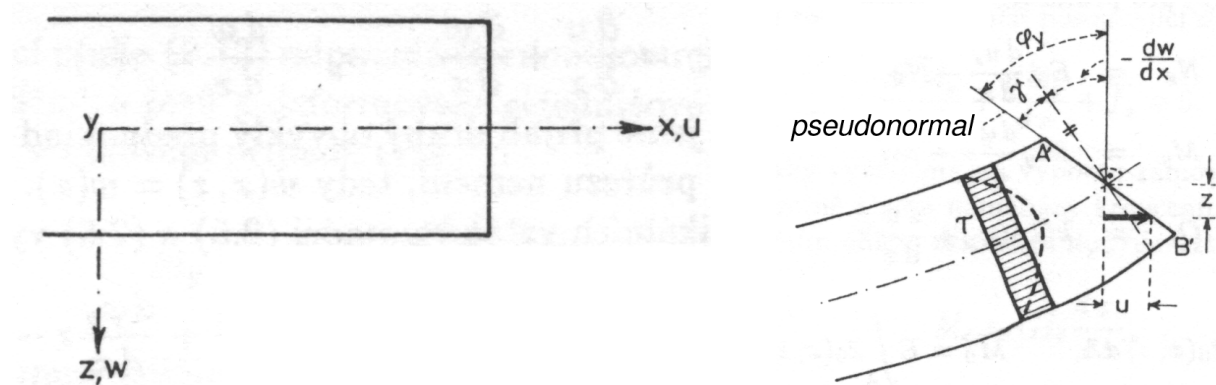


1 Bending of beams – Mindlin theory



Cross-section kinematics assumptions

- Distributed load acts in the xz plane, which is also a plane of symmetry of a body $\Omega \Rightarrow v(\underline{x}) = 0$ m
- Vertical displacement does not vary along the height of the beam (when compared to the value of the displacement) $\Rightarrow w(\underline{x}) = w(x)$.
- The cross sections remain planar but *not necessarily perpendicular* to the deformed beam axis $\Rightarrow u(\underline{x}) = u(x, z) = \varphi_y(x)z$

- These hypotheses were independently proposed by Timoshenko [6], Reissner [5] and Mindlin [4].



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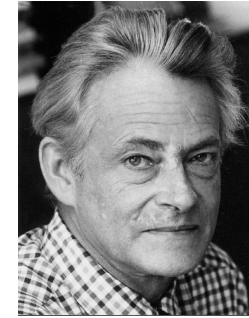
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2 Strain-displacement equations

Cross-section kinematics assumptions imply that only non-zero strain components are

$$\varepsilon_x(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial u(\underline{x})}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\varphi_y(x)z) = \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} z = \kappa_y(x)z$$

$$\gamma_{zx}(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial w(\underline{x})}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u(\underline{x})}{\partial z} = \frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\varphi_y(x)z) = \frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x),$$

when κ_y denotes the *pseudo-curvature* of the deformed beam centerline.

| | <i>Bernoulli-Navier</i> [7, kap. II.2] | <i>Mindlin</i> |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| Valid for | $h/L < 1/10$ | $h/L < 1/3$ |
| Cross-section | planar, perpendicular | planar |
| γ_{zx} | 0 | $\neq 0$ (shear effects) |
| Unknowns | $w(x)$ | $w(x), \varphi_y(x)$ |
| | $\varphi_y(x) = -\frac{dw(x)}{dx}$ | <i>independent</i> |

3 Stress-strain relations

- For simplicity, we will assume $\underline{\varepsilon}^0 = \underline{0}$

$$\sigma_x(x, z) = E(x)\varepsilon_x(x, z) = E(x)\kappa_y(x)z$$

$$\tau_{zx}(x) = G(x)\gamma_{zx}(x) = G(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right)$$

- Non-zero internal forces:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_y(x) &= \int_{A(x)} \sigma_x(x, z) z \, dy \, dz = E(x) \kappa_y(x) \int_{A(x)} z^2 \, dy \, dz \\
 &= E(x) I_y(x) \kappa_y(x) = E(x) I_y(x) \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_z^c(x) &= \int_{A(x)} \tau_{zx}(x) \, dy \, dz = G(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) \int_{A(x)} dy \, dz \\
 &= G(x) A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Distribution of shear stresses τ_{zx} for a rectangular cross-section

| | <i>Bernoulli-Navier</i> | <i>Mindlin</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Constitutive eqs: $\tau = G\gamma$ | 0 | constant |
| Equilibrium eqs | quadratic | ? |
| | [7, kap. II.2.5] | |

