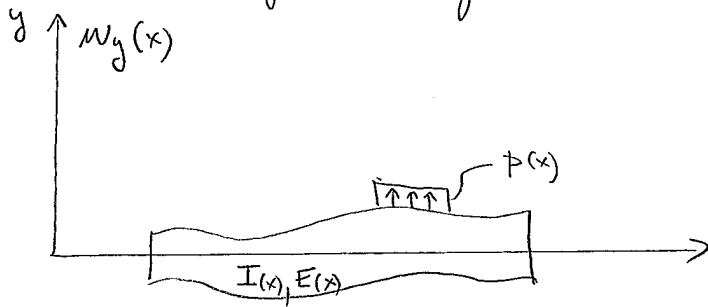


BEAMS

- loads do not act in the local x -direction, but perpendicular to it \Rightarrow unknown is the displacement in the perpendicular direction carried by bending



- linear elastic material $\Rightarrow \sigma_x(x,y) = E(x) \epsilon(x,y)$, where $\epsilon_x(x,y) = \frac{dw_x}{dx} - y \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 - M(x) &= \int_A y \sigma_x dA = E(x) \frac{dw_x}{dx} \underbrace{\int_A dA}_{S(x)=0} - E(x) \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} \underbrace{\int_A y^2 dA}_{I_y(x)} = \\
 &= \underline{-EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- from equilibrium of an infinitesimal beam slice we get:

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} \right) = p$$

Strong formulation

- given: distributed load $p(x)$
- displacements w_y
- rotations θ
- boundary moments \bar{m}
- boundary shear forces \bar{S}

governing equation: $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) - \bar{p} = 0$ in Ω

BCs: $w_y = \bar{w}_y$ on Γ_w ... prescribed deflection

$\frac{dw_y}{dx} = \bar{\theta}$ on Γ_θ ... rotation

$-EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} = \bar{m}$ on Γ_m ... end-moment

$-\frac{d}{dx} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) = \bar{s}$ on Γ_s ... end-shear force

Weak formulation

- energetically equivalent to the strong formulation
- by multiplication by an arbitrary function δw_y and integration over Ω we get:

$$\int_0^L \delta w_y \left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) - \bar{p} \right) dx = 0$$

- after per-partes integration of the first term we obtain:

$$\left[\delta w_y \frac{d}{dx} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) \right]_0^L - \int_0^L \frac{d\delta w_y}{dx} \frac{d}{dx} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) dx - \int_0^L \delta w_y \bar{p} dx = 0$$

- after 2nd per-partes integrations of the first term:

$$\left[\delta w_y \frac{d}{dx} (EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2}) \right]_0^L - \left[\frac{d\delta w_y}{dx} EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} \right]_0^L + \int_0^L \frac{d^2 \delta w_y}{dx^2} EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} dx - \int_0^L \delta w_y \bar{p} dx = 0$$

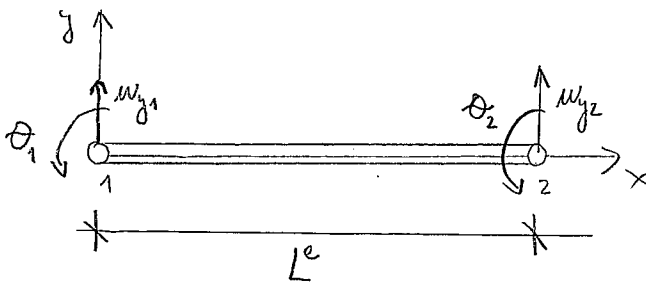
with $\delta w_y = 0$ on Γ_w and $\frac{d\delta w_y}{dx} = 0$ on Γ_θ

