

FEM course – lecture 7

1. Element matrices in global coordinates
2. Displacement / pressure related elements for incompressible media

Repetition: General Solution of the Problem

Static solution of problem $\mathbf{KU} = \mathbf{R}$ (global coordinates)

Displacement ansatz $\mathbf{K} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} dV$

Integration over natural vol. $dV = \det \mathbf{J} dr ds dt$ (natural coordinates)

Connection between natural and global coordinates

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

e.g.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Accordingly

$$\mathbf{K} = \int_V \mathbf{F} dr ds dt \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} \det \mathbf{J}$$

Numerical integration

$$\mathbf{K} = \sum_{i,j,k} \alpha_{ijk} \mathbf{F}_{ijk}$$

where \mathbf{F}_{ijk} evaluation of \mathbf{F}
at point (r_i, s_j, t_k)

Repetition: General Solution of the Problem

How to get the strain-displacement matrix \mathbf{B} ?

→ basically from: $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{B}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$

where: $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T = [u_1 \ v_1 \ w_1 \ \dots \ u_N \ v_N \ w_N]$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^T = [\varepsilon_{xx} \ \varepsilon_{yy} \ \varepsilon_{zz} \ \gamma_{xy} \ \gamma_{xz} \ \gamma_{yz}]$$

$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \quad \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial z},$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{xz} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

→ Problem: u, v, w in natural coordinates!

with $u = h_i u_i, \quad v = h_i v_i, \quad w = h_i w_i$

Relation via $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$

where: $\mathbf{r}^T = [r \ s \ t]$
 $\mathbf{x}^T = [x \ y \ z]$

→ since we have $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ we get \mathbf{B}
(if \mathbf{J}^{-1} exists)

Integration of

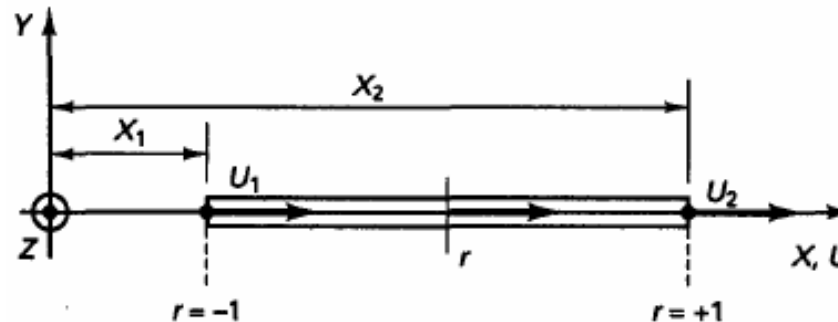
$$K = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} \det J \, dr \, ds \, dt$$

with $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{E}$

Natural vs. global coordinate system

- Example: Derivation of stiffness matrix \mathbf{K} for bar element

Bar element in global and natural coordinate system



Natural coordinates: $-1 \leq r \leq 1$

Interpolation functions: $h_1 = \frac{1}{2}(r-1)$, $h_2 = \frac{1}{2}(r+1)$

Displacement: $U = h_i U_i = \frac{1}{2}(r-1)U_1 + \frac{1}{2}(r+1)U_2$ (natural coordinates)

$X = \frac{1}{2}(r-1)X_1 + \frac{1}{2}(r+1)X_2$ (global coordinates)

Natural vs. global coordinate system

Element strains

$$\varepsilon = \frac{dU}{dX} = J^{-1} \frac{dU}{dr}$$

with

$$J = \frac{dX}{dr}$$

resulting

$$\epsilon = \frac{U_2 - U_1}{L}$$

since

$$\frac{dU}{dr} = \frac{U_2 - U_1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dX}{dr} = \frac{X_2 - X_1}{2} = \frac{L}{2}$$

