

Master of Science in Computational Mechanics 2020
Computational Structural Mechanics and Dynamics

On “Plane stress problem” and “Linear Triangle”

Assignment 3.1

1. Compute the entries of \mathbf{K}_e for the following plane stress triangle:

$$x_1 = 0, y_1 = 0, x_2 = 3, y_2 = 1, x_3 = 2, y_3 = 2$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 25 & 0 \\ 25 & 100 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 50 \end{bmatrix}, \quad h = 1$$

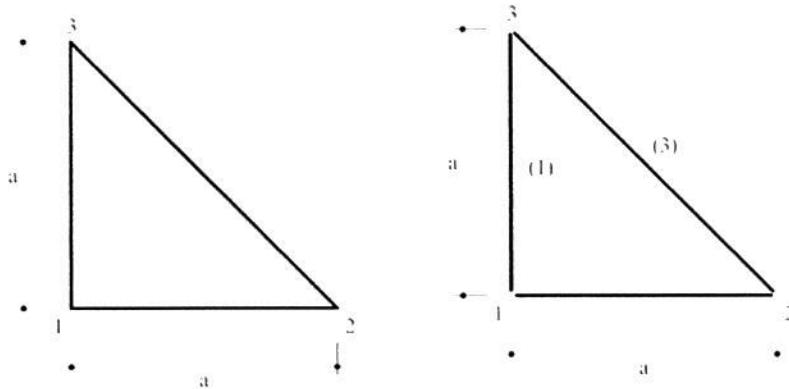
Partial result: $K_{11} = 18,75$, $K_{66} = 118,75$.

2. Show that the sum of the rows (and columns) 1, 3 and 5 of \mathbf{K}^e as well as the sum of rows (and columns) 2, 4 and 6 must vanish, and explain why.

Assignment 3.2

Consider a plane triangular domain of thickness h , with horizontal and vertical edges have length a . Let's consider for simplicity $a = h = 1$. The material parameters are E, v . Initially v is set to zero. Two structural models are considered for this problem as depicted in the figure:

- A plane linear Turner triangle with the same dimensions.
- A set of three bar elements placed over the edges of the triangular domain. The cross sections for the bars are $A_1 = A_2$ and A_3 .



- Calculate the stiffness matrix K^e for both models.
- Is there any set of values for cross sections $A_1=A_2=A$ and $A_3=A'$ to make both stiffness matrix equivalent: $K_{bar} = K_{triangle}$? If not, which are these values to make them as similar as possible?
- Why these two stiffness matrix are not equivalent? Find a physical explanation.
- Solve question a) considering $v \neq 0$ and extract some conclusions.

Note: To solve this assignment it's recommended to check the features of the linear triangle in presentation "CSMD_05_Linear_Triangle". Some comments will be given in the next class.

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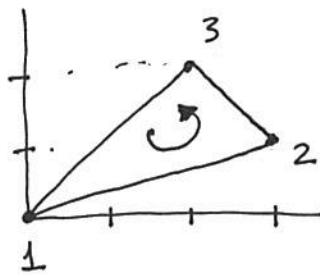
Assignment 3

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3.1

Compute K_E (element stiffness matrix)
for the following plane stress triangle

P	X	Y
1	0	0
2	3	1
3	2	2



$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 25 & 0 \\ 25 & 100 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$$

$h = 1$

first we compute the area of the triangle.

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2$$

the triangular shape junctions ρ_i can be expressed in coordinates x, y of the cartesian plane using

$$\begin{bmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \rho_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{bmatrix} 2A_{23} & y_{23} & x_{23} \\ 2A_{31} & y_{31} & x_{31} \\ 2A_{12} & y_{12} & x_{12} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$$

where $x_{jk} = x_j - x_k$ and $y_{jk} = y_j - y_k$ and A_{jk} is the area of the triangles $(0,0), (x_j, y_j), (x_k, y_k)$

(2) the strain element matrix B is

$$\bar{B} = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{23} & 0 & Y_{31} & 0 & Y_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & X_{32} & 0 & X_{13} & 0 & X_{21} \\ X_{32} & Y_{23} & X_{13} & Y_{31} & X_{21} & Y_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ -1 & -1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

with the element stiffness matrix being.

$$K^e = \int_{A^e} h \bar{B}^T \bar{E} \bar{B} dA$$

Since all the elements inside the integral are constant we can write

$$K^e = Ah \bar{B}^T \bar{E} \bar{B} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{bmatrix} 150 & 75 & -100 & -50 & -50 & -25 \\ . & 150 & 50 & 100 & -125 & -250 \\ . & . & 600 & -300 & -500 & 250 \\ . & . & . & 600 & 350 & -700 \\ Symm. & . & . & . & 550 & -225 \\ . & . & . & . & . & 950 \end{bmatrix}$$

