.2)$$

and the nonzero strains are related to the displacements  $(u_r, u_z)$  by

$$\varepsilon_{rr} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}, \quad \varepsilon_{rz} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \right), \quad \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{u_r}{r}, \quad \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \quad (2.3)$$

Develop: (a) the weak form of the equations with displacements  $(u_r, u_z)$  as the unknowns, (b) the semidiscrete finite element model of the equations, and (c) the fully discretized finite element model by completing the time approximation step.

\* Those who are not familiar with the index notation used in Eq. (2.2), the explicit stress-strain relations are

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{rr} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{rr} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{rr} + \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} + \varepsilon_{zz}); & \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{\theta\theta} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{rr} + \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} + \varepsilon_{zz}) \\ \sigma_{zz} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{zz} + \lambda(\varepsilon_{rr} + \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} + \varepsilon_{zz}); & \sigma_{r\theta} &= 2\mu\varepsilon_{r\theta}, \quad \sigma_{rz} = 2\mu\varepsilon_{rz} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

**Problem 3:** For the plane elasticity problem shown in Figure 1, give (a) global stiffness coefficients  $K_{99}$ ,  $K_{9(32)}$ , and  $K_{(10)(28)}$ ; and (b) the specified boundary degrees of freedom and compute the contribution of the specified forces to the nodes.

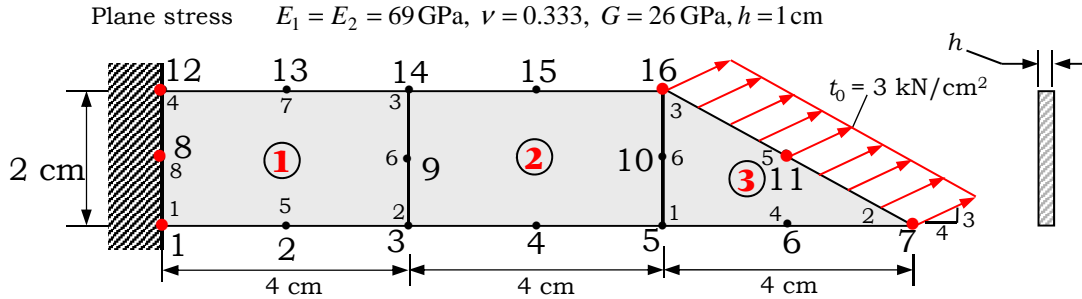


Figure 1: A plane elasticity problem.

## PART II: COMPUTER SOLUTIONS USING FEM2DF21.EXE

Use FEM2DF21.EXE to solve the following two problems.

**Problem 4:** Verify the results of the *lid-driven cavity flow* problem of Example 11.6.3. Take viscosity  $\mu$  to be equal to unity, and the penalty parameter to be  $\gamma = 10^2$  and  $\gamma = 10^8$ . You must submit the output in the form of graphs and tables using the uniform

$8 \times 8$  mesh of linear rectangular elements and  $4 \times 4$  mesh of nine-node rectangular elements (see pages 692–697 for the discussion of the problem and results in Figures 11.6.8–11.6.10 and Table 11.6.4).

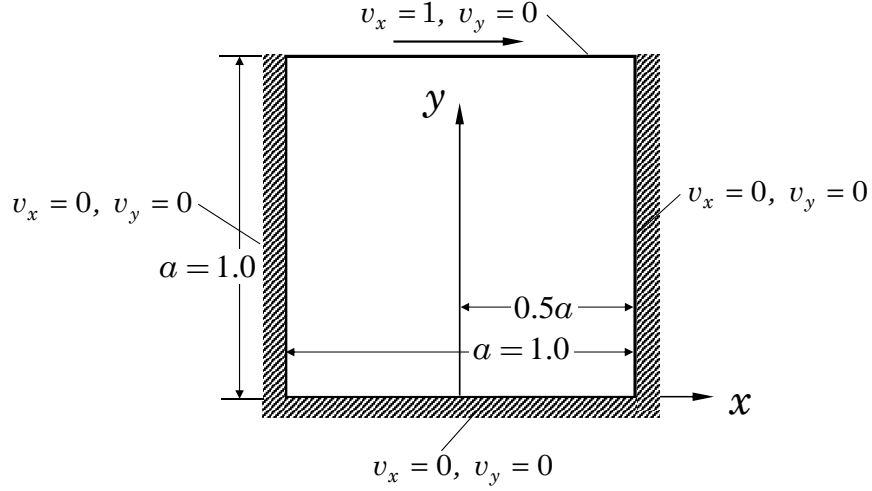


Figure 2: Lid-driven cavity problem.

**Problem 5:** Analyze the *plane elasticity* problem in Example 12.6.1 using meshes of linear (a) triangular and (b) rectangular elements given in Table 12.6.3. You must submit tabulated results of the *maximum* displacements and stresses for various meshes shown in Table 12.6.3 (i.e., duplicate the results of Table 12.6.3).

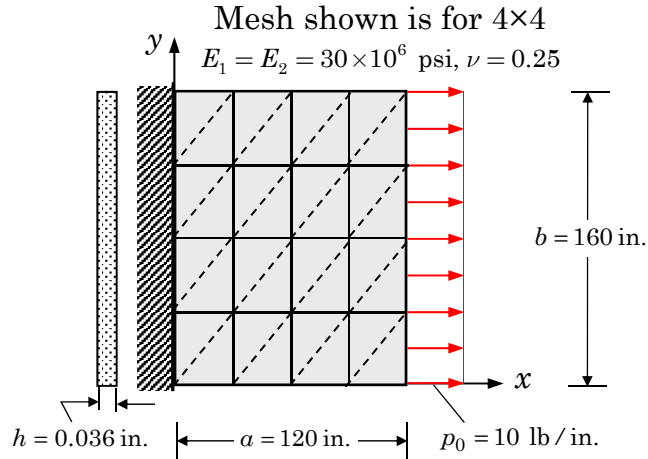


Figure 3: A plane elastic body.