Strain-displacement matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

from

$$\varepsilon = \mathbf{B} \hat{U}$$

$$\hat{U}^T = [U_1 \quad U_2]$$

Stiffness matrix of the bar element

$$\mathbf{K} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B} dV$$

Replacing B, C and dV
one gets after integration

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

having

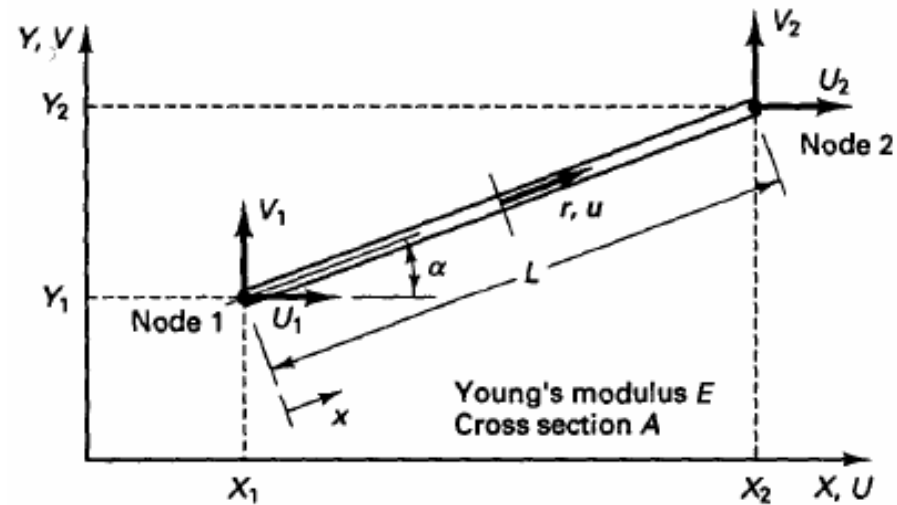
$$dV = \frac{AL}{2} dr$$

$$\mathbf{C} = E$$

Natural vs. global coordinate system

- Arbitrary position in X, Y - plane

Element in global coordinate system



Displacement:

$$u = [\cos \alpha \quad \sin \alpha] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(1-r)U_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+r)U_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(1-r)V_1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+r)V_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Natural vs. global coordinate system

with $\varepsilon = \frac{du}{dX} = J^{-1} \frac{du}{dr} = \frac{2}{L} \frac{du}{dr}$

and $\mathbf{U}^T = [U_1 \quad V_1 \quad U_2 \quad V_2]$

Strain-displacement matrix

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{L} [\cos \alpha \quad \sin \alpha \quad \cos \alpha \quad \sin \alpha] \begin{bmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & -1 & \text{zeros} & \\ & & 1 & \\ \text{zeros} & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Replacing B, C and dV one gets after integration

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha & -\cos^2 \alpha & -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha & -\sin \alpha \cos \alpha & -\sin^2 \alpha \\ -\cos^2 \alpha & -\cos \alpha \sin \alpha & \cos^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha \cos \alpha & -\sin^2 \alpha & \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & \sin^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

Natural vs. global coordinate system

- Take home messages:
 - Expression of displacements easier in natural coordinates (integration can be as well)
 - Connection between natural and global coordinates by

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

Displacement / pressure related elements for incompressible media

Problem: displacement-based finite elements not sufficiently effective
for analysis of (almost) incompressible media and plates, shells

Solution: mixed interpolation e.g. displacement and pressure

Principle of virtual work in terms of \mathbf{u} and p

$$\int_V \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}'^T \mathbf{S} dV - \int_V \bar{\epsilon}_v p dV = \mathcal{R}$$

Deviatoric stress

$$\mathbf{S} = \boldsymbol{\tau} + p \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

Deviatoric strain

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}' = \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{3} \epsilon_v \boldsymbol{\delta}$$

Volumetric strain

$$\epsilon_v = \epsilon_{kk} = \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$

(= $\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy} + \epsilon_{zz}$ in Cartesian coordinates)

Displacement / pressure related elements for incompressible media

For almost incompressible materials

$$\tau_{ij} = \kappa \epsilon_V \delta_{ij} + 2G \epsilon'_{ij} \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa = \frac{E}{3(1-2\nu)} \quad (\text{bulk modulus})$$

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \quad (\text{shear modulus})$$

$$\delta_{ij} \begin{cases} = 1; & i = j \\ = 0; & i \neq j \end{cases} \quad (\text{Kronecker delta})$$

for the pressure in the body holds $p = -\kappa \epsilon_V$

$$\tau_{ij} = -p \delta_{ij} + 2G \epsilon'_{ij} \quad p = -\frac{\tau_{kk}}{3}$$

