

Computer Implementation 4.5 (*Matlab*) Space frame (p. 293)

The analysis of space frames can be performed conveniently by writing two *Matlab* functions, one for defining the element stiffness matrix and the other for computing the element axial force, bending moment, and the shear force.

MatlabFiles\Chap4\SpaceFrameElement.m

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function [ke, rq] = SpaceFrameElement(e, G, Ir, Is, J, A, qr, qs, coord)
% [ke, rq] = SpaceFrameElement(e, G, Ir, Is, J, A, qr, qs, coord)
% Generates equations for a space frame element
% e = modulus of elasticity
% G = shear modulus
% Ir, Is = moment of inertias about element r and s axes
% J = torsional rigidity
% A = area of cross-section
% qr, qs = distributed loads along the element r and s axes
% coord = coordinates at the element ends

Elr=e*Ir; Els=e*Is; GJ=G*J; EA = e*A;
n1=coord(1,1:3); n2=coord(2,1:3); n3=coord(3,1:3);
L=sqrt(dot((n2-n1),(n2-n1)));
ex = (n2 - n1)/L;
eyy = cross(n3 - n1, n2 - n1);
ey = eyy/sqrt(dot(eyy,eyy));
ez = cross(ex, ey);
H = [ex; ey; ez];
T = zeros(12);
T([1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3]) = H;
T([4,5,6], [4,5,6]) = H;
T([7,8,9], [7,8,9]) = H;
T([10,11,12], [10,11,12]) = H;
TT = T';
ke = [EA/L, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(EA/L), 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
      0, (12*Elr)/L^3, 0, 0, 0, (6*Elr)/L^2, 0, -(12*Elr)/L^3, ...,
      0, 0, 0, (6*Elr)/L^2;
      0, 0, (12*Els)/L^3, 0, -(6*Els)/L^2, 0, ...,
      0, 0, -(12*Els)/L^3, 0, -(6*Els)/L^2, 0;
      0, 0, 0, GJ/L, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(GJ/L), 0, 0;
      0, 0, -(6*Els)/L^2, 0, (4*Els)/L, 0, 0, 0, (6*Els)/L^2, ...,
      0, (2*Els)/L, 0;
      0, (6*Elr)/L^2, 0, 0, 0, (4*Elr)/L, 0, ...,
      -(6*Elr)/L^2, 0, 0, 0, (2*Elr)/L;
      -(EA/L), 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, EA/L, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
      0, -(12*Elr)/L^3, 0, 0, 0, -(6*Elr)/L^2, ...
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0, (12*Elr)/L^3, 0, 0, 0, -(6*Elr)/L^2;  
0, 0, -((12*Els)/L^3), 0, (6*Els)/L^2, 0, 0, 0, ...  
(12*Els)/L^3, 0, (6*Els)/L^2, 0;  
0, 0, 0, -(GJ/L), 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, GJ/L, 0, 0;  
0, 0, -((6*Els)/L^2), 0, (2*Els)/L, 0, 0, 0, (6*Els)/L^2, ...  
0, (4*Els)/L, 0;  
0, (6*Elr)/L^2, 0, 0, 0, (2*Elr)/L, 0, -(6*Elr)/L^2, 0, ...  
0, 0, (4*Elr)/L];  
ke = TT*ke*T;  
rq = TT*[0; (L*qs)/2; (L*qr)/2; 0; -(L^2*qr)/12; ...  
(L^2*qs)/12; 0; (L*qs)/2;  
(L*qr)/2; 0; (L^2*qr)/12; -(L^2*qs)/12];
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MatlabFiles\Chap4\SpaceFrameResults.m

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function [f, bmr, bms, bmt, Vr, Vs] = SpaceFrameResults(e, G, Ir, Is, J, A, qr, ...  
    qs, coord, dn)  
% [f, bmr, bms, bmt, Vr, Vs] = SpaceFrameResults(e, G, Ir, Is, J, A, qr, ...  
%   qs, coord, dn)  
% Computes results for a space frame element  
% e = modulus of elasticity  
% G = shear modulus  
% Ir, Is = moment of inertias about element r and s axes  
% J = torsional rigidity  
% A = area of cross-section  
% qr, qs = distributed loads along the element r and s axes  
% coord = coordinates at the element ends  
% dn = nodal solution  
% The output variables are  
% f = axial force, bmr, bms = bending moments about r and s axes,  
%   bmt = twisting moment, Vr, Vs = shear forces about r and s axes.  
  
