

Finite Element Analysis of Boundary Value Problem

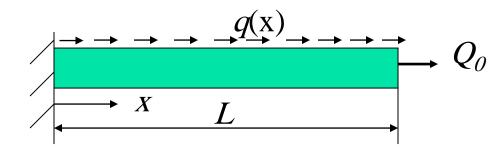


The DE is in the form of

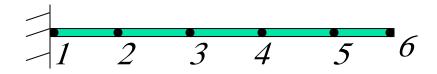
$$-\frac{d}{dx}(EA\frac{du}{dx}) - q = 0$$

q is the distributed load and Q_0 is the axial force.

$$u(0) = u_0, \quad (EA\frac{du}{dx})_{x=L} = Q_0$$



Physical Model



FE Model



Weak form

In FE analysis, we seek an approximation solution over each element.

$$A \xrightarrow{x_B} B \qquad Q_1 = -EA \frac{du}{dx}\Big|_{x=x_A}$$

$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} - wq \right) dx - w(x_A) Q_A - w(x_B) Q_B = 0$$

$$B(w, u) = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx$$

$$D(w) = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} \right) dx$$

$$D(w) = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} wqdx + w(x_A) Q_A + w(x_B) Q_B$$



Approximation of the solution

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- 2- It should be a complete polynomial (capture all possible States, e.g. constant, linear,)
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1 First order
$$\begin{cases} U = a + bx, & U(x_1) = u_1, U(x_2) = u_2 \\ U = N_1 u_1 + N_2 u_2 \\ N_1 = 1 - \overline{x} / \ell, & N_2 = \overline{x} / \ell \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} U = a + bx + cx^2, & U(x_1) = u_1, U(x_2) = u_2, U(x_3) = u_3 \end{cases}$$



FE Model

$$u \approx U = \sum_{j=1}^{n} u_j N_j$$
 and
$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} - wq \right) dx - w(x_A) Q_A - w(x_B) Q_B = 0$$

$$w = N_j$$

If n > 2 then the above integral should modify to include interior nodal forces

$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dN_1}{dx} \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{dN_j}{dx} - N_1 q \right) dx - \sum_{j=1}^n N_1(x_j) Q_j = 0$$
Stiffness matrix Force vector
$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dN_2}{dx} \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{dN_j}{dx} - N_2 q \right) dx - \sum_{j=1}^n N_2(x_j) Q_j = 0$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dN_n}{dx} \sum_{j=1}^n u_j \frac{dN_j}{dx} - N_n q \right) dx - \sum_{j=1}^n N_n(x_j) Q_j = 0$$
Primary nodal
DOF



FE Model

where
$$K_{ij} = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(EA \frac{dN_i}{dx} \frac{dN_j}{dx} \right) dx = B(N_i, N_j)$$

$$f_i = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} qN_i dx = l(N_i)$$
Note
$$\longrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} N_j(x_i) Q_j = Q_i$$

Note that the problem has 2n unknowns for each element, i.e. u_i and Q_i , so it cannot be solved without having another n conditions. Some of these will be provided by BCs and the remainder by balance of the secondary variables (forces) at node common to several element. (assembling process)



FE Model (Linear Element)

$$U = N_{1}u_{1} + N_{2}u_{2}$$

$$N_{1} = 1 - \bar{x}/\ell, \quad N_{2} = \bar{x}/\ell$$

$$K_{11} = \int_{0}^{\ell} (EA)(-1/\ell)(-1/\ell)dx = AE/\ell$$

$$K_{12} = \int_{0}^{\ell} (EA)(-1/\ell)(1/\ell)dx = -AE/\ell$$

$$K_{22} = \int_{0}^{\ell} (EA)(1/\ell)(1/\ell)dx = AE/\ell$$

$$f_1 = \int_0^{\ell} q(1 - x/\ell) dx = 1/2q\ell$$

$$f_2 = \int_0^{\ell} q(x/\ell) dx = 1/2q\ell$$

Eventually for Linear shape function

$$[K^e] = \frac{AE}{\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \{f\} = \frac{q\ell}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$



FE Model (Quadratic Element)

$$U = N_1 u_1 + N_2 u_2 + N_3 u_3$$

$$N_1 = (1 - x/\ell)(1 - 2x/\ell), \quad N_2 = 4x/\ell(1 - x/\ell), \quad N_3 = -x/\ell(1 - 2x/\ell)$$

$$K_{11} = \int_{0}^{\ell} (EA)(-3/\ell + 4x/\ell^{2})(-3/\ell + 4x/\ell^{2})dx = 7AE/3\ell$$

$$K_{12} = K_{21} = \int_{0}^{\ell} (EA)(-3/\ell + 4x/\ell^{2})(4/\ell - 8x/\ell)dx = -8AE/3\ell$$

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$$f_1 = \int_0^\ell q(1 - 3x/\ell + 2(x/\ell)^2) dx = 1/6q\ell$$

$$f_2 = \int_0^{\ell} q(4x/\ell)(1 - x/\ell)dx = 4/6q\ell$$

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FE Model (Quadratic Element)