(= $-\frac{\tau_{xx} + \tau_{yy} + \tau_{zz}}{3}$ in Cartesian coordinates)

For totally incompressible materials

$$\begin{aligned} \nu &\rightarrow 0.5, \\ \epsilon_V &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \int_V \epsilon_V \bar{p} \, dV = 0$$

Displacement / pressure related elements for incompressible media

Solution for almost incompressible conditions:

already known: $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$

allows

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}' = \mathbf{B}_D \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

determination of:

$$\epsilon_V = \mathbf{B}_V \hat{\mathbf{u}}$$

additional $p = \mathbf{H}_p \hat{\mathbf{p}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{uu} & \mathbf{K}_{up} \\ \mathbf{K}_{pu} & \mathbf{K}_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{uu} = \int_V \mathbf{B}_D^T \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{B}_D dV$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{up} = \mathbf{K}_{pu}^T = - \int_V \mathbf{B}_V^T \mathbf{H}_p dV$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{pp} = - \int_V \mathbf{H}_p^T \frac{1}{\kappa} \mathbf{H}_p dV$$

Solution for totally incompressible conditions:

$$\kappa \rightarrow \infty$$

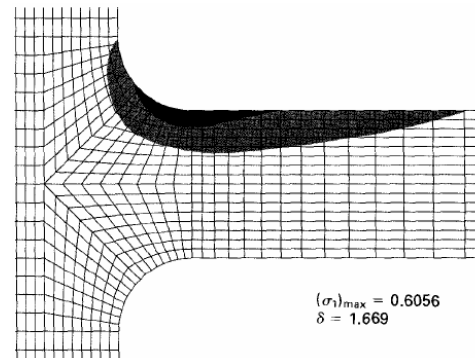
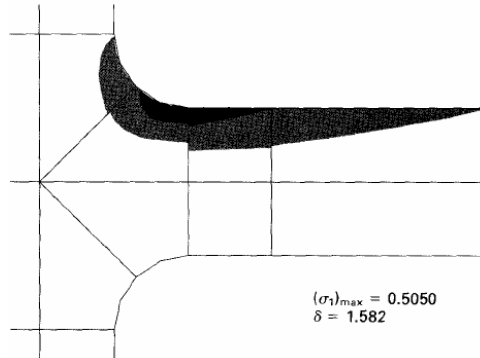
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{uu} & \mathbf{K}_{up} \\ \mathbf{K}_{pu} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

→ evaluation needs special considerations
because of “0” in main diagonal

Examples for almost incompressible conditions

- pure displacement-based FEM analysis

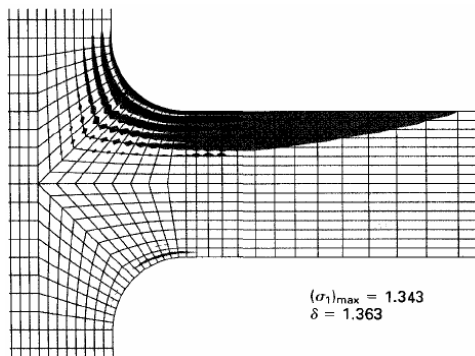
$\nu = 0.3$



→ possible for not too much incompressible media

→ requires very fine discretization

$\nu = 0.499$



→ fails for highly incompressible media

→ “locking” behavior

“Non-locking” behavior due to interpolation of p

Displacement/pressure formulation u/p

- u/p formulation:

pressure variables belong to the specific element only

continuity of pressure is not enforced between elements but results from fine mesh

- u/p-c formulation

element pressure is defined b nodal pressure variables

continuity of pressure between elements is directly enforced

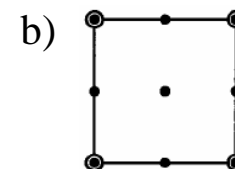
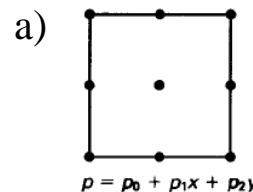
Typical pressure interpolations

- constant: $p = p_0$, (9/1 element)
- linear: $p = p_0 + p_1x + p_2y$, (9/3 element)
- bilinear: $p = p_0 + p_1x + p_2y + p_3xy$, (9/4 element)

