Introduction to Solid Mechanics (ME85/C30)

Homework8 (Due on Friday midnight March 15th)

Problem 1. (30 points)

Consider an elastic bar with Young's modulus, E=10, the cross section area A=1, and the length of the bar L=1. The bar has a built-in boundary condition at x=0, i.e. u(0)=0, and at x=L, the internal force R(L)=0 as shown in Fig. 1.

The differential equation that governs the equilibrium of the bar has been derived as follows,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b(x) = 0, \quad 0 < x < L ,$$

where u(x) is the displacement field.

The bar is subjected a distributed load along its span, i.e.

$$b(x) = p \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{L}\right),\,$$

where p=1 with a unit of force per unit length.

The internal force is defined as $R(x) = \sigma A = EA\epsilon$, i.e.

$$R(x) = EA\frac{du}{dx}$$

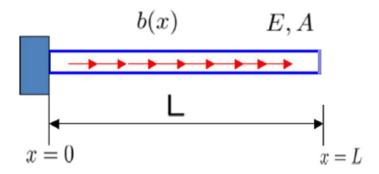


Figure 1: An elastic bar with the distributed load.

Use Matlab to find the displacement field and internal force/stress field, and compare them with the statically indeterminate system that has the same dimensions and the same material properties,

but with different boundary conditions: u(0) = u(L) = 0. Hint:

Go to class Boourses website and go to the lecture folder, and then download a Matlab-P1 folder that contains the file: barld.m. You start your solution there. For all details, please refer to Lecture 20F.pdf slide.

Problem 2. **P9.16** (10 points)

Problem 3. **P9.30** (10 points)

Problem 4. **P9.38** (10 points)

Problem 5. **P9.81** (10 points)