For quadratic Shape function

$$[K^e] = \frac{AE}{3\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -8 & 1 \\ -8 & 16 & -8 \\ 1 & -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \{f\} = \frac{q\ell}{6} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$



Assembly (or connectivity) of elements

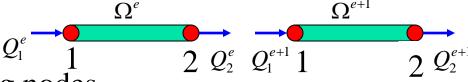
In driving the element equation

- -Isolate the element from mesh
- -Formulate weak form (variational form)
- -Developed its finite element model

To solve the total problem

- -put the element in its original position
- -Impose continuity of PVs at nodal points

$$u_n^e = u_1^{e+1}$$



-Balance of SVs at connecting nodes

$$Q_n^e + Q_l^{e+l} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if no external point source is applied} \\ Q_0 & \text{if an external point source of } Q_0 \text{ is applied.} \end{cases}$$



Assembly (or connectivity) of elements (For linear element n=2)

The interelement continuity of the primary variables is imposed by renaming the two variable u_n^e and u_1^{e+1} at $x=x_N$ as one and same, namely the value of u at the global node N: $u_n^e = u_1^{e+1} = U_N$

where
$$N = (n-1)e+1$$

For a mesh of E linear finite elements (n=2):

$$u_{1}^{1} = U_{1}$$
 $u_{2}^{1} = u_{1}^{2} = U_{2}$
 $u_{2}^{2} = u_{1}^{3} = U_{3}$
 \vdots
 $u_{2}^{E-1} = u_{1}^{E} = U_{E}$
 $u_{2}^{E} = U_{E+1}$



Assembly (or connectivity) of elements (For linear element n=2)

To enforce balance of secondary variables Q_i^e , eq. (*), we must add nth equation of the element Ω^e to the first equation of the element Ω^{e+1} :

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{nj}^{e} u_{j}^{e} = f_{n}^{e} + Q_{n}^{e}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{1j}^{e+1} u_{j}^{e+1} = f_{1}^{e+1} + Q_{1}^{e+1}$$

to give

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} (K_{nj}^{e} u_{j}^{e} + K_{1j}^{e+1} u_{j}^{e+1}) = f_{n}^{e} + f_{1}^{e+1} + (Q_{n}^{e} + Q_{1}^{e+1})$$

$$= f_{n}^{e} + f_{1}^{e+1} + Q_{0}$$

This process reduces the number of equations from 2E to E+1.



Assembly (or connectivity) of elements (For linear element n=2)

The first equation of the first element and the last equation of the last element will remain unchanged, except for renaming of the primary variables. The left-hand of the equation can be written in terms of the global nodal values as

$$(K_{nl}^{e}u_{l}^{e} + K_{n2}^{e}u_{2}^{e} + \cdots + K_{nn}^{e}u_{n}^{e}) + (K_{ll}^{e+l}u_{l}^{e+l} + K_{l2}^{e+l}u_{2}^{e+l} + \cdots + K_{ln}^{e+l}u_{n}^{e+l})$$

$$= (K_{nl}^{e}U_{N} + K_{n2}^{e}U_{N+l} + \cdots + K_{nn}^{e}U_{N+n-l}) +$$

$$(K_{ll}^{e+l}U_{N+n-l} + K_{l2}^{e+l}U_{N+n} + \cdots + K_{ln}^{e+l}U_{N+2n-2})$$

$$= K_{nl}^{e}U_{N} + K_{n2}^{e}U_{N+l} + \cdots + K_{n(n-l)}^{e}U_{N+n-2} +$$

$$(K_{nn}^{e} + K_{l1}^{e+l})U_{N+n-l} + K_{l2}^{e+l}U_{N+n} + \cdots + K_{ln}^{e+l}U_{N+2n-2}$$

where
$$N = (n-1)e+1$$



Assembly (or connectivity) of elements (For linear element n=2) For a mesh of E linear finite elements (n=2):

$$K_{1l}^{l}U_{l} + K_{12}^{l}U_{2} = f_{1}^{l} + Q_{1}^{l} \quad (unchanged)$$

$$K_{2l}^{l}U_{l} + (K_{22}^{l} + K_{1l}^{2})U_{2} + K_{12}^{2}U_{3} = f_{2}^{l} + f_{1}^{2} + Q_{2}^{l} + Q_{1}^{2}$$

$$K_{2l}^{2}U_{2} + (K_{22}^{2} + K_{1l}^{3})U_{3} + K_{12}^{3}U_{4} = f_{2}^{2} + f_{1}^{3} + Q_{2}^{2} + Q_{1}^{3}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$K_{2l}^{E-l}U_{E-l} + (K_{22}^{E-l} + K_{1l}^{E})U_{E} + K_{12}^{E}U_{E+l} = f_{2}^{E-l} + f_{1}^{E} + Q_{2}^{E-l} + Q_{1}^{E}$$

$$K_{2l}^{E}U_{E} + K_{22}^{E}U_{E+l} = f_{2}^{E} + Q_{2}^{E} \quad (unchanged)$$

