CONTINUATION METHOD FOR DESIGN OF ECCENTRICALLY LOADED WELD GROUP

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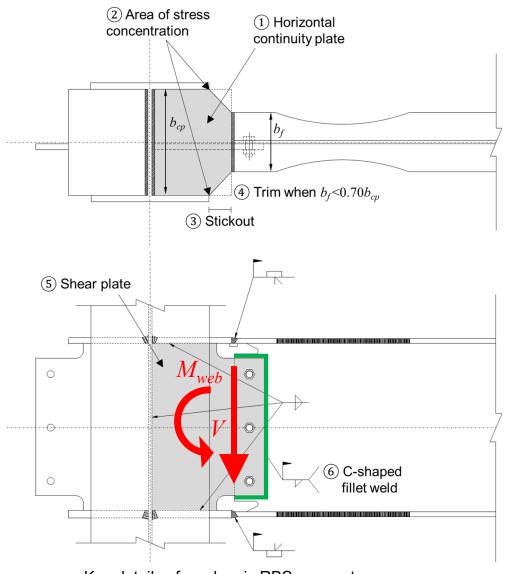
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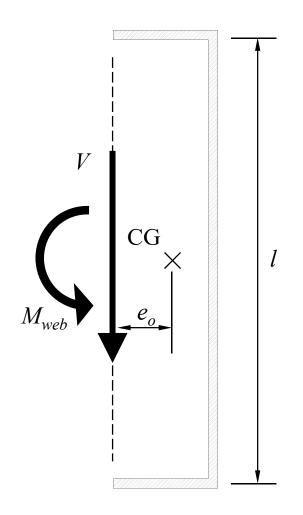
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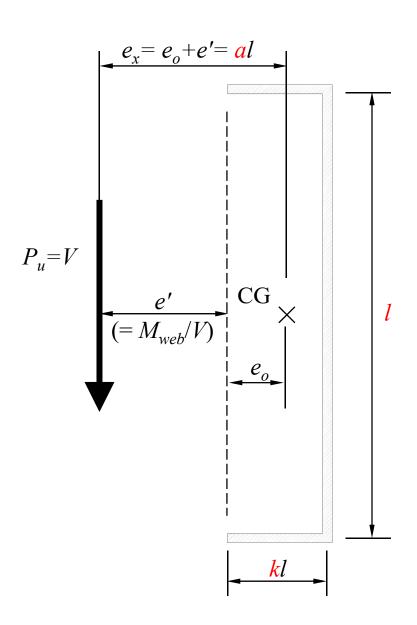






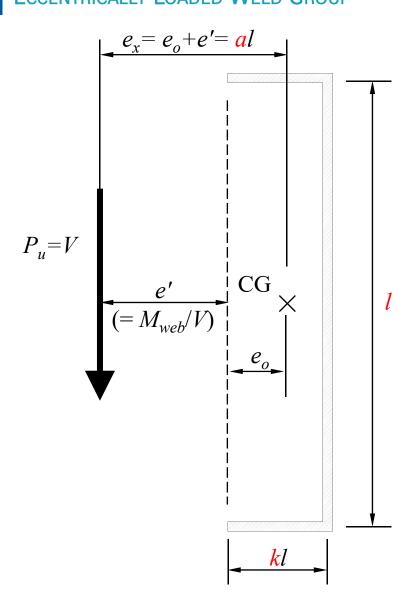
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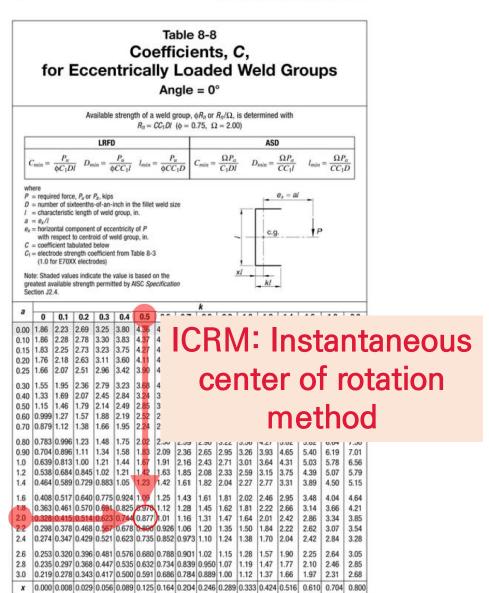