⇒ weak form: given $\bar{P}, \bar{s}, \bar{m}, \bar{w}_y, \bar{\theta}$; find $w_y(x)$ such that:

$$\underbrace{\int_0^L \frac{d^2 \delta w_y}{dx^2} EI \frac{d^2 w_y}{dx^2} dx}_{\text{internal energy}} = \underbrace{\int_0^L \delta w_y \bar{P} dx + \delta w_y \bar{s} \Big|_0^L - \frac{d \delta w_y}{dx} \bar{m} \Big|_0^L}_{\text{work of external forces}}$$

BCs: $w_y = \bar{w}_y$ at Γ_w
 $\frac{dw_y}{dx} = \bar{\theta}$ at Γ_θ

FEM approximation



nodal displacements:

$$\underline{d}^e = [w_{y1}, \theta_1, w_{y2}, \theta_2]^T$$

nodal forces (conjugate to displacements):

$$\underline{f}^e = [f_{y1}, m_1, f_{y2}, m_2]$$

- we need C^1 continuity (second derivatives in the weak formulation) → "Hermite polynomials" are used, derivatives of displacements can be seen as rotations
- the Hermite polynomials for an element of length L^e are given by:

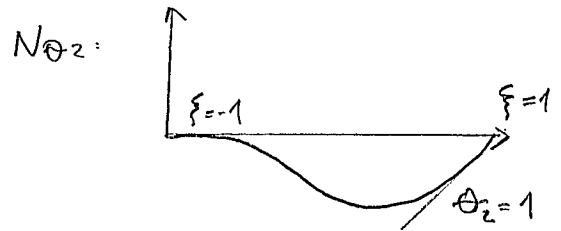
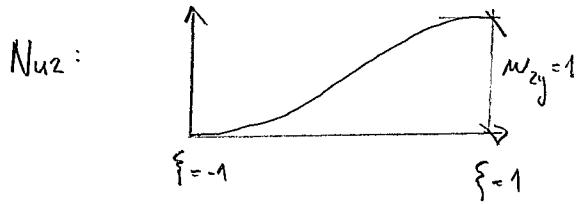
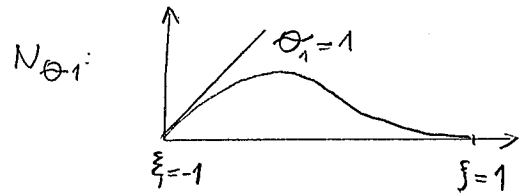
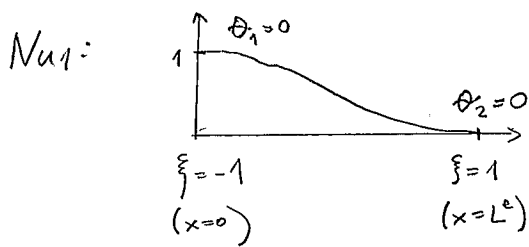
$$N_{u1} = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \xi)^2 (2 + \xi)$$

$$N_{\theta 1} = \frac{L^e}{8} (1 - \xi)^2 (1 + \xi)$$

$$N_{u2} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \xi)^2 (2 - \xi)$$

$$N_{\theta 2} = \frac{L^e}{8} (1 + \xi)^2 (\xi - 1)$$

where $\xi = \frac{2x}{L^e} - 1$, therefore $-1 \leq \xi \leq 1$



- the weight (\bar{w}_y) and trial solutions (w_y) are interpolated with the same weight functions:

$$w_y^e = \underline{N}^e \underline{d}^e, \quad \bar{w}_y^e = \underline{N}^e \underline{\bar{d}}^e$$

- to evaluate the domain integral in the weak form we need to evaluate $\frac{d^2 w_y^e}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 \underline{N}^e}{dx^2} \underline{d}^e$ for construction of the stiffness matrix

$$\frac{d^2 \underline{N}^e}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{L^e} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{6\xi}{L^e} & 3\xi - 1 & -\frac{6\xi}{L^e} & 3\xi + 1 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{B}^e$$

Discretization

- discrete equation $\underline{k} \underline{d} = \underline{f} + \underline{r}$
- the element matrices:

a) stiffness matrix: $\underline{K}^e = \int_{\Omega^e} (\underline{B}^e)^T EI \underline{B}^e dx$