Elr=e*Ir; Els=e*Is; GJ=G*J; EA = e*A;  
n1=coord(1,1:3); n2=coord(2,1:3); n3=coord(3,1:3);  
L=sqrt(dot((n2-n1),(n2-n1)));  
ex = (n2 - n1)/L;  
eyy = cross(n3 - n1, n2 - n1);  
ey = eyy/sqrt(dot(eyy,eyy));  
ez = cross(ex, ey);  
H = [ex; ey; ez];  
T = zeros(12);  
T([1, 2, 3], [1, 2, 3]) = H;  
T([4,5,6], [4,5,6]) = H;  
T([7,8,9], [7,8,9]) = H;  
T([10,11,12], [10,11,12]) = H;  
TT = T';
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dl = T*dn;
u = dl([1,7]); tw=dl([4,10]);
v = dl([2, 6, 8, 12]); w = dl([3, 5, 9, 11]);
f=[]; bmr=[]; bms=[]; bmt=[]; Vr=[]; Vs=[];
% Change increment to get results at more points
for s=0:L/2:L
    x = n1(1) + s*H(1,1); y = n1(2)+ s*H(1,2); z = n1(3)+ s*H(1,3);
    f = [f; [x,y,z, EA*(-u(1)+u(2))/L]];
    bmt = [bmt; [x,y,z, GJ*(-tw(1)+tw(2))/L]];
    dnv2 = [(12*s)/L^3 - 6/L^2, (6*s)/L^2 - 4/L, 6/L^2 - ...
            (12*s)/L^3, (6*s)/L^2 - 2/L];
    dnv2=[dnv2(1), -dnv2(2), dnv2(3), -dnv2(4)];
    bmr = [bmr; [x, y, z, Elr*dnv2*v+(qs*(L^2 - 6*s*L + ...
            6*s^2))/(12)]];
    bms = [bms; [x, y, z, -Els*dnw2*w-(qr*(L^2 - 6*s*L + ...
            6*s^2))/(12)]];
    dnv3 = [12/L^3, 6/L^2, -(12/L^3), 6/L^2];
    Vs = [Vs; [x, y,z, Elr*dnv3*v+((qs*(12*s - 6*L))/(12))]];
    dnv3=[dnv3(1), -dnv3(2), dnv3(3), -dnv3(4)];
    Vr = [Vr; [x, y, z, Els*dnw3*w+((qr*(12*s - 6*L))/(12))]];
end

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Using these functions now we consider solution of the simple space frame model. The steps are exactly those used in other *Matlab* implementations.

Beams: $A = 3.2 \text{ in}^2$; $J = 43 \text{ in}^4$; $I_{\max} = I_r = 450 \text{ in}^4$; $I_{\min} = I_s = 32 \text{ in}^2$

Columns: $A = 4 \text{ in}^2$; $J = 60 \text{ in}^4$; $I_{\max} = I_r = 650 \text{ in}^4$; $I_{\min} = I_s = 54 \text{ in}^2$

MatlabFiles\Chap4\SpaceFrameEx.m

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% Space frame example
ab = 3.2; Jb = 43; Irb = 450; Isb = 32;
ac = 4; Jc = 60; Irc = 650; Isc = 54;
q = 2./12; e = 29000.; G = 11200.;
L = 10.*12; h = 12.*12;
nodes = [0, 0, 0; 0, 0, h; L/2, 0, h; 0, L/2, h];
conn=[1,2,4; 2,3,4; 2,4,3];
lmm=[1:12; 7:18; [7:12 19:24]];
n=6*length(nodes);
debc=[1,2,3,13, 17,18, 20, 22, 24]; ebcVals=zeros(length(debc),1);
K=zeros(n); R = zeros(n,1);
% Generate equations for each element and assemble them.
for i=1
    lm=lmm(i,:);
    con=conn(i,:);

