

Consider the 1D Boundary Value Problem (BVP)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{dx}\left(a(x) \frac{du}{dx}\right) &= f(x), \quad 0 < x < \pi. \\ \frac{du}{dx}(0) &= u_0' \\ u(\pi) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

With $a(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2 \\ \sin x, & \pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$

In (1) set $f(x) = 1.0 \forall x \in [0, \pi]$ and let $\{u_n\}_{n=1 \div 4}$ be the nodal solution of the BVP computed by the FEM using two elements: a quadratic one, $\Omega^1 = [0, \pi/2]$, and a linear one, $\Omega^2 = [\pi/2, \pi]$, where global nodes are numbered in ascending order from left to right (so node 1 is the leftmost and node 4 is the rightmost). Therefore:

(a) The component F_3 of the global load vector is.

(b) The value of u_0' such that the value u_2 is twice the value u_3 is

(c) For the value of u_0' found in (b), the corresponding value of Q_4 is

Solution:

$$F^1 = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} : \text{ from the formulas for quadratic elements with constant coefficients, here with } f^1 = 1.0, h_1 = \pi/2$$

$$\psi_1^2(x) = \frac{x-\pi}{\pi/2-\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}(\pi-x); \quad \psi_2^2(x) = \frac{x-\pi/2}{\pi-\pi/2} = \frac{2}{\pi}(x-\pi/2)$$

$$F_1^2 = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} f(x) \psi_1^2(x) dx = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \underset{f(x)=1}{(\pi-x)} dx = -\frac{1}{\pi}(\pi-x)^2 \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{4},$$

$$F_2^2 = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} f(x) \psi_2^2(x) dx = \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (x-\pi/2) dx = \frac{1}{\pi}(x-\pi/2)^2 \Big|_{\pi/2}^{\pi} = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

$$\text{So: } F^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{And hence: } F = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and the solution to part (a) is } \boxed{F_3 = \frac{\pi}{3} = 1.0472 \dots}$$

$$K^1 = \frac{2}{3\pi} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -8 & 1 \\ -8 & 16 & -8 \\ 1 & -8 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \text{ from the formulas for quadratic elements with constant coefficients, being } a_1^1 = 1 \text{ and } h_1 = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$K_{11}^2 = K_{11}^{2,1} = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} a(x) \frac{d\psi_1^2}{dx} \frac{d\psi_1^2}{dx} dx = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

$$K_{12}^2 = K_{12}^{2,1} = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} a(x) \frac{d\psi_1^2}{dx} \frac{d\psi_2^2}{dx} dx = -\frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin x dx = -\frac{4}{\pi^2} = K_{21}$$

$$K_{22}^2 = K_{22}^{2,1} = \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} a(x) \frac{d\psi_2^2}{dx} \frac{d\psi_2^2}{dx} dx = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin x dx = \frac{4}{\pi^2}$$

Therefore:

$$K^2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

So the coupled system is:

$$\frac{2}{3\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 7\pi & -8\pi & \pi \\ -8\pi & 16\pi & -8\pi \\ \pi & -8\pi & 7\pi+6 \\ & & -6 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ U_4 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Boundary conditions:

• Natural: $Q_1 = -a(0) \frac{du}{dx}(0) = -u_0'$, $Q_2 = 0$, $Q_3 = 0$

• Essential: $U_4 = u(\pi) = 0$

Reduced system:

$$\frac{2}{3\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 7\pi & -8\pi & \pi \\ -8\pi & 16\pi & -8\pi \\ \pi & -8\pi & 7\pi+6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -u_0' \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} U_4 = 0$$

We want u_0' s.t. $U_2 = 2U_3$, so the system that we have to solve is:

$$\frac{2}{3\pi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 7\pi & -8\pi & \pi & +\frac{3\pi^2}{2} \\ -8\pi & 16\pi & -8\pi & 0 \\ \pi & -8\pi & 7\pi+6 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ u_0' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\pi}{12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution (Matlab):

$U_1 = -4.6888$, $U_2 = -2.7147$, $U_3 = -1.3573$, $U_4 = 0$ (from the essential B.C.)
and $u_0' = 2.9063$, which is the solution of part (b).

Finally, from the coupled system⁽²⁾ we can find Q_4 , and thus the solution of part (c) is

$$Q_4 = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} (-6) U_3 + \frac{2}{3\pi^2} 6 \cdot U_4^0 - \frac{\pi}{12} \cdot 3 = -\frac{4}{\pi^2} U_3 - \frac{\pi}{4} = -0.23526...$$

