

## Problem 1

Instead of the linear shape functions for a 1D bar element, the following shape function have been proposed for an element with two nodes:

$$N_1 = \frac{-x(1-x)}{2} \quad N_2 = \frac{x(1+x)}{2}$$

The resulting displacement field is  $u = N_1 d_1 + N_2 d_2$ .

- a) Develop the relation:  $\varepsilon = [B]\{d\}$ . That is, find the  $[B]$  matrix in terms of  $x$ .
- b) Develop the stiffness matrix,  $[K]$ .
- c) Are these valid shape functions? Why or why not?

**(a) Solution:**

$$\{u\} = [N]\{d\}$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} = [\partial]\{u\}$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} = [\partial][N]\{d\}$$

$$[B] = [\partial][N]$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} = [B]\{d\}$$

$$[N] = [N_1 \ N_2] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-x(1-x)}{2} & \frac{x(1+x)}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[B] = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-x(1-x)}{2} & \frac{x(1+x)}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{[B] = \begin{bmatrix} x - \frac{1}{2} & x + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} = \begin{bmatrix} x - \frac{1}{2} & x + \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\varepsilon(x) = \left( x - \frac{1}{2} \right) d_1 + \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \right) d_2$$

(b)

$$[K] = \int_V [B]^T [E] [B] dV$$

$$A = dz dy$$

$$[K] = \int [B]^T [E] [B] A dx$$

$$[K] = AE \int [B]^T [B] dx$$

$$[B]^T [B] = \begin{bmatrix} (x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4}) & (x^2 - \frac{1}{4}) \\ (x^2 - \frac{1}{4}) & (x^2 + x + \frac{1}{4}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int [B]^T [B] dx = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right) & \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x}{4}\right) \\ \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x}{4}\right) & \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K] = AE \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right) & \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x}{4}\right) \\ \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x}{4}\right) & \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4}\right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{[K] = \frac{AE}{12} \begin{bmatrix} (4x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x) & (4x^3 - 3x) \\ (4x^3 - 3x) & (4x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x) \end{bmatrix}}$$

(c) If we say that node 1 is at an  $x$  location of  $x = -1$  and node 2 is at an  $x$  location of  $x = 1$ , we see the following behavior of the shape functions:

$$N_1(x_1 = -1) = \frac{-(-1)(1 - (-1))}{2} \quad N_2(x_1 = -1) = \frac{(-1)(1 + (-1))}{2}$$

$$N_1(x_1 = -1) = 1 \quad N_2(x_1 = -1) = 0$$

$$N_1(x_2 = 1) = \frac{-(1)(1 - (1))}{2} \quad N_2(x_2 = 1) = \frac{(1)(1 + (1))}{2}$$

$$N_1(x_2 = 1) = 0 \quad N_2(x_2 = 1) = 1$$

The shape functions are equal to 1 at the node they are associated with and 0 at the other node. This is a valid shape function for these coordinates. However, if the node coordinates were different then the shape functions would need to be reformulated to ensure this behavior.