- if the flexural stiffness EI is constant over the element, the element stiffness matrix is given by:

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

b) external force matrix:

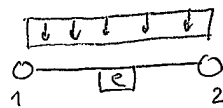
$$\underline{f}^e = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega^e} (\underline{N}^e)^T \bar{p} dx}_{\underline{f}_{-r}^e} + \underbrace{\left[(\underline{N}^e)^T \bar{s} \right]_{\Gamma_s} + \left[\frac{d(\underline{N}^e)^T}{dx} \bar{m} \right]_{\Gamma_m}}_{\underline{f}_{-T}^e}$$

prescribed shear force at the boundary

\underline{f}_{-T}^e ... element boundary force matrix

\underline{f}_{-r}^e ... element body force matrix

- for a constant load

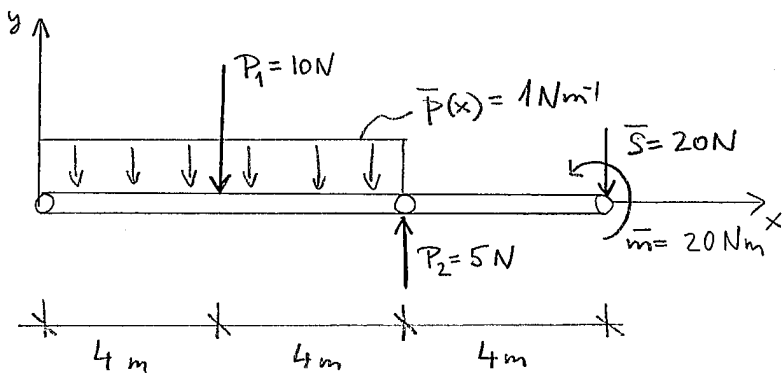


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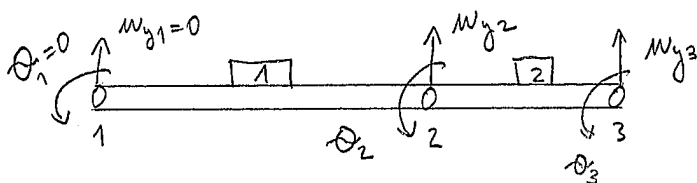
nodal forces can be calculated as

$$\underline{f}_{-r}^e = \int_{\Omega^e} (\underline{N}^e)^T \bar{p} dx = \int_0^{L^e} \begin{bmatrix} N_{u1} \\ N_{\theta 1} \\ N_{u2} \\ N_{\theta 2} \end{bmatrix} \bar{p} dx = \frac{\bar{p} L^e}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ L^e/6 \\ 1 \\ -L^e/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

EXAMPLE 1



$EI = 10^4 \text{ Nm}^2$



global displacement matrix:

$$\underline{d} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{y1} = 0 \\ \theta_1 = 0 \\ w_{y2} \\ \theta_2 \\ w_{y3} \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{each node has 2 DOFs}$$

essential BC: $E = [1, 2]$

free DOFs: $F = [3, 4, 5, 6]$

- element stiffness matrices are

$$\underline{k}^{(1)} = \frac{EI}{(L^{(1)})^3} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L^{(1)} & -12 & 6L^{(1)} \\ 6L^{(1)} & 4(L^{(1)})^2 & -6L^{(1)} & 2(L^{(1)})^2 \\ -12 & -6L^{(1)} & 12 & -6L^{(1)} \\ 6L^{(1)} & 2(L^{(1)})^2 & -6L^{(1)} & 4(L^{(1)})^2 \end{bmatrix} = 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.23 & 0.94 & -0.23 & 0.94 \\ 0.94 & 5.0 & -0.94 & 2.5 \\ -0.23 & -0.94 & 0.23 & -0.94 \\ 0.94 & 2.5 & -0.94 & 5.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{k}^{(2)} = 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1.88 & 3.75 & -1.88 & 3.75 \\ 3.75 & 10.0 & -3.75 & 5.0 \\ -1.88 & -3.75 & 1.88 & -3.75 \\ 3.75 & 5.0 & -3.75 & 10.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- the global stiffness can be directly assembled as:

