CHAP 4 FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS OF BEAMS AND FRAMES

INTRODUCTION

- We learned Direct Stiffness Method in Chapter 2
 - Limited to simple elements such as 1D bars
- we will learn Energy Method to build beam finite element
 Structure is in equilibrium when the potential energy is minimum
- Potential energy: Sum of strain energy and potential of applied loads





BEAM THEORY cont.

- Euler-Bernoulli Beam Theory cont.
 - Plane sections normal to the beam axis remain plane and normal to the axis after deformation (no shear stress)
 - Transverse deflection (deflection curve) is function of x only: v(x)
 - Displacement in x-dir is function of x and y: **u(x, y)**





BEAM THEORY cont.

Beam constitutive relation

- We assume P = 0 (We will consider non-zero P in the frame element)

- Moment-curvature relation:

$$M = EI\frac{d^2v}{dx^2}$$

Moment and curvature is linearly dependent



GOVERNING EQUATIONS



STRESS AND STRAIN



POTENTIAL ENERGY

- Potential energy $\Pi = U + V$ •
- Strain energy •
 - Strain energy density

$$U_{0} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{xx}\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{1}{2}E(\varepsilon_{xx})^{2} = \frac{1}{2}E\left(-y\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2} = \frac{1}{2}Ey^{2}\left(\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2}$$

- Strain energy per unit length

$$U_{L}(x) = \int_{A} U_{0}(x, y, z) dA = \int_{A} \frac{1}{2} Ey^{2} \left(\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2} dA = \frac{1}{2} E \left(\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2} \int_{A} \frac{y^{2} dA}{dx^{2}} \int_{A} \frac{1}{2} EI \left(\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2} \int_{A} \frac{y^{2} dA}{dx^{2}} \int_{A} \frac{1}{2} EI \left(\frac{d^{2}v}{dx^{2}}\right)^{2} \int_{A} \frac{1}{2} EI \left$$

f inertia

– Strain energy

$$U = \int_0^L U_L(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI\left(\frac{d^2v}{dx^2}\right)^2 dx$$

POTENTIAL ENERGY cont.

· Potential energy of applied loads

$$V = -\int_0^L p(x)v(x) \, dx - \sum_{i=1}^{N_F} F_i v(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{N_C} C_i \frac{dv(x_i)}{dx}$$

Potential energy •

$$\Pi = U + V = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^L EI\left(\frac{d^2v}{dx^2}\right)^2 dx - \int_0^L p(x)v(x) dx - \sum_{i=1}^{N_F} F_i v(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{N_C} C_i \frac{dv(x_i)}{dx}$$

- Potential energy is a function of v(x) and slope

– The beam is in equilibrium when Π has its minimum value



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RAYLEIGH-RITZ METHOD

1. Assume a deflection shape

$$v(x) = c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) \dots + c_n f_n(x)$$

- Unknown coefficients c_i and known function $f_i(x)$
- Deflection curve v(x) must satisfy displacement boundary conditions
- 2. Obtain potential energy as function of coefficients

 $\Pi(c_1, c_2, \dots c_n) = U + V$

3. Apply the principle of minimum potential energy to determine the coefficients



EXAMPLE – SIMPLY SUPPORTED BEAM cont.

Exact vs. approximate solutions •

$$C_{\text{approx}} = \frac{p_0 L^4}{76.5 EI}$$
 $C_{\text{exact}} = \frac{p_0 L^4}{76.8 EI}$

Approximate bending moment and shear force •

$$M(x) = EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = -EIC \frac{\pi^2}{L^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} = -\frac{4p_0 L^2}{\pi^3} \sin \frac{\pi x}{L}$$
$$V_y(x) = -EI \frac{d^3 v}{dx^3} = -EIC \frac{\pi^3}{L^3} \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} = -\frac{4p_0 L}{\pi^2} \cos \frac{\pi x}{L}$$

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• Exact solutions
$$v(x) = \frac{1}{EI} \left(\frac{p_0 L^3}{24} x - \frac{p_0 L}{12} x^3 + \frac{p_0}{24} x^4 \right)$$

 $M(x) = -\frac{p_0 L}{2} x + \frac{p_0}{2} x^2$
 $V_y(x) = \frac{p_0 L}{2} - p_0 x$





EXAMPLE – CANTILEVERED BEAM cont.

