



Cross section area of the bar is a function as  $x$ .  $A(x) = 3.0 \times 10^4 + 1.0 \times 10^4 x \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$

$E = 200 \text{ GPa}$

Length of the bar,  $L = 2 \text{ m}$

The governing equation for displacement  $u(x)$  is given below:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) = 0$$

By multiplying the governing equation with weight function  $w$  and integrating 0 to 2, and setting to zero below equation is obtained:

$$\int_0^2 w \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = 0$$

Find the approximate solutions of the displacement  $u(x)$  by using the collocation method with 1, 2 and 3 collocation points. Also, find  $N(x)$ . Show that your solutions satisfies boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2 \text{ m}$ .

Solution :

Boundary Conditions :  $u(0) = 0$  ,  $u(2) = 0$

$w_i = \delta(x - x_i)$  : weight function

Dirac Delta Function Property

$$\int_a^b \delta(x - x_0) f(x) dx = f(x_0) \text{ where } a < x_0 < b$$

- For One Collocation Point

$$\Phi_0 = 0$$

$$\Phi_1 = x(2-x)$$

$$u = \Phi_0 + c_1 \Phi_1$$

$x_1 = 2/2$  : collocation point

$$w_1 = \delta(x - x_1)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_1) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_1 = 0$$

- For Two Collocation Point

$$\Phi_0 = 0$$

$$\Phi_1 = x(2-x)$$

$$\Phi_2 = x^2(2-x)$$

$$u = \Phi_0 + c_1 \Phi_1 + c_2 \Phi_2$$

$$x_1 = 2/3 : \text{ collocation point}$$

$$w_1 = \delta(x - x_1)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_1) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 2*2/3 : \text{ collocation point}$$

$$w_2 = \delta(x - x_2)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_2) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_2 = 0$$

- For Three Collocation Point

$$\Phi_0 = 0$$

$$\Phi_1 = x(2-x)$$

$$\Phi_2 = x^2(2-x)$$

$$\Phi_3 = x^3(2-x)$$

$$u = \Phi_0 + c_1 \Phi_1 + c_2 \Phi_2 + c_3 \Phi_3$$

$$x_1 = 2/4 : \text{ collocation point}$$

$$w_1 = \delta(x - x_1)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_1) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 2*2/4 : \text{ collocation point}$$

$$w_2 = \delta(x - x_2)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_2) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_2 = 0$$

$$x_3 = 3*2/4 : \text{ collocation point}$$

$$w_3 = \delta(x - x_3)$$

$$\int_0^2 \delta(x - x_3) \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) dx = \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + q(x) \right) \text{ at } x_3 = 0$$

$$\sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x) = E \frac{du}{dx}, \quad N(x) = \sigma(x)A$$

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