$$\underline{k} = 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.23 & 0.94 & -0.23 & 0.94 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.94 & 5.0 & -0.94 & 2.5 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.23 & -0.94 & 2.11 & 2.81 & -1.88 & 3.75 \\ 0.94 & 2.5 & 2.81 & 15.0 & -3.75 & 5.0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1.88 & -3.75 & 1.88 & -3.75 \\ 0 & 0 & 3.75 & 5.0 & -3.75 & 10.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- boundary force matrix: $\underline{f}_T^e = \left[(N^e)^T \underline{s} \right]_{T_s} + \left[\frac{dN^e}{dx} \underline{m} \right]_{T_m}$

$$\underline{f}_T^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}_T^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{m} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \underline{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -20 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

no load on the boundary of the 1st element

$$\Rightarrow \text{by direct assembly } \underline{f}_T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -20 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

- body force (distributed load) matrix: $\underline{f}_{r2}^e = \int_{r^e} (\underline{N}^e)^T \underline{P} dx$

- it must also include the concentrated force P_1 (it is not in a node), which has to be distributed to nodes using shape functions (of $\xi \in (-1, 1)$):

$$\underline{f}_{r2}^e = (\underline{N}^e)^T (\xi_A) P_A$$

point of force action

element 1:

$$\underline{f}_{r2P}^{(1)} = \int_0^{L^{(1)}} \begin{bmatrix} N_{u1} \\ N_{\theta 1} \\ N_{u2} \\ N_{\theta 2} \end{bmatrix} P dx = \frac{P L^{(1)}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ L^{(1)}/6 \\ 1 \\ -L^{(1)}/6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -5,33 \\ -4 \\ 5,33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}_{r2P_1}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{u1} \\ N_{\theta 1} \\ N_{u2} \\ N_{\theta 2} \end{bmatrix}_{\xi=0} P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -10 \\ -5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \underline{f}_{r2}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -15,33 \\ -9 \\ 15,33 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \end{matrix}$$

element 2: the force $P_2 = 5N$ acts in the first node, no need to distribute it by the shape functions ($\xi = -1$):

$$\underline{f}_{r2}^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} N_{u1} \\ N_{\theta 1} \\ N_{u2} \\ N_{\theta 2} \end{bmatrix}_{\xi=-1} P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$$

from definition only $N_{u1} = 1$ at $\xi = -1$

by the direct assembly: $\underline{f}_{r2} = \begin{bmatrix} -9 \\ -15,3 \\ -4 \\ 15,3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{matrix}$

- solution of the system is then:

$$\underline{d}(F) = \underline{K}_{(F,F)}^{-1} \underline{f}(F) - \underline{K}_{(F,E)}^{-1} \underline{d}(E) = \begin{pmatrix} 2.11 & 2.81 & -1.88 & 3.75 \\ 2.81 & 15.0 & -3.75 & 5.0 \\ -1.88 & 3.75 & 1.88 & -3.75 \\ 3.75 & 5.0 & -3.75 & 10.0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot 10^3 \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 15.3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -0.55 \\ -0.11 \\ -1.03 \\ -0.12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_{y2} \\ \theta_2 \\ M_{y3} \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}(E) = \begin{bmatrix} R_{y1} - 9 \\ R_{\theta 1} - 15.3 \end{bmatrix} = \underline{K}_{(E,E)}^{-1} \underline{d}(E) + \underline{K}_{(E,F)} \underline{d}(F) = 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} -0.23 & 0.94 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.94 & 2.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -0.55 \\ -0.11 \\ -1.03 \\ -0.12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{y1} = 33 \text{ N}$$

$$R_{\theta 1} = 252 \text{ Nm}$$

- post processing: moments and shear forces in elements

$$\bullet m^{(1)} = EI \frac{d^2 w^{(1)}}{dx^2} = EI \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^2 N_{u1}}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_{\theta 1}}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_{u2}}{dx^2} & \frac{d^2 N_{\theta 2}}{dx^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_{y2} \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = -240,64 + 25,785x \quad [\text{Nm}]$$

$$\bullet m^{(2)} = EI \frac{d^2 N}{dx^2} \underline{d}^{(2)} = -104,5 + 39,75x \quad [\text{Nm}]$$