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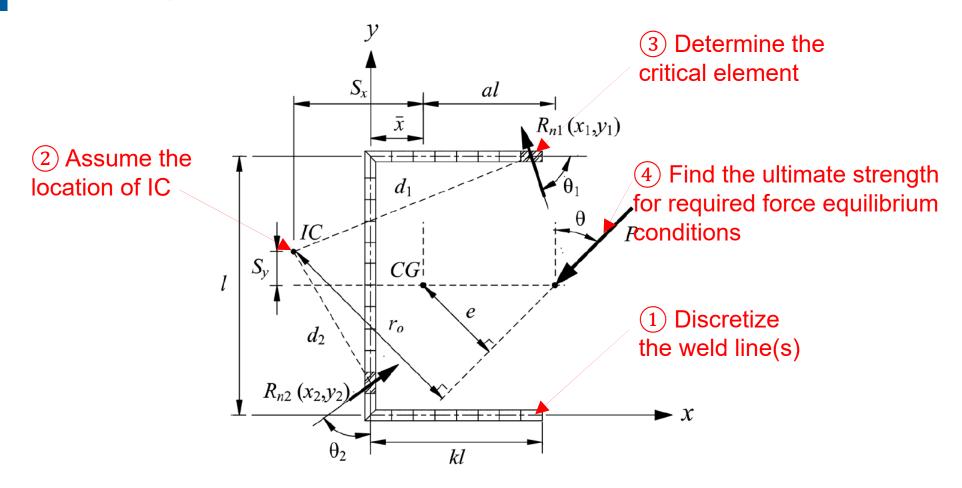




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01. Introduction

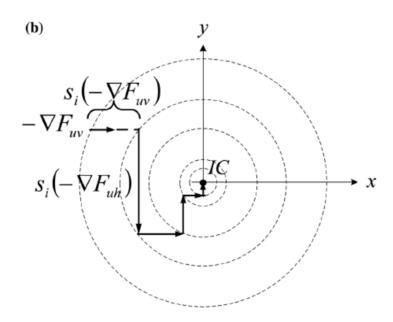
INSTANTANEOUS CENTER OF ROTATION METHOD



1) Discretization, 2) Ultimate strength

01. INTRODUCTIONECCENTRICALLY LOADED WELD GROUP

Lue et al. (2017) – Ultimate strength



At static equilibrium ($\sum F_x = 0$, $\sum F_y = 0$), the resultants are expressed as:

$$\sum F_x = F_{uh} = P_{nx} + \sum R_{nix}, \text{ and}$$
 (11)

$$\sum F_{y} = F_{uv} = P_{ny} + \sum R_{niy},\tag{12}$$

where F_{uh} and F_{uv} are called the unbalanced forces if $\sum F_x \neq 0$ or $\sum F_v \neq 0$.

Let F be the magnitude of the unbalanced force at a trial IC point (x_a, y_a) .

$$\nabla F(x_o, y_o) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \hat{\mathbf{j}} = \Sigma F_x \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \Sigma F_y \hat{\mathbf{j}} = F_{uh} \hat{\mathbf{i}} + F_{uv} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$$
 (13) where $F = \sqrt{F_{uh}^2 + F_{uv}^2}$.

each direction of descent. Gradient is perpendicular to the force vector. Accordingly, the direction of descent opposes the normal to the force vector, so F_{uv} declines in the positive x direction and F_{uh} falls in the negative y direction. Then, step length, $s_i F_{uv}$ or $s_i F_{uh}$, is adjusted as a shift along each direction of descent, with reference to Figure 3(b). The positive s_i is the step-length parameter, which can be set for each iterative process. Therefore, the iterated coordinates are given by:

$$X_{i+1} = X_i + s_i (-\nabla F_{uv}) = X_i + s_i F_{uv}$$
, and (14)