Typical elements

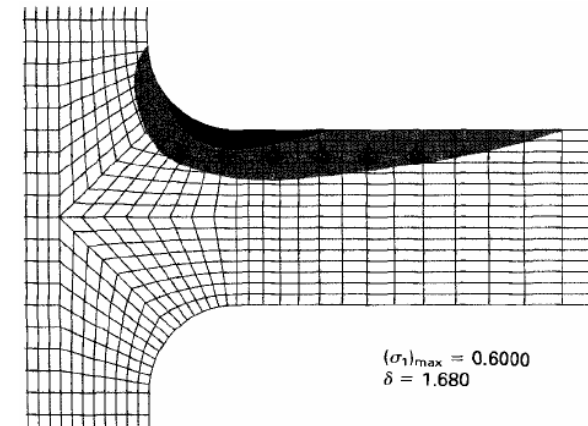
a) 9/3 element

b) 9/4-c element



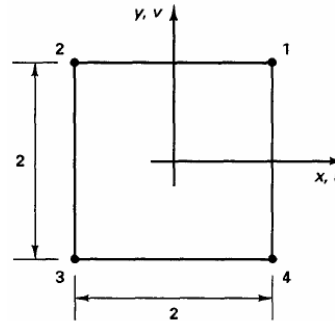
Example:

9/3 element, $\nu = 0.499$



- Example for almost incompressible case with u/p = 4/1 element

four-node strain plane element



we are looking for
$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{uu} & \mathbf{K}_{up} \\ \mathbf{K}_{pu} & \mathbf{K}_{pp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \\ \hat{\mathbf{p}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \implies \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}_{uu} - \mathbf{K}_{up} \mathbf{K}_{pp}^{-1} \mathbf{K}_{pu}$$

thus, we need \mathbf{B}_D and \mathbf{B}_V

we know $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}' = \mathbf{B}_D \hat{\mathbf{u}}$
 $\epsilon_V = \mathbf{B}_V \hat{\mathbf{u}}$

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}' = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} - \frac{1}{3}(\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}) \\ \epsilon_{yy} - \frac{1}{3}(\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}) \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ -\frac{1}{3}(\epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \end{bmatrix}; \quad \epsilon_V = \epsilon_{xx} + \epsilon_{yy}$$

- Example for almost incompressible case with $u/p = 4/1$ element

we get $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{H}\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ from

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}^T = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \quad u_4 \quad \vdots \quad v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3 \quad v_4]$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & h_4 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & h_1 & h_2 & h_3 & h_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_1 = \frac{1}{4}(1+x)(1+y); \quad h_2 = \frac{1}{4}(1-x)(1+y)$$

$$h_3 = \frac{1}{4}(1-x)(1-y); \quad h_4 = \frac{1}{4}(1+x)(1-y)$$

for assumption of const. pressure

we get $\mathbf{H}_p = [1]; \quad \hat{\mathbf{p}} = [p_0]$

strain-
displacement
matrices

$$\mathbf{B}_D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3}h_{1,x} & \frac{2}{3}h_{2,x} & \dots & \vdots & -\frac{1}{3}h_{1,y} & -\frac{1}{3}h_{2,y} & \dots \\ -\frac{1}{3}h_{1,x} & -\frac{1}{3}h_{2,x} & \dots & \vdots & \frac{2}{3}h_{1,y} & \frac{2}{3}h_{2,y} & \dots \\ h_{1,y} & h_{2,y} & \dots & \vdots & h_{1,x} & h_{2,x} & \dots \\ -\frac{1}{3}h_{1,x} & -\frac{1}{3}h_{2,x} & \dots & \vdots & -\frac{1}{3}h_{1,y} & -\frac{1}{3}h_{2,y} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_V = [h_{1,x} \quad h_{2,x} \quad \dots \quad \vdots \quad h_{1,y} \quad h_{2,y} \quad \dots]$$

material
matrix

$$\mathbf{C}' = \begin{bmatrix} 2G & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2G & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & G & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2G \end{bmatrix}; \quad G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$

Displacement / pressure related elements for incompressible media

- Take home messages:
 - for little compressible media ($\nu \rightarrow 0.5$) pure displacement interpolation is not sufficient to obtain correct stress distribution
 - among the displacement/pressure formulations, the 9/3 element is a good example (in 2D) for non-locking elements (has high order of convergence and no “over-interpolation” of p)