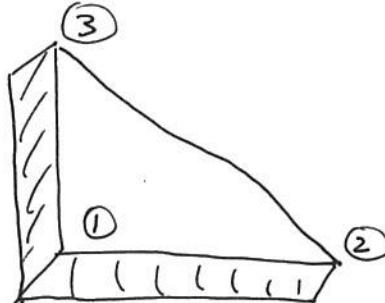
We can verify that $K_{11} = 18.75$ and $K_{66} = 118.75$.

We also notice that the sum of all elements is zero in the rows and columns of K^e (that is $\sum_{i=1}^6 k_{ij}^e$: for every j and $\sum_{j=1}^6 k_{ij}^e = 0$ for every i)

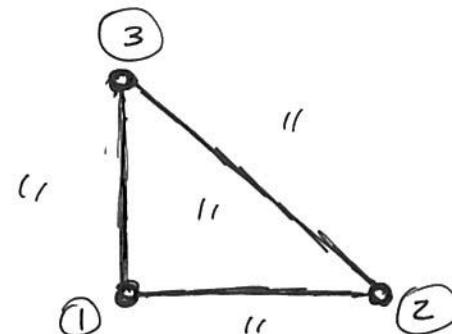
why? Assume $\bar{d} = [1, 1, 1 \dots 1]^T$ in $\bar{K}^e \bar{d} = \bar{f}^e$. This is displacement of all the element as a rigid body the net force must be zero (1st Newton's law) and therefore the rows of K_{ij} must add to zero the same applies to columns $K_{ij} = K_{ji}$ [$\bar{K} = \bar{K}^T$]

3.2

Two models



solid triangle



three truss bars.

- 2) the stiffness matrix for the solid triangle was calculated previously. here we just update the values for area $A = \frac{d^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} P & X & Y \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \quad \bar{D} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Elastic material matrix in plane stress}$$

$$\nu=0 \quad \bar{D} = \frac{E}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K^e = \int h \bar{B}^T \bar{D} \bar{B} dA = \frac{E}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & -1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \text{Sym...} & \dots & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & & \\ \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \end{bmatrix}$$

- the stiffness matrix for the three-truss element can be calculated by assembly, using compatibility & equilibrium, of the individual stiffness matrices using D.F.M.

the stiffness for each truss element is

$$K^e = \frac{E^e A^e}{L^e} \begin{bmatrix} c^2 & sc & -c^2 & -sc \\ sc & s^2 & -sc & -s^2 \\ -c^2 & -sc & c^2 & sc \\ -sc & -s^2 & sc & s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$s = \sin \varphi$
 $c = \cos \varphi$



Calculating K^e , $e = \{1, 2, 3\}$

and assembling we get

$$K = E \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & -A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -A & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -A & 0 & A+d & -d & -d & d \\ 0 & 0 & -d & A & d & -d \\ 0 & 0 & -d & d & A & -d \\ 0 & 0 & -d & -d & -d & A+d \end{bmatrix}$$

Symm.

where $d = 0.3535 A'$

- b) there is no set of values of cross-sectional areas of the three-truss element that will make the K matrix equivalent to the solid triangle's K . the latter has many non-zero elements that are zero on the former. there is no scalar multiplier that can make them equal except zero.

c) the two physical systems are very different: the three-truss element can only have compression-tension stress along the bars. the hinges prevent any shear stresses. the solid triangle does have shear stresses and more complex deformations.

d) the Poisson Ratio ν describes contraction or expansion perpendicular to the load for $\nu \neq 0$ the solid triangle stiffness matrix is

$$K^e = E \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1-\nu}{2} & \nu + \frac{1-\nu}{2} & -1 & -\frac{1-\nu}{2} & -\frac{1-\nu}{2} & -\nu \\ \vdots & 1 + \frac{1-\nu}{2} & -\nu & -\frac{1-\nu}{2} & -\frac{1-\nu}{2} & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \frac{1-\nu}{2} & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \\ \text{symm.} & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \frac{1-\nu}{2} & 0 \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Horizontal stresses result in vertical deformation and vice versa. the overall stiffness matrix changes depending on the Poisson Ratio.

the truss-bar triangle is not affected by ν as the deformation perpendicular to the axial load do not affect the other truss elements.