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + s_i(-\nabla F_{uh}) = y_i - s_i F_{uh}.$$
 (15)

The algorithm requires that the initially guessed IC position is the centroid of the section; the iterative process generates the next point by moving one step length in the direction of negative gradient from the preceding IC point. The computational

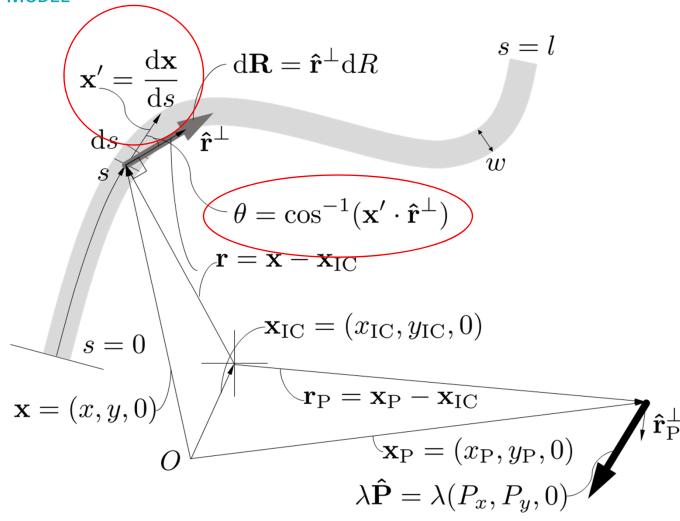
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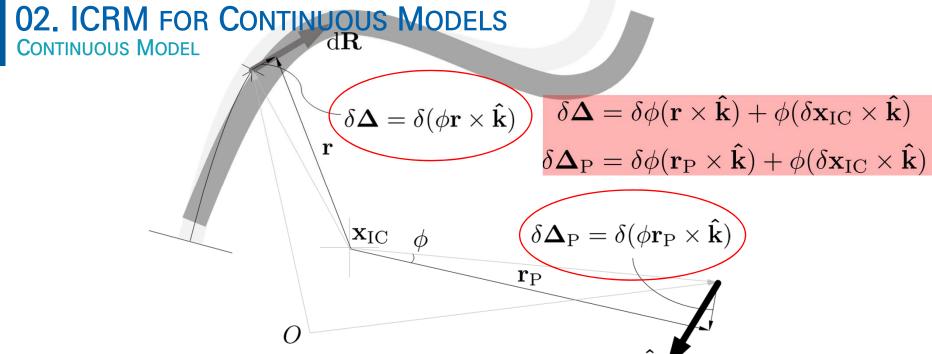
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02. ICRM FOR CONTINUOUS MODELS

CONTINUOUS MODEL





$$\delta\Pi = \delta(U + V) = 0$$

$$\lambda \hat{\mathbf{P}} - \int_0^l \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{R}}{\mathrm{d}s} \, \mathrm{d}s = \mathbf{0}$$
$$\left(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{P}}^{\perp} \times \lambda \hat{\mathbf{P}} - \int_0^l \mathbf{r} \times \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{R}}{\mathrm{d}s} \, \mathrm{d}s\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} = 0$$