- Therefore, we modify the shear force relation in order to take into

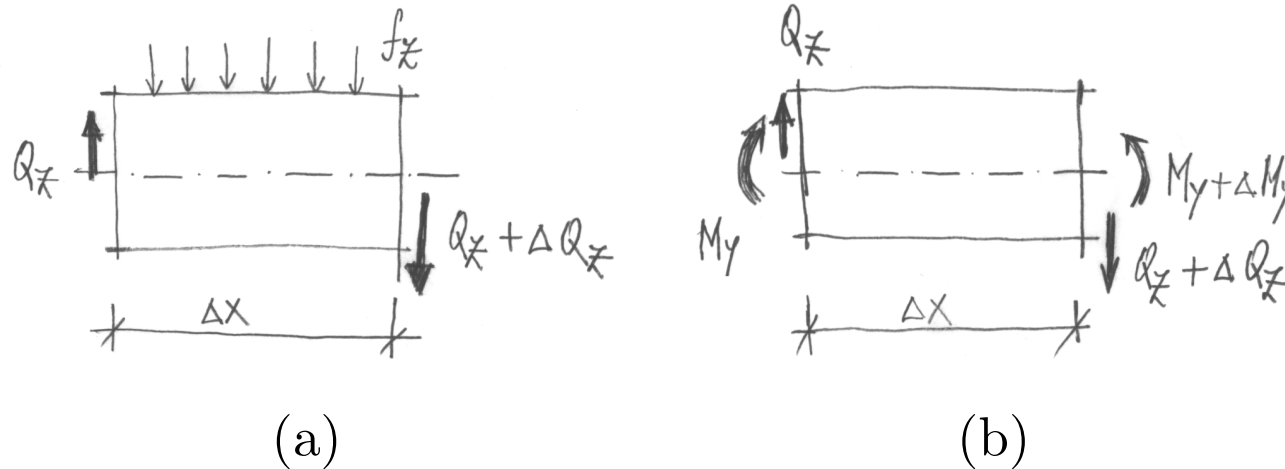
account equilibrium equations, at least in the sense of average work of shear components

$$Q_z(x) = k(x)Q_z^c(x) = k(x)G(x)A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) \quad (2)$$

- The multiplier $k(x)$ depends on a shape of a cross-section, for a rectangular cross-section, $k = 5/6$.

Homework 1. Derive the relation for the constant k for a general cross-section: $k = I_y^2 / (A \int_A \frac{S_y^2(z)}{b^2(z)} dA)$.

4 Equilibrium equations



- Equilibrium equation of vertical forces (a)

$$\frac{dQ_z(x)}{dx} + \bar{f}_z(x) = 0 \quad (3)$$

- Equilibrium equation of moments (b)

$$\frac{dM_y(x)}{dx} - Q_z(x) = 0 \quad (4)$$

- For a detailed derivation see Lecture 1, Homework 1.

5 Governing equations

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(k(x)G(x)A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) \right) + \bar{f}_z(x) = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(E(x)I_y(x) \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} \right) - k(x)G(x)A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) = 0 \quad (6)$$

5.1 Kinematic boundary conditions: $x \in I_u$

Pinned end: $w = 0$



Clamped end: $w = 0, \varphi_y = 0$



5.2 Static boundary conditions: $x \in I_p$

$$Q_z(x) = \bar{Q}_z(x), \quad M_y(x) = \bar{M}_y(x).$$

6 Weak solution

- For notational simplicity, we will use relations (3)–(4) instead of (5)–(6).
- We will “weight” Eq. (3) by term $\delta w(x)$, Eq. (4) by $\delta\varphi_y(x)$ and integrate them on I . This leads to conditions

$$0 = \int_I \delta w(x) \left(\frac{dQ_z(x)}{dx} + \bar{f}_z(x) \right) dx,$$

$$0 = \int_I \delta\varphi_y(x) \left(\frac{dM_y(x)}{dx} - Q_z(x) \right) dx,$$

which are to be satisfied for all $\delta w(x)$ and $\delta\varphi_y(x)$ compatible with the kinematic boundary conditions.