- Derivatives of U: $\frac{\partial U}{\partial c_1} = 2EI\int_0^L (2c_1 + 6c_2x)dx = EI(4Lc_1 + 6L^2c_2)$ $\frac{\partial U}{\partial c_2} = 6EI\int_0^L (2c_1 + 6c_2x)xdx = EI(6L^2c_1 + 12L^3c_2)$ PMPE: $\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial c_1} = 0 \qquad \qquad EI(4Lc_1 + 6L^2c_2) = -\frac{p_0L^3}{3} + FL^2 + 2CL$ $\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial c_2} = 0 \qquad \qquad EI(6L^2c_1 + 12L^3c_2) = -\frac{p_0L^4}{4} + FL^3 + 3CL^2$
- Solve for c_1 and c_2 : $c_1 = 23.75 \times 10^{-3}$, $c_2 = -8.417 \times 10^{-3}$
- Deflection curve: $v(x) = 10^{-3} (23.75x^2 8.417x^3)$
- Exact solution: $v(x) = \frac{1}{24EI} (5400x^2 800x^3 300x^4)$



FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION

- Rayleigh-Ritz method approximate solution in the entire beam
 - Difficult to find approx solution that satisfies displacement BC
- · Finite element approximates solution in an element
 - Make it easy to satisfy displacement BC using interpolation technique
- Beam element
 - Divide the beam using a set of elements
 - Elements are connected to other elements at nodes
 - Concentrated forces and couples can only be applied at nodes
 - Consider two-node bean element
 - Positive directions for forces and couples



FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION cont.

- Nodal DOF of beam element
 - Each node has deflection v and slope θ
 - Positive directions of DOFs
 - Vector of nodal DOFs $\{\mathbf{q}\} = \{v_1 \quad \theta_1 \quad v_2 \quad \theta_2\}^T$
- Scaling parameter s
 - Length L of the beam is scaled to 1 using scaling parameter s



• Will write deflection curve v(s) in terms of s

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FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION cont.

- Deflection interpolation
 - Interpolate the deflection v(s) in terms of four nodal DOFs
 - Use cubic function: $v(s) = a_0 + a_1 s + a_2 s^2 + a_3 s^3$

- Relation to the slope:
$$\theta = \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{ds}\frac{ds}{dx} = \frac{1}{L}(a_1 + 2a_2s + 3a_3s^2)$$

- Apply four conditions:

$$v(0) = v_1 \qquad \frac{dv(0)}{dx} = \theta_1 \qquad v(1) = v_2 \qquad \frac{dv(1)}{dx} = \theta_2$$

- Express four coefficients in terms of nodal DOFs

$$v_{1} = v(0) = a_{0}$$

$$\theta_{1} = \frac{dv}{dx}(0) = \frac{1}{L}a_{1}$$

$$v_{2} = v(1) = a_{0} + a_{1} + a_{2} + a_{3}$$

$$a_{2} = -3v_{1} - 2L\theta_{1} + 3v_{2} - L\theta_{2}$$

$$a_{3} = 2v_{1} + L\theta_{1} - 2v_{2} + L\theta_{2}$$

FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION cont.

• Deflection interpolation cont.

Shape functions

 $N_{1}(s) = 1 - 3s^{2} + 2s^{3}$ $N_{2}(s) = L(s - 2s^{2} + s^{3})$ $N_{3}(s) = 3s^{2} - 2s^{3}$ $N_{4}(s) = L(-s^{2} + s^{3})$

Hermite polynomials

Interpolation property



FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION cont.