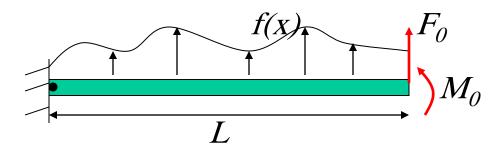


Assembly (or connectivity) of elements (For linear element n=2) In matrix form



The DE is in the form of

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(b\frac{d^2w}{dx^2}) = f(x) \quad 0 < x < L$$





Weak form

$$\int_{x_e}^{x_{e+1}} v \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(b \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right) - f \right) dx = 0$$
or

$$\int_{x_{e}}^{x_{e+1}} v \left(\frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}} (b \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}}) - f \right) dx = 0$$

$$Q_{1}^{e} = \left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(b \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}} \right) \right]_{x_{e}}; Q_{2}^{e} = \left[b \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}} \right]_{x_{e}}$$

$$Q_{3}^{e} = -\left[\frac{d}{dx} \left(b \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}} \right) \right]_{x}; Q_{4}^{e} = -\left[b \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}} \right]_{x_{ext}}$$

$$\int_{x_{e}}^{x_{e+1}} \left(b \frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}} \frac{d^{2}w}{dx^{2}} - vf \right) dx - v(x_{e}) Q_{1}^{e} - \left(-\frac{dv}{dx} \right)_{x_{e}} Q_{2}^{e} - v(x_{e+1}) Q_{3}^{e} - \left(-\frac{dv}{dx} \right)_{x_{e+1}} Q_{4}^{e} = 0$$

where

$$B(v,w) = \int_{x_e}^{x_{e+1}} \left(b \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \right) dx$$

$$l(v) = \int_{x_e}^{x_{e+1}} vf dx + v(x_e) Q_1^e + \left(-\frac{dv}{dx}\right)_{x_e} Q_2^e + v(x_{e+1}) Q_3^e + \left(-\frac{dv}{dx}\right)_{x_{e+1}} Q_4^e$$



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$$w = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 x^3$$

First order $w(x_e) = w_1, w(x_{e+1}) = w_2, \theta(x_e) = \theta_1, \theta(x_{e+1}) = \theta_2$

or
$$w = c_1 + c_2 x + c_3 x^2 + c_4 x^3$$

$$u_1^e = w(x_e), u_2^e = -\frac{dw}{dx}\Big|_{x_e}; u_3^e = w(x_{e+1}), u_4^e = -\frac{dw}{dx}\Big|_{x_{e+1}}$$



Shape Functions

Calculating Ci and substituting in the equation for w

$$w^{e}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{4} u_{j}^{e} N_{j}$$

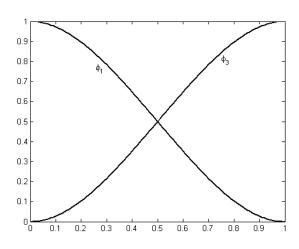
The interpolation functions in term of local coordinates are

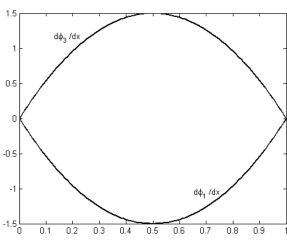
$$N_1 = 1 - 3\left(\frac{x}{h}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{x}{h}\right)^3; N_2 = -x\left(1 - \frac{x}{h}\right)^2$$

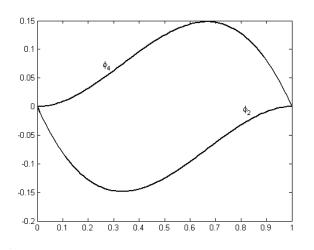
$$N_3 = 3\left(\frac{x}{h}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{x}{h}\right)^3; N_4 = -x\left[\left(\frac{x}{h}\right)^2 - \frac{x}{h}\right]$$

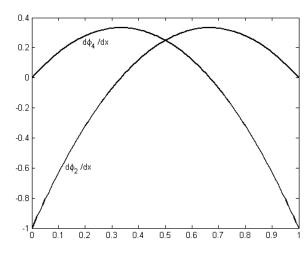


Hermite cubic interpolation function











FE Model

$$\sum_{j=1}^{4} \left(\int_{x_{e}}^{x_{e+1}} b \frac{d^{2}N_{i}}{dx^{2}} \frac{d^{2}N_{j}}{dx^{2}} dx \right) u_{j} - \left(\int_{x_{e}}^{x_{e+1}} N_{i} f dx + Q_{i}^{e} \right) = 0$$
or
$$\sum_{j=1}^{4} K_{ij} u_{j} - F_{i} = 0$$

For b=EI constant and also a constant f over the element.

$$[K] = \frac{2EI}{h^3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3h & -6 & -3h \\ -3h & 2h^2 & 3h & h^2 \\ -6 & 3h & 6 & 3h \\ -3h & h^2 & 3h & 2h^2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad \{F\} = \frac{fh}{12} \begin{cases} 6 \\ -h \\ 6 \\ h \end{cases} + \begin{cases} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \\ Q_3 \\ Q_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