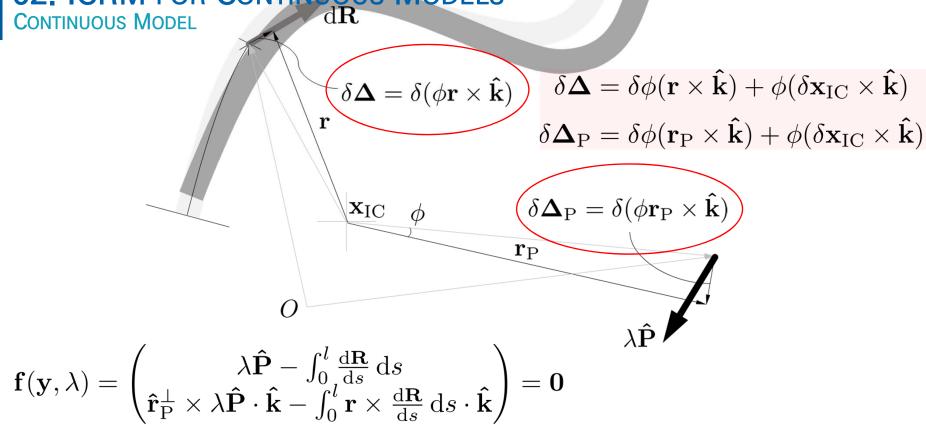
Equilibrium equations

$$\delta \mathbf{x}_{\text{IC}} \cdot \left[\lambda \hat{\mathbf{P}} - \int_0^l \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{ds} \, ds \right] = 0,$$

$$\delta\phi\left(\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{P}}\times\lambda\hat{\mathbf{P}}-\int_{0}^{l}\mathbf{r}\times\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{R}}{\mathrm{d}s}\,\mathrm{d}s\right)\cdot\hat{\mathbf{k}}=0,$$

Virtual displacements introduced

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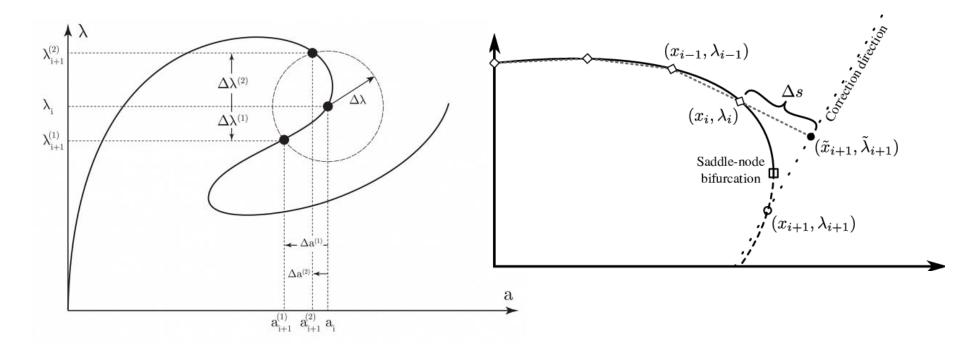
Parameterized algebraic equation

→ Continuous method can be applied for solving the parameterized equation.

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CONTINUOUS MODEL

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}, \lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \hat{\mathbf{P}} - \int_0^l \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{ds} ds \\ \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{P}}^{\perp} \times \lambda \hat{\mathbf{P}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} - \int_0^l \mathbf{r} \times \frac{d\mathbf{R}}{ds} ds \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$



Arc-length method is applied to find the continuous trajectory of the location of IC and rotation angle.

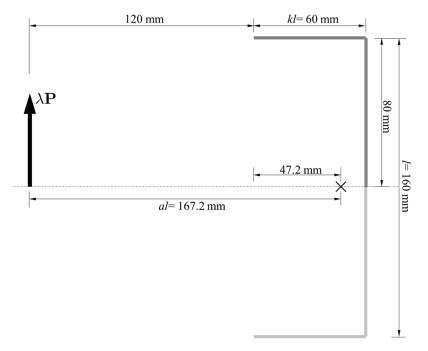
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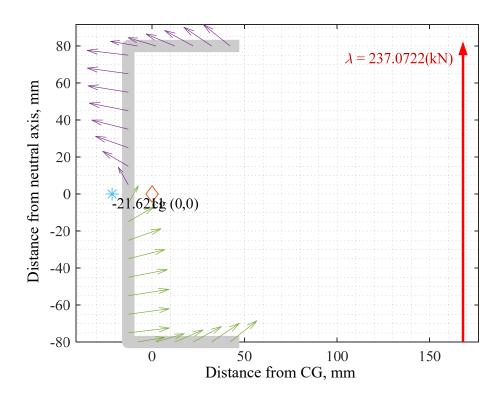
03. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

