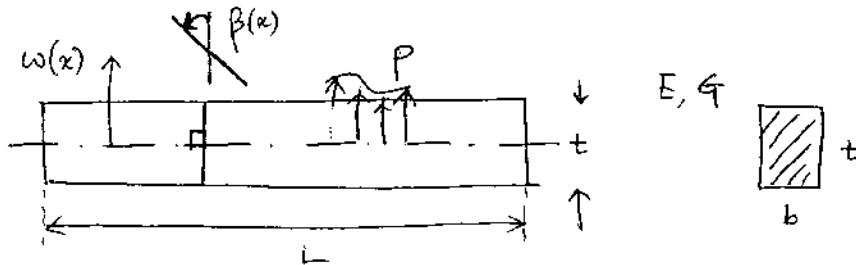


Lecture 20 - Beams, plates, and shells

Timoshenko beam theory

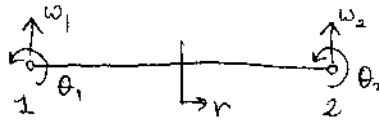


The fiber moves up and rotates and its length does not change.

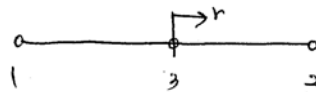
**Principle of virtual displacement** (Linear Analysis)

$$EI \int_0^L (\bar{\beta}')^T \beta' dx + (Ak)G \int_0^L \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dx} - \bar{\beta} \right)^T \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right) dx = \int_0^L \bar{w}^T p dx \tag{20.1}$$

Two-node element:



Three-node element:



For a q-node element,

$$\hat{u} = [ w_1 \ \cdots \ w_q \ \theta_1 \ \cdots \ \theta_q ]^T \tag{20.2}$$

$$w = \mathbf{H}_w \hat{u} \tag{20.3}$$

$$\beta = \mathbf{H}_\beta \hat{u} \tag{20.4}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_w = [ h_1 \ \cdots \ h_q \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 ] \tag{20.5}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_\beta = [ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ h_1 \ \cdots \ h_q ] \tag{20.6}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{dx}{dr} \tag{20.7}$$

$$\frac{dw}{dx} = \underbrace{\mathbf{J}^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{w,r}}_{\mathbf{B}_w} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \quad (20.8)$$

$$\frac{d\beta}{dx} = \underbrace{\mathbf{J}^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{\beta,r}}_{\mathbf{B}_\beta} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \quad (20.9)$$

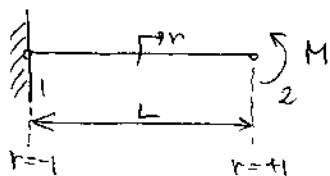
Hence we obtain

$$\left[ EI \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{B}_\beta^T \mathbf{B}_\beta \det(\mathbf{J}) dr + (Ak)G \int_{-1}^1 (\mathbf{B}_w - \mathbf{H}_\beta)^T (\mathbf{B}_w - \mathbf{H}_\beta) \det(\mathbf{J}) dr \right] \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \int_{-1}^1 \mathbf{H}_w^T p \det(\mathbf{J}) dr \quad (20.10)$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{K} \hat{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{R}} \quad (20.11)$$

$\mathbf{K}$  is a result of the term inside the bracket in (20.10) and  $\mathbf{R}$  is a result of the right hand side.

For the 2-node element,



$$w_1 = \theta_1 = 0 \quad (20.12)$$

$$w_2, \theta_2 = ? \quad (20.13)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{w_2}{L} - \frac{1+r}{2} \theta_2 \quad (20.14)$$

We cannot make  $\gamma$  equal to zero for every  $r$  (page 404, textbook). Because of this, we need to use about 200 elements to get an error of 10%. (Not good!)

Recall almost or fully incompressible analysis: Principle of virtual displacements:

$$\int_V \bar{\epsilon}'^T \mathbf{C}' \epsilon' dV + \int_V \bar{\epsilon}_v (\kappa \epsilon_v) dV = \mathcal{R} \quad (20.15)$$

$u/p$  formulation

$$\int_V \bar{\epsilon}'^T \mathbf{C}' \epsilon' dV - \int_V \bar{\epsilon}_v p dV = \mathcal{R} \quad (20.16)$$

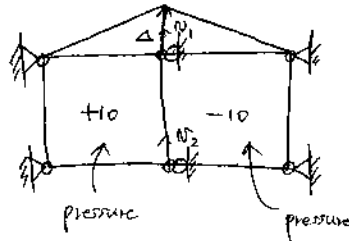
$$\int_V \bar{p} \left( \frac{p}{\kappa} + \epsilon_v \right) dV = 0 \quad (20.17)$$

But now we needed to select wisely the interpolations of  $u$  and  $p$ . We needed to satisfy the inf-sup condition

$$\underbrace{\inf}_{q_h \in Q_h} \underbrace{\sup}_{\mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h} \frac{\int_{\text{Vol}} q_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h d\text{Vol}}{\|q_h\| \|v_h\|} \geq \beta > 0 \quad (20.18)$$

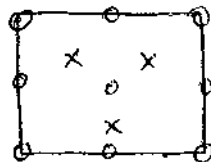
**4/1 element:**

We can show mathematically that this element does not satisfy inf-sup condition. But, we can also show it by giving an example of this element which violates the inf-sup condition.