- Properties of interpolation
 - Deflection is a cubic polynomial (discuss accuracy and limitation)
 - Interpolation is valid within an element, not outside of the element
 - Adjacent elements have continuous deflection and slope

Approximation of curvature

Curvature is second derivative and related to strain and stress

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{d^2v}{ds^2} = \frac{1}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} -6 + 12s, L(-4 + 6s), 6 - 12s, L(-2 + 6s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \theta_1 \\ v_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \{\mathbf{q}\}$$

$$\mathbf{B}: \text{ strain-displacement vector}$$

- **B** is linear function of *s* and, thus, the strain and stress

- Alternative expression:
$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{L^2} \left[\mathbf{q}_{1\times 4}^T \right] \{ \mathbf{B}_{4\times 1}^T \}$$

If the given problem is linearly varying curvature, the approximation is accurate; if higher-order variation of curvature, then it is approximate 22

FINITE ELEMENT INTERPOLATION cont.

Approximation of bending moment and shear force

$$M(s) = EI \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = \frac{EI}{L^2} \lfloor \mathbf{B} \rfloor \{\mathbf{q}\}$$
 Linear

$$V_{y} = -\frac{dM}{dx} = -EI\frac{d^{3}v}{dx^{3}} = \frac{EI}{L^{3}}[-12 \quad -6L \quad 12 \quad -6L]\{\mathbf{q}\}$$
 Constant

- Stress is proportional to M(s); M(s) is linear; stress is linear, too
- Maximum stress always occurs at the node
- Bending moment and shear force are not continuous between adjacent elements







FINITE ELEMENT EQUATION FOR BEAM

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Finite element equation using PMPE

- A beam is divided by NEL elements with constant sections

- Strain energy
 - Sum of each element's strain energy

$$U = \int_0^{L_T} U_L(x) dx = \sum_{e=1}^{NEL} \int_{x_1^{(e)}}^{x_2^{(e)}} U_L(x) dx = \sum_{e=1}^{NEL} U^{(e)}$$

- Strain energy of element (e)

$$U^{(e)} = EI \int_{x_1^{(e)}}^{x_2^{(e)}} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d^2 v}{dx^2}\right)^2 dx = \frac{EI}{L^3} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d^2 v}{ds^2}\right)^2 ds$$



FE EQUATION FOR BEAM cont.

- Strain energy cont.
 - Approximate curvature in terms of nodal DOFs

$$\left(\frac{d^2v}{ds^2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{d^2v}{ds^2}\right)\left(\frac{d^2v}{ds^2}\right) = \left\{\mathbf{q}_{1\times 4}^{(e)}\right\}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} \left\{\mathbf{q}_{4\times 1}^{(e)}\right\}$$

- Approximate element strain energy in terms of nodal DOFs

$$U^{(e)} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbf{q}^{(e)} \}^T \left[\frac{EI}{L^3} \int_0^1 \left[\mathbf{B} \right]^T \left[\mathbf{B} \right] ds \right]^{(e)} \{ \mathbf{q}^{(e)} \} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mathbf{q}^{(e)} \}^T [\mathbf{k}^{(e)}] \{ \mathbf{q}^{(e)} \}$$

Stiffness matrix of a beam element

$$[\mathbf{k}^{(e)}] = \frac{EI}{L^3} \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} -6+12s \\ L(-4+6s) \\ 6-12s \\ L(-2+6s) \end{bmatrix} [-6+12s \quad L(-4+6s) \quad 6-12s \quad L(-2+6s)] ds$$

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FE EQUATION FOR BEAM cont.

· Stiffness matrix of a beam element

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{k}^{(e)} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^2 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^2 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric, positive semi-definite Proportional to El Inversely proportional to L

• Strain energy cont.

$$U = \sum_{e=1}^{NEL} U^{(e)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{e=1}^{NEL} \{\mathbf{q}^{(e)}\}^T [\mathbf{k}^{(e)}] \{\mathbf{q}^{(e)}\}$$

- Assembly
$$U = \frac{1}{2} \{\mathbf{Q}^{(e)}\}^T [\mathbf{K}^{(e)}] \{\mathbf{Q}^{(e)}\}$$



FE EQUATION FOR BEAM cont.