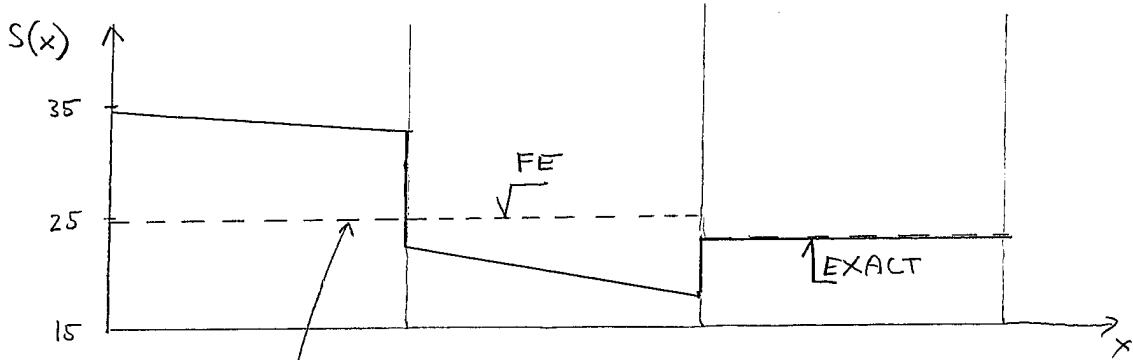
$$\bullet s^{(1)} = -EI \frac{d^3 w^{(1)}}{dx^3} = -EI \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d^3 N_{u1}}{dx^3} & \frac{d^3 N_{\theta 1}}{dx^3} & \frac{d^3 N_{u2}}{dx^3} & \frac{d^3 N_{\theta 2}}{dx^3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ M_{y2} \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = -25,785 \text{ N}$$

$$\bullet s^{(2)} = -EI \frac{d^3 N}{dx^3} \underline{d}^{(2)} = -39,75 \text{ N}$$

Comparison of analytical and FE solution

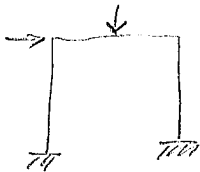
- displacements practically identical
- moments in a good agreement

• shear forces:



not good \rightarrow node should have been placed at the concentrated force point of action

• note: in frames we have 6 DOFs per element

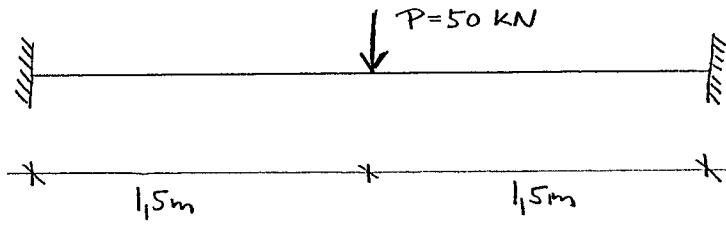


$$\underline{d}^e = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1x} \\ w_{1y} \\ \theta_1 \\ w_{2x} \\ w_{2y} \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

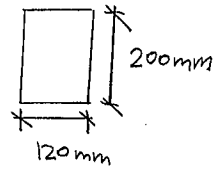
\rightarrow the transformation into local coordinates is done as in the Direct Stiffness Method

$$\underline{d}^e = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underline{d}^e$$

HOMWORK 4



- midpoint deflection ?



$$E = 200 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Pa}$$