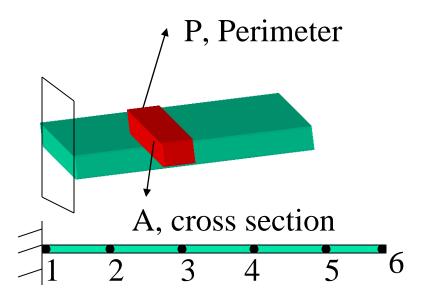
Model Boundary Value Problem

The DE is in the form of

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$$-\frac{d}{dx}(kA\frac{dT}{dx}) + P\beta T = Aq + P\beta T_{\infty}$$
 k is thermal conductivity
 β is convection heat transfer coefficient
 T is the ambient temperature

 T_{∞} is the ambient temperature

q is the heat energy generated per unit volume



Physical Model

FE Model



Weak form

$$K_{ij} = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \left(kA \frac{dN_i}{dx} \frac{dN_j}{dx} + P\beta N_i N_j \right) dx$$

$$f_i = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} N_i (qA + P\beta T_{\infty}) dx$$

$$Q_1^e = \left(-kA \frac{dT}{dx} \right) ; \quad Q_2^e = \left(-kA \frac{dT}{dx} \right) .$$

Assume the lateral surfaces of the bar are isolated and the BCs

$$-\frac{d}{dx}(kA\frac{dT}{dx}) = Aq$$
$$T(0) = T_1, \quad T(L) = T_2$$



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FE Model

Evaluating the integral using linear shape function

$$[K^e] \{T^e\} = \{f^e\} + \{Q^e\}$$

$$\frac{kA}{\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1^e \\ T_2^e \end{bmatrix} = \frac{Aq\ell}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_1^e \\ Q_2^e \end{bmatrix}$$

For a uniform mesh $\ell = L/N$ and after assembling

$$\frac{kA}{\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ \vdots \\ T_{N+1} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{Aq\ell}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_1^1 \\ Q_2^1 + Q_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ Q_1^N \end{bmatrix}$$



FE Model

Boundary conditions at nodes 1 and N+1

$$T_1 = T_1$$
$$T_{N+1} = T_{N+1}$$

Heat balance at global nodes 2,3,...,N

$$Q_2^{e-1} + Q_1^e = 0$$
 for $e = 2,3,...,N$

After applying the above conditions:

$$\frac{kA}{\ell} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & \dots \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ \vdots \\ T_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{Aq\ell}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Q_1^1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ Q_1^N \end{bmatrix}$$



In a general three-dimensional continuum the equilibrium equations of an elementary volume can be written in terms of the components of the symmetric cartesian stress tensor as

$$\begin{cases}
L_{1} \\
L_{2} \\
L_{3}
\end{cases} = \begin{cases}
\frac{\partial \sigma_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + b_{x} = 0 \\
\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} + b_{y} = 0 \\
\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{z}}{\partial z} + b_{z} = 0
\end{cases} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{L}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{0},$$

 $\boldsymbol{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_x & b_x & b_x \end{bmatrix}^T$ The body forces acting per unit volume

 $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} u & v & w \end{bmatrix}^T$ The displacement vector



The weighting function vector defined as $\delta \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta u & \delta v & \delta w \end{bmatrix}^T$

We can now write the integral statement of equilibrium equations as

$$\int_{V} \delta \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{u}) d\mathbf{v} = -\int_{V} \left[\delta u \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + b_{x} \right) + \delta v(L_{2}) + \delta w(L_{3}) \right] d\mathbf{v}$$

$$= 0$$

Integrating each term by parts and rearranging we can write this as

$$\int_{V} \left[\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x} \sigma_{x} + \left(\frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x} \right) \tau_{xy} + \dots - \delta u b_{x} - \delta v b_{y} - \delta w b_{z} \right] dv + \int_{\Gamma} \left[\delta u (\sigma_{x} n_{x} + \tau_{xy} n_{y} + \tau_{xz} n_{z}) + \delta v (\dots) + \delta w (\dots) \right] d\Gamma = 0$$
(*)



where
$$\mathbf{t} = \begin{cases} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \sigma_x n_x + \tau_{xy} n_y + \tau_{xz} n_z \\ \tau_{xy} n_x + \sigma_y n_y + \tau_{yz} n_z \\ \tau_{xz} n_x + \tau_{yz} n_y + \sigma_z n_z \end{cases}$$
 are tractions acting per unit area of external boundary surface Γ

In the first set of bracketed terms in eq. (*) we can recognize immediately the small strain operators acting on $\delta \mathbf{u}$, which can be termed a virtual displacement.