FE EQUATION FOR BEAM cont.

Finite element equation for beam

$$\frac{EI}{L^{3}}\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^{2} & -6L & 2L^{2} \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^{2} & -6L & 4L^{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{1} \\ \theta_{1} \\ v_{2} \\ \theta_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} pL/2 \\ pL^{2}/12 \\ pL/2 \\ -pL^{2}/12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} F_{1} \\ C_{1} \\ F_{2} \\ C_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

- One beam element has four variables
- When there is no distributed load, p = 0
- Applying boundary conditions is identical to truss element
- At each DOF, either displacement (v or θ) or force (F or C) must be known, not both
- Use standard procedure for assembly, BC, and solution



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 $|v_1|$

BENDING MOMENT & SHEAR FORCE

Bending moment

$$M(s) = EI\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = \frac{EI}{L^2}\frac{d^2v}{ds^2} = \frac{EI}{L^2} \lfloor \mathbf{B} \rfloor \{\mathbf{q}\}$$

- Linearly varying along the beam span
- Shear force

$$V_{y}(s) = -\frac{dM}{dx} = -EI\frac{d^{3}v}{dx^{3}} = -\frac{EI}{L^{3}}\frac{d^{3}v}{ds^{3}} = \frac{EI}{L^{3}}[-12 \quad -6L \quad 12 \quad -6L]\begin{cases} \theta_{1} \\ v_{2} \\ \theta_{2} \end{cases}$$

= Constant

- Constant
- When true moment is not linear and true shear is not constant, many elements should be used to approximate it

• Bending stress
$$\sigma_x = -\frac{M}{T}$$

Shear stress for rectangular section

$$\tau_{xy}(y) = \frac{1.5V_y}{bh} \left(1 - \frac{4y^2}{h^2}\right)$$



EXAMPLE – CLAMPED-CLAMPED BEAM cont.

Applying BC

• At x = 0.5 \implies s = 0.5 and use element 1 $v(\frac{1}{2}) = v_1 N_1(\frac{1}{2}) + \theta_1 N_2(\frac{1}{2}) + v_2 N_3(\frac{1}{2}) + \theta_2 N_4(\frac{1}{2}) = 0.01 \times N_3(\frac{1}{2}) = 0.005 \text{ m}$ $\theta(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{L^{(1)}} v_2 \frac{dN_3}{ds} \Big|_{s=\frac{1}{2}} = 0.015 \text{ rad}$ • At x = 1.0 \implies either s = 1 (element 1) or s = 0 (element 2) $v(1) = v_2 N_3(1) = 0.01 \times N_3(1) = 0.01 \text{ m}$ $v(0) = v_2 N_1(0) = 0.01 \times N_1(0) = 0.01 \text{ m}$ $\theta(1) = \frac{1}{L^{(1)}} v_2 \frac{dN_3}{ds} \Big|_{s=0.012} = 0.012 \text{ m}$ $\theta(0) = \frac{1}{L^{(2)}} v_2 \frac{dN_1}{ds} \Big|_{s=0.012} = 0.012 \text{ m}$

Will this solution be accurate or approximate?



EXAMPLE – CANTILEVERED BEAM cont.

• FE matrix equation

$$1000 \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6 & -12 & 6 \\ 6 & 4 & -6 & 2 \\ -12 & -6 & 12 & -6 \\ 6 & 2 & -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ v_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} F_1 + 60 \\ C_1 + 10 \\ 60 \\ -10 - 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying BC

$$1000 \begin{bmatrix} 12 & -6 \\ -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} v_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 60 \\ -60 \end{cases} \implies v_2 = -0.01 \,\mathrm{m} \\ \theta_2 = -0.03 \,\mathrm{rad} \end{cases}$$

- Deflection curve: $v(s) = -0.01N_3(s) 0.03N_4(s) = -0.01s^3$
- Exact solution: $v(x) = 0.005(x^4 4x^3 + x^2)$

EXAMPLE – CANTILEVERED BEAM cont.