ECCENTRICALLY LOADED C-SHAPED WELD GROUP

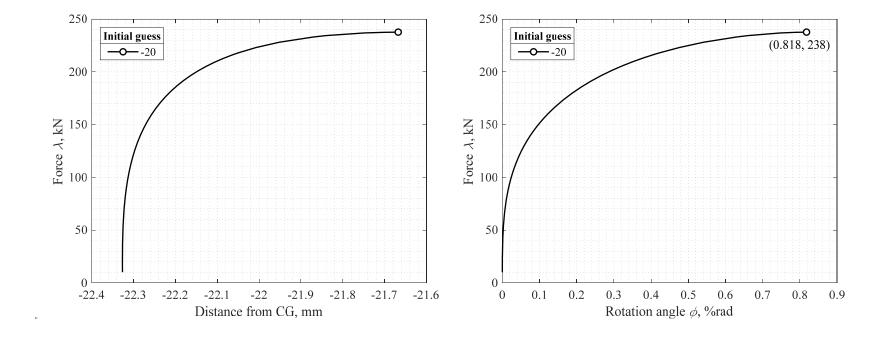


l = 160 mm, k = 0.375, and a = 1.05 $F_{EXX} = 490 \text{ MPa and } w = 10 \text{ mm}$

- The location of C.G.: 47.2 mm from the far left of the weld group
- The eccentric load is applied to the vertical direction (i.e. $P_x=0$ and $P_y=1$) at 120 mm from the far left of the weld group (i.e. the distance from the C.G. to the nodal load point, al, is 120+47.2=167.2 mm and thus a=1.05).

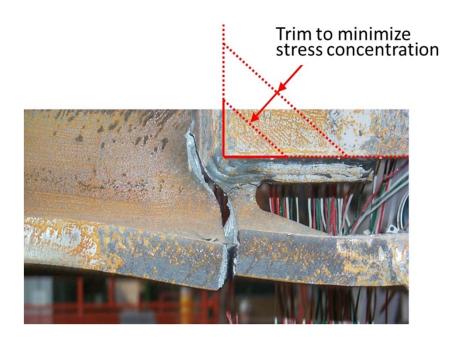


The nominal strength of the weld group examined was calculated as 237 kN, and the value was only about 1% different from the strength obtained using the AISC table method.

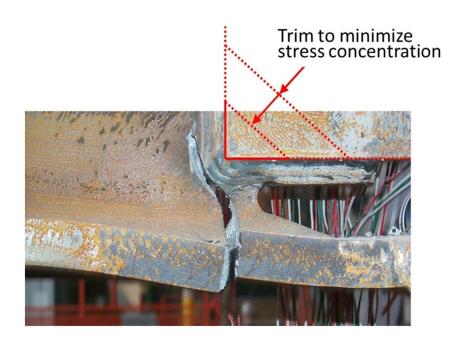


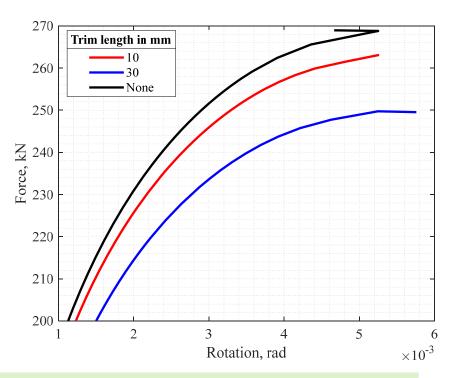
The trajectories of the location of IC and rotation angle for the examined weld group are applicable for the investigation of the incremental nonlinear behavior of the eccentrically loaded weld group.





Improved shape of C-shaped fillet weld proposed by Lee et al. (2019)





Increase in the trim length yields to decrease in the ultimate strength, but yields to more ductile behavior.

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04. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The ICRM is reformulated from minimum potential method, and a continuation method is applied for the design of weld group.
- 2. The reformulated ICRM enables the designer to be able to track the path or trajectory of designated parameters such as location of IC and rotation angle.
- 3. The continuous method applied in this study would be helpful in understanding the incremental nonlinear behavior of the weld group.

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