We can therefore introduce a virtual strain defined as

$$\delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{T} = \left\{ \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial \delta u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \delta v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \delta w}{\partial y} \right\}^{T} = \mathbf{D} \delta \mathbf{u}^{T}$$

Arranging the six stress components in a vector σ in an order corresponding to that used for $\delta \varepsilon$, we can write Eq. (*) simply as



$$\int_{V} \delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} d\mathbf{v} - \int_{V} \delta \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{b} d\mathbf{v} - \int_{\Gamma} \delta \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{t} d\Gamma = 0$$

we see from the above that the virtual work statement is precisely the weak form of equilibrium equations and is valid for non-linear as well as linear stress—strain (or stress—strain rate) relations.



From "Energy Principles and Variational Methods in Applied Mechanics", by: J. N. Reddy, 2nd ed., John Wiley (2002). (pp. 441--447)

9.2.4 Weak Form

Having established a systematic way of deriving the approximation functions needed for the Ritz solution over an element, we now turn our attention to developing the weak form of the governing equation (9.1) over the domain $\Omega^e = (x_a, x_b) = (x_1^e, x_n^e)$ of a typical element. A typical element with n nodes and nodal displacements is shown in Fig. 9.6a, while Fig. 9.6b contains the n-node element with forces (i.e., a free-body diagram of the element). The forces and displacements at the end nodes are defined by

$$u(x_1^e) = u_1^e, u(x_n^e) = u_n^e,$$

$$\left(-a\frac{du}{dx}\right)\Big|_{x=x_1^e} = P_1^e, \left(a\frac{du}{dx}\right)\Big|_{x=x_n^e} = P_n^e.$$

$$(9.20)$$

The nodal forces P_2^e , P_3^e , ..., P_{n-1}^e are externally applied (i.e., known) forces, if any. The variational statement for the bar element in Fig. 9.6 is provided by the principle of minimum total potential energy, $\delta \Pi^e = 0$:

$$0 = \delta \left\{ \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left[\frac{E_e A_e}{2} \left(\frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{c_e}{2} (u)^2 - fu \right] dx - P_1^e u_1^e - P_2^e u_2^e - \dots - P_n^e u_n^e \right\}$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left(E_e A_e \frac{d\delta u}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} + c_e \delta u \, u - f \delta u \right) dx - \sum_{k=1}^n P_k^e \delta u_k^e, \tag{9.21}$$

where δ is the variational symbol, and the subscript e on the variables indicates that the variables are defined in element Ω^e .



Since the model equation (9.1) also arises in fields other than solid and structural mechanics, it is informative to discuss the procedure by which we can obtain the weak form (9.21) from Eq. (9.1) directly. As discussed in Chapter 7, we use the three-step procedure to construct the weak form. We have

$$0 = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} w \left[-\frac{d}{dx} \left(a \frac{du}{dx} \right) + cu - f \right] dx$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left[a \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} + cwu - wf \right] dx - \left[w \cdot \left(a \frac{du}{dx} \right) \right]_{x_a}^{x_b}$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left[a \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} + cwu - wf \right] dx - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left[w \cdot \left(a \frac{du}{dx} \right) \right]_{x_k^e}^{x_{k+1}^e}$$

$$= \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left[a \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} + cwu - wf \right] dx - \sum_{k=1}^{n} w(x_k^e) P_k^e, \tag{9.22a}$$

where $x_1^e = x_a$, $x_n^e = x_b$, and

$$\left(-a\frac{du}{dx}\right)_{x_a} = P_1^e, \qquad \left[a\frac{du}{dx}\right]_{x_k^e} = P_k^e \quad (k=2,\dots,n-1), \qquad \left(a\frac{du}{dx}\right)_{x_b} = P_n^e, \tag{9.22b}$$

and $[\cdot]_P$ denotes the jump in the enclosed quantity at point P. Equation (9.22b) is the same as Eq. (9.21) with the weight function w replaced by δu and a = EA.

9.2.5 Finite Element Equations

We seek approximation of u(x) in the form

$$u(x) \approx u_e(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_j^e \psi_j^e(x), \qquad w = \delta u(x) \approx \sum_{i=1}^n \delta u_i^e \psi_i^e(x),$$
 (9.23)

where ψ_j^e are the approximation functions derived earlier; they can be linear (n=2), quadratic (n=3), or higher (n>3).

Substitution of Eq. (9.23) into Eq. (9.21) yields

$$0 = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \left[E_e A_e \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \delta u_i^e \frac{d\psi_i}{dx} \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_j^e \frac{d\psi_j}{dx} \right) + c_e \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \delta u_i^e \psi_i \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_j^e \psi_j \right) - f \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \delta u_i^e \psi_i \right) \right] dx - \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^e \delta u_i^e$$



$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta u_{i}^{e} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[\int_{x_{a}}^{x_{b}} \left(E_{e} A_{e} \frac{d\psi_{i}}{dx} \frac{d\psi_{j}}{dx} + c_{e} \psi_{i}^{e} \psi_{j}^{e} \right) dx \right] u_{j}^{e} - \int_{x_{a}}^{x_{b}} f \psi_{i} dx - P_{i}^{e} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta u_{i}^{e} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{e}^{e} u_{i}^{e} - f_{i}^{e} - P_{i}^{e} \right]. \tag{9.24}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta u_{i}^{e} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{ij}^{e} u_{j}^{e} - f_{i}^{e} - P_{i}^{e} \right]. \tag{9.24}$$