- Support reaction (From assembled matrix equation) $1000(-12v_2 + 6\theta_2) = F_1 + 60$ $1000(-6v_2 + 2\theta_2) = C_1 + 10$ $F_1 = -120 \text{ N}$ $C_1 = -10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
 - Bending moment $M(s) = \frac{EI}{L^2} \lfloor \mathbf{B} \rfloor \{ \mathbf{q} \}$ $= \frac{EI}{L^2} [(-6+12s)v_1 + L(-4+6s)\theta_1 + (6-12s)v_2 + L(-2+6s)\theta_2]$ = 1000[-0.01(6-12s) - 0.03(-2+6s)] $= -60s \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$
- Shear force

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$$V_{y} = -\frac{EI}{L^{3}} [12v_{1} + 6L\theta_{1} - 12v_{2} + 6L\theta_{2}]$$

= -1000[-12×(-0.01) + 6(-0.03)]
= 60 N





PLANE FRAME ELEMENT

Beam

- Vertical deflection and slope. No axial deformation
- Frame structure
 - Can carry axial force, transverse shear force, and bending moment (Beam + Truss)

 \overline{v}_{2}

 \overline{v}_1

- Assumption
 - Axial and bending effects are uncoupled
 - Reasonable when deformation is small
- 3 DOFs per node



 Need coordinate transformation like plane truss



PLANE FRAME ELEMENT cont.

- Element-fixed local coordinates $\overline{x} \overline{y}$
- Local DOFs $\{\overline{u}, \overline{v}, \overline{\theta}\}$ Local forces $\{f_{\overline{x}}, f_{\overline{y}}, \overline{c}\}$
- Transformation between local and global coord.

PLANE FRAME ELEMENT cont.

• Axial deformation (in local coord.)

$$\frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \frac{\overline{u}_1}{\overline{u}_2} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} f_{\overline{x}1} \\ f_{\overline{x}2} \end{array} \right\}$$

Beam bending

$$\underbrace{EI}_{L^{3}} \begin{bmatrix}
12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\
6L & 4L^{2} & -6L & 2L^{2} \\
-12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\
6L & 2L^{2} & -6L & 4L^{2}
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
\overline{v}_{1} \\
\overline{\theta}_{1} \\
\overline{v}_{2} \\
\overline{\theta}_{2}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases}
f_{\overline{y}1} \\
\overline{c}_{1} \\
f_{\overline{y}2} \\
\overline{c}_{2}
\end{bmatrix}$$

- Basically, it is equivalent to overlapping a beam with a bar
- A frame element has 6 DOFs

PLANE FRAME ELEMENT cont.



PLANE FRAME ELEMENT cont.

- Calculation of element forces
 - Element forces can only be calculated in the local coordinate
 - Extract element DOFs $\{q\}$ from the global DOFs $\{Q_s\}$
 - Transform the element DOFs to the local coordinate $\{\overline{q}\}$ = [T] $\{q\}$
 - Then, use 1D bar and beam formulas for element forces

$$- \text{ Axial force } P = \frac{AE}{L} (\overline{u}_2 - \overline{u}_1) \\ - \text{ Bending moment } M(s) = \frac{EI}{L^2} \lfloor \mathbf{B} \rfloor \{ \overline{\mathbf{q}} \} \\ - \text{ Shear force } V_y(s) = \frac{EI}{L^3} [-12 - 6L \ 12 - 6L] \{ \overline{\mathbf{q}} \} \\ \bullet \text{ Other method: } \begin{cases} -V_{\overline{y}1} \\ -\overline{M}_1 \\ +V_{\overline{y}2} \\ \overline{M}_2 \end{cases} = \frac{EI}{L^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^2 & -6L & 2L^2 \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^2 & -6L & 4L^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{v}_1 \\ \overline{v}_2 \\ \overline{v}_2 \\ \overline{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$