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[ke rq] = SpaceFrameElement(e, G, Irc, Isc, Jc, ac, 0, 0, ...
    nodes(con,:));
K(lm, lm) = K(lm, lm) + ke;
R(lm) = R(lm) + rq;
end
for i=2
    lm=lmm(i,:);
    con=conn(i,:);
    [ke rq] = SpaceFrameElement(e, G, Irb, Isb, Jb, ab, 0, q, ...
        nodes(con,:));
    K(lm, lm) = K(lm, lm) + ke;
    R(lm) = R(lm) + rq;
end
for i=3
    lm=lmm(i,:);
    con=conn(i,:);
    [ke rq] = SpaceFrameElement(e, G, Irb, Isb, Jb, ab, 0, -q, ...
        nodes(con,:));
    K(lm, lm) = K(lm, lm) + ke;
    R(lm) = R(lm) + rq;
end

% Nodal solution and reactions
format short g;
d = NodalSoln(K, R, debc, ebcVals)
fa=[]; bmra=[]; bmsa=[]; bmta=[]; Vra=[]; Vsa=[];
for i=1
    lm=lmm(i,:);
    con=conn(i,:);
    [f, bmr, bms, bmt, Vr, Vs]=SpaceFrameResults(e, G, Irc, Isc, ...
        Jc, ac, 0, 0, nodes(con,:), d(lm));
    fa = [fa; f]; bmra = [bmra; bmr];
    bmsa = [bmsa; bms]; bmta = [bmta; bmt];
    Vra = [Vra; Vr]; Vsa = [Vsa; Vs];
end
for i=2
    lm=lmm(i,:);
    con=conn(i,:);
    [f, bmr, bms, bmt, Vr, Vs]=SpaceFrameResults(e, G, Irb, Isb, ...
        Jb, ab, 0, q, nodes(con,:), d(lm));
    fa = [fa; f]; bmra = [bmra; bmr];
    bmsa = [bmsa; bms]; bmta = [bmta; bmt];
    Vra = [Vra; Vr]; Vsa = [Vsa; Vs];
end
for i=3
    lm=lmm(i,:);
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con=conn(i,:);
[f, bmr, bms, bmt, Vr, Vs]=SpaceFrameResults(e, G, lrb, lsb, ...
    Jb, ab, 0, -q, nodes(con,:), d(lm));
fa = [fa; f]; bmra = [bmra; bmr];
bmsa = [bmsa; bms]; bmta = [bmta; bmt];
Vra = [Vra; Vr]; Vsa = [Vsa; Vs];
end
fa
bmra
bmsa
bmta
Vra
Vsa
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>> SpaceFrameEx
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d =
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    0
    0
    0
0.00039863
-0.00015917
1.3104e-020
0.0005754
0.00011703
-0.024828
-0.00079971
0.00033033
1.3104e-020
    0
0.00011703
-0.041634
-0.00079971
    0
    0
0.0005754
    0
-0.055715
    0
0.00033033
    0
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fa =
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    0    0    0   -20
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0	0	72	-20
0	0	144	-20
0	0	144	-0.88996
30	0	144	-0.88996
60	0	144	-0.88996
0	0	144	-0.181
0	30	144	-0.181
0	60	144	-0.181

bmra =

0	0	0	-2.8422e-014
0	0	72	64.077
0	0	144	128.15
0	0	144	128.15
30	0	144	-96.846
60	0	144	-171.85
0	0	144	-26.064
0	30	144	198.94
0	60	144	273.94

bmsa =

0	0	0	3.5527e-015
0	0	72	-13.032
0	0	144	-26.064
0	0	144	5.5511e-017
30	0	144	2.0268e-016
60	0	144	3.3307e-016
0	0	144	2.2204e-016
0	30	144	-2.0268e-016
0	60	144	-5.5511e-016

bmta =

0	0	0	0
0	0	72	0
0	0	144	0
0	0	144	8.7025e-016
30	0	144	8.7025e-016
60	0	144	8.7025e-016
0	0	144	-1.7405e-015
0	30	144	-1.7405e-015

0	60	144	-1.7405e-015
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Vra =

0	0	0	0.181
0	0	72	0.181
0	0	144	0.181
0	0	144	-5.2042e-018
30	0	144	-5.2042e-018
60	0	144	-5.2042e-018
0	0	144	1.0408e-017
0	30	144	1.0408e-017
0	60	144	1.0408e-017

Vsa =

0	0	0	0.88996
0	0	72	0.88996
0	0	144	0.88996
0	0	144	-10
30	0	144	-5
60	0	144	-3.5527e-015
0	0	144	10
0	30	144	5
0	60	144	-7.1054e-015