Since $\delta u_1^e, \delta u_2^e, \dots, \delta u_n^e$ are arbitrary and the above equation must hold for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we obtain

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} K_{ij}^{e} u_{j}^{e} - f_{i}^{e} - P_{i}^{e} \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{n} K_{ij}^{e} u_{j}^{e} - F_{i}^{e},$$
 (9.25a)

where

$$K_{ij}^{e} = \int_{x_{a}}^{x_{b}} \left(E_{e} A_{e} \frac{d\psi_{i}^{e}}{dx} \frac{d\psi_{j}^{e}}{dx} + c_{e} \psi_{i}^{e} \psi_{j}^{e} \right) dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{h_{e}} \left(E_{e}(\bar{x}) A_{e}(\bar{x}) \frac{d\psi_{i}^{e}}{d\bar{x}} \frac{d\psi_{j}^{e}}{d\bar{x}} + c_{e} \psi_{i}^{e} \psi_{j}^{e} \right) d\bar{x},$$

$$f_{i}^{e} = \int_{x_{a}}^{x_{b}} f_{e}(x) \psi_{i}^{e} dx = \int_{0}^{h_{e}} f_{e}(\bar{x}) \psi_{i}^{e}(\bar{x}) d\bar{x}. \tag{9.25b}$$

The coefficient matrix $[K^e]$ is called the *stiffness matrix*, and $\{F^e\} \equiv \{f_i^e\} + \{P_i^e\}$ is the force vector. Equation (9.25a) is often referred to as the finite element model of the differential equation (9.1), and it provides n linear algebraic equations relating nnodal values u_j^e , (j = 1, 2, ..., n).

The coefficient matrix $[K^e]$, which is symmetric, and the source vector $\{f^e\}$ can be evaluated for a given element type (i.e., linear, quadratic, etc.) and element data $(a_e, c_e, \text{ and } f_e)$. For element-wise constant values of a_e, c_e , and f_e , the coefficients K_{ij}^e and f_i^e can easily be evaluated. For linear and quadratic elements, these matrices are presented below.

Linear Element For a typical linear element of length $h_e = x_b - x_a$, we have

$$[K^e] = \frac{a_e}{h_e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{c_e h_e}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.26a}$$

$$\{f^e\} = \frac{f_e h_e}{2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right\}, \qquad a_e = E_e A_e.$$
 (9.26b)

If $a = a_e \cdot x$ and $c = c_e$, the coefficient matrix $[K^e]$ for a linear element can be evaluated as

$$[K^e] = \frac{a_e}{h_e} \left(\frac{x_1^e + x_2^e}{2} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{c_e h_e}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9.27}$$



where (x_1^e, x_2^e) are global coordinates of node 1 and node 2 of the element $\Omega^e = (x_a, x_b) = (x_1^e, x_2^e)$. The reader should verify this. Note that $[K^e]$ in Eq. (9.27) is the same as that in Eq. (9.26a) with a_e replaced by the average value

$$a_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} (x_1^e + x_2^e) a_e.$$

For example, in the study of bars with linearly varying cross section A but constant modulus of elasticity E, we have

$$a(x) = EA(x) = E\left(A_1^e + \frac{A_2^e - A_1^e}{h_e}\bar{x}\right),$$

where \bar{x} is the local or element coordinate with origin at node 1, and A_1^e and A_2^e are areas of cross section at nodes 1 and 2, respectively. Then the element stiffness matrix is the same as that of a constant cross-section bar with the cross-sectional area being the average of the two ends, $A_{\text{avg}} = (A_1^e + A_2^e)/2$.

When $a(x) = a_e = \text{constant}$, and $f(x) = f_e = \text{constant}$, and $c_e = 0$, the finite element equations corresponding to the linear element reduce to

$$\frac{a_e}{h_e} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1^e \\ u_2^e \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{f_e h_e}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} P_1^e \\ P_2^e \end{Bmatrix}$$
(9.28a)

or

$$\begin{split} \frac{a_e}{h_e} u_1^e - \frac{a_e}{h_e} u_2^e &= \frac{1}{2} f_e h_e + P_1^e, \\ -\frac{a_e}{h_e} u_1^e + \frac{a_e}{h_e} u_2^e &= \frac{1}{2} f_e h_e + P_2^e. \end{split} \tag{9.28b}$$

Quadratic Element For a quadratic element $\Omega^e = (x_a, x_b) = (x_1^e, x_3^e), h_e = x_b - x_a = x_3^e - x_1^e$, we have

$$[K^e] = \frac{a_e}{3h_e} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -8 & 1\\ -8 & 16 & -8\\ 1 & -8 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{c_e h_e}{30} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -1\\ 2 & 16 & 2\\ -1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$
(9.29a)

$$\{f^e\} = \frac{f_e h_e}{6} \begin{cases} 1\\4\\1 \end{cases}. \tag{9.29b}$$

For arbitrary variation of the data a_e , c_e , and f_e , numerical integration may be used to evaluate the coefficients K_{ii}^e and f_i^e (see Reddy [4]).