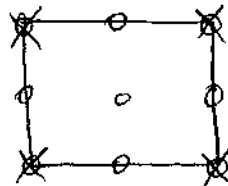


$v_1 = \Delta$ ,  $v_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_h$  for both elements is positive and the same. Now, if I choose pressures as above

$$\int_{\text{Vol}} q_h \nabla \mathbf{v}_h d\text{Vol} = 0, \quad \text{hence (20.18) is not satisfied!} \quad (20.19)$$

**9/3 element**

satisfies inf-sup

**9/4-c**

satisfies inf-sup

Getting back to beams

$$EI \int_0^L \bar{\beta}' \beta dx + (AkG) \int_0^L \left( \frac{d\bar{w}}{dx} - \bar{\beta} \right) \gamma^{AS} dx = \mathcal{R} \quad (20.20)$$

$$\int_0^L \bar{\gamma}^{AS} (\gamma - \gamma^{AS}) dx = 0 \quad (20.21)$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta, \quad \text{from displacement interpolation} \quad (20.22)$$

$$\gamma^{AS} = \text{Assumed shear strain interpolation} \quad (20.23)$$

2-node element, constant shear assumption. From (20.21),

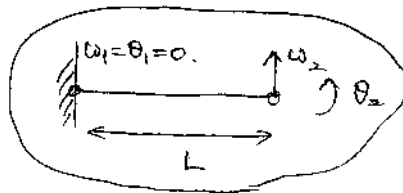
Reading:  
Sec. 4.5.7

$$\int_0^L \left( \frac{dw}{dx} - \beta \right) \bar{\gamma}^{AS} dx = \int_0^L \gamma^{AS} \bar{\gamma}^{AS} dx \quad (20.24)$$

$$\Rightarrow - \int_{-1}^{+1} \left( \frac{1+r}{2} \theta_2 \right) \cdot \frac{L}{2} dr + w_2 = \gamma^{AS} \cdot L \quad (20.25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^{AS} = \frac{w_2 - \frac{L}{2} \theta_2}{L} \quad (20.26)$$

$\gamma^{AS}$  (shear strain) is equal to the displacement-based shear strain at the middle of the beam.



Use  $\gamma^{AS}$  in (20.20) to obtain a powerful element. For “our problem”,

$$\gamma^{AS} = 0 \quad \text{hence} \quad w_2 = \frac{L}{2} \theta_2 \quad (20.27)$$

$$\Rightarrow EI \int_0^L \bar{\beta}' \beta' dx = M \bar{\beta}|_{x=L} \quad (20.28)$$

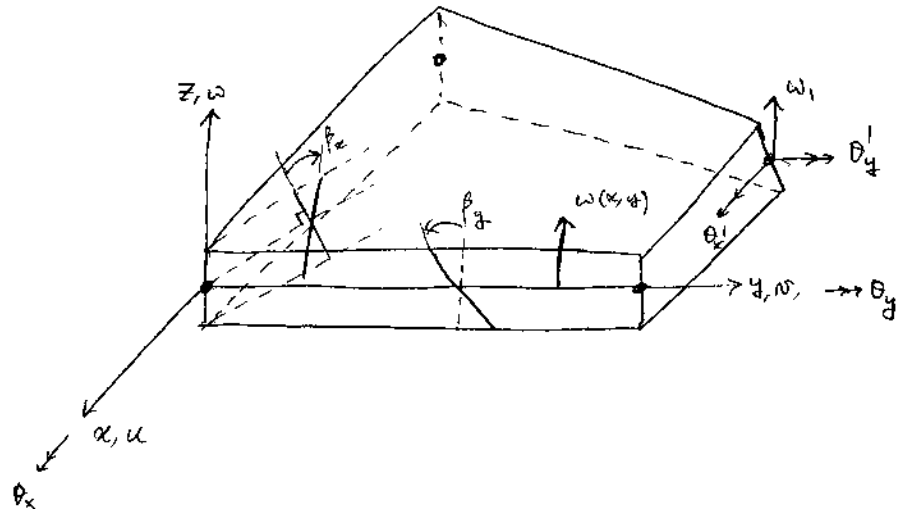
$$\Rightarrow EI \left( \left( \frac{1}{L} \right)^2 \cdot L \right) \theta_2 = M \quad (20.29)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta_2 = \frac{ML}{EI}, \quad w_2 = \frac{ML^2}{2EI}} \quad (20.30)$$

(exact solutions)

## Plates

Reading:  
Fig. 5.25,  
p. 421



$$\begin{cases} w = w(x, y) & \text{is the transverse displacement of the mid-surface} \\ v = -z\beta_y(x, y) \\ u = -z\beta_x(x, y) \end{cases} \quad (20.31)$$

For any particle in the plate with coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ , the expressions in (20.31) hold!

We use

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^q h_i w_i \quad (20.32)$$

$$\beta_x = - \sum_{i=1}^q h_i \theta_y^i \quad (20.33)$$

$$\beta_y = + \sum_{i=1}^q h_i \theta_x^i \quad (20.34)$$

where  $q$  equals the number of nodes. Then the element locks in the same way as the displacement-based beam element.

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