9.2.6 Assembly (or Connectivity) of Elements

The finite element equations (9.25a) can be specialized to each one of the elements in the mesh by assigning the values of x_a , x_b , a_e , c_e , etc. Because each of the elements in the mesh is connected to its neighboring elements at the global nodes, and the displacement is continuous from one element to the next, one can relate the nodal values of displacements at the interelement connecting nodes. To this end, let U_I denote the value of the displacement u(x) at the Ith global node. Then we have the following correspondence between U_I and u_j^e (see Fig. 9.7a) of a linear element mesh:

$$u_1^1 = U_1,$$
 $u_2^1 = u_1^2 \equiv U_2, \dots,$ $u_2^e = u_1^{e+1} \equiv U_{e+1}, \dots, u_2^N \equiv U_{N+1},$ (9.30)

where N is the total number of linear elements connected in series. Equation (9.30) relates the global displacements to local displacements and enforces interelement continuity of the displacements (see Fig. 9.7a).

The assembly of element equations is based on the satisfaction of the principle of minimum total potential energy for the whole system:

$$\delta\Pi = \sum_{I=1}^{N+1} \frac{\partial\Pi}{\partial U_I} \delta U_I = 0$$
 or $\frac{\partial\Pi}{\partial U_I} = 0$, $I = 1, 2, ..., N+1$, (9.31)

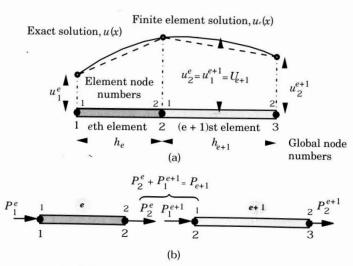


Figure 9.7 Connectivity of elements in one dimension. (a) Element-wise linear approximation of the displacement and interelement continuity of the displacements. (b) Balance of element forces at common nodes.



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where Π is the sum of Π^e for e = 1, 2, ..., N:

$$\Pi = \sum_{e=1}^{N} \Pi^{e} = \sum_{e=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{2} u_{i}^{e} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} K_{ij}^{e} u_{j}^{e} - F_{i}^{e} \right) \propto
= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e=1}^{N} \left[u_{1}^{e} \left(K_{11}^{e} u_{1}^{e} + K_{12}^{e} u_{2}^{e} - 2F_{1}^{e} \right) + u_{2}^{e} \left(K_{21}^{e} u_{1}^{e} + K_{22}^{e} u_{2}^{e} - 2F_{2}^{e} \right) \right]
= \frac{1}{2} \left[u_{1}^{1} \left(K_{11}^{1} u_{1}^{1} + K_{12}^{1} u_{2}^{1} - 2F_{1}^{1} \right) + u_{1}^{2} \left(K_{11}^{2} u_{1}^{2} + K_{12}^{2} u_{2}^{2} - 2F_{1}^{2} \right) + \cdots \right]
+ u_{2}^{1} \left(K_{21}^{1} u_{1}^{1} + K_{22}^{1} u_{2}^{1} - 2F_{2}^{1} \right) + u_{2}^{2} \left(K_{21}^{2} u_{1}^{2} + K_{22}^{2} u_{2}^{2} - 2F_{2}^{2} \right) + \cdots \right]
= \frac{1}{2} \left[U_{1} \left(K_{11}^{1} U_{1} + K_{12}^{1} U_{2} - 2F_{1}^{1} \right) + U_{2} \left(K_{11}^{2} U_{2} + K_{12}^{2} U_{3} - 2F_{1}^{2} \right) + \cdots \right]
+ U_{2} \left(K_{21}^{1} U_{1} + K_{22}^{2} U_{2} - 2F_{2}^{1} \right) + U_{3} \left(K_{21}^{2} U_{2} + K_{22}^{2} U_{3} - 2F_{2}^{2} \right) + \cdots \right],$$
(9.32)

where, in arriving at the last line, the correspondence in Eq. (9.30) is used to replace the element nodal displacements by the global nodal displacements. Using Eq. (9.32) in Eq. (9.31), we obtain

$$K_{11}^{1}U_{1} + \frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{1} + K_{21}^{1})U_{2} + \dots - F_{1}^{1} = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{1} + K_{21}^{1})U_{1} + (K_{22}^{1} + K_{11}^{2})U_{2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{2} + K_{21}^{2})U_{3} + \dots - F_{2}^{1} - F_{1}^{2} = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{2} + K_{21}^{2})U_{2} + (K_{22}^{2} + K_{11}^{3})U_{3} + \dots - F_{2}^{2} - F_{1}^{3} = 0,$$

$$\dots$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{N-1} + K_{21}^{N-1})U_{N-1} + (K_{22}^{N-1} + K_{11}^{N})U_{N}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{N} + K_{21}^{N})U_{N+1} - F_{2}^{N-1} - F_{1}^{N} = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(K_{12}^{N} + K_{21}^{N})U_{N} + K_{22}^{N}U_{N+1} - F_{2}^{N} = 0.$$
(9.33a)

Using the symmetry of the element stiffness matrices, $K_{ji}^e = K_{ij}^e$, and the fact that $\{F^e\} = \{f^e\} + \{P^e\}$, we can write the above equations in the matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^1 & K_{12}^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ K_{12}^1 & K_{22}^1 + K_{11}^2 & K_{12}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{12}^2 & K_{22}^2 + K_{11}^3 & K_{12}^3 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & K_{22}^{N-1} + K_{11}^N & K_{12}^N \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & K_{12}^N & K_{22}^N \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \\ \vdots \\ U_N \\ U_{N+1} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{cases} f_1^1 \\ f_2^1 + f_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ f_2^{N-1} + f_1^N \\ f_2^N \end{cases} + \begin{cases} P_1^1 \\ P_2^1 + P_1^2 \\ \vdots \\ P_2^{N-1} + P_1^N \\ P_2^N \end{cases}.$$
 (9.33b)

It is clear from Eq. (9.33b) that the diagonal elements of stiffness matrices of elements Ω^e and Ω^{e+1} add up at the common global node I=e+1, and the global stiffness coefficient K_{IJ} is zero if global nodes I and J do not belong to the same element. Thus the resulting global stiffness matrix is not only symmetric, but is also banded, i.e., all entries beyond a diagonal parallel to the main diagonal, below and above, are zero. This is a feature of all finite element equations, irrespective of the differential equation being solved, and is a result of the piecewise definition of the coordinate functions. Keeping in mind the general pattern of the assembled stiffness matrix and force column, one can routinely assemble the element matrices for any number of elements.

The assembly procedure for a general case is based on the following two requirements:

- . Commuty of the primary variable(s) at the interelement boundary, as expressed by Eq. (9.30).
- Balance of secondary variables; i.e., the secondary variables from the elements connected at a global node should add up to the value of the externally applied secondary variable at the node.

The second condition for the mesh of two linear elements shown in Fig. 9.7b uires

$$P_2^e + P_1^{e+1} = P_{e+1}, (9.34)$$

Here P_{e+1} is the value of externally applied force at node e+1 (see Fig. 9.7b). Here conditions require the addition of the second equation of element Ω^e to the st equation of element Ω^{e+1} so that we can replace $P_2^e + P_1^{e+1}$ with P_{e+1} . This duces 2N equations to N+1 equations, where N is the number of linear elements numerical in series, as shown in Fig. 9.7a. In general, if the ith node of element Ω^e is numerical to the jth node of element Ω^f , the balance of secondary variables requires

$$P_i^e + P_j^f = F_K, (9.35)$$

where K is the global node number of the ith node of element Ω^e , which is the same as the jth node of element Ω^f .



Governing equations

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + f_x = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} + f_y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_z}{\partial z} + f_z = 0$$

$$\sigma = D\epsilon$$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right]^{\mathrm{T}}$$

Interpolated Displ Field

$$u = \sum N_i(x, y, z)u_i$$

$$v = \sum N_j(x, y, z)u_j$$

$$w = \sum N_k(x, y, z) u_k$$

Interpolated Weighting Function

$$\phi_{x} = \sum N_{i}(x, y, z)\phi_{xi}$$

$$\phi_{y} = \sum N_{j}(x, y, z)\phi_{y_{j}}$$

$$\phi_z = \sum N_k(x, y, z)\phi_{zk}$$



$$\int_{V} \phi (L\tilde{u} - P) dV = 0$$

$$\int_{V} \left[\left(\frac{\partial \sigma_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + f_{x} \right) \phi_{x} + \left(\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} + f_{y} \right) \phi_{y} + \left(\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{zy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{z}}{\partial z} + f_{z} \right) \phi_{z} \right] dV = 0$$

Integrate by part...



Galerkin's Method in Elasticity Virtual Work

Virtual Total Potential Energy

$$\int_{\mathbf{V}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{\phi}) \, d\mathbf{V} \, - \, \int_{\mathbf{V}} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{f} \, d\mathbf{V} \, - \, \int_{\mathbf{S}} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{T} \, d\mathbf{S} \, - \, \sum_{i} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{P} \, = \, 0$$

Compare to Total Potential Energy

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{T} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} dV - \int_{V} \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{f} dV - \int_{S} \mathbf{u}^{T} \mathbf{T} dS - \sum_{i} \mathbf{u}_{i}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{i}$$



$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{x}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial z} + b_{x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{y}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial z} + b_{y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \tau_{xz}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{yz}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{z}}{\partial z} + b_{z} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{0} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } A_{u}$$

$$[\sigma](\hat{\mathbf{n}}) - \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } A_{\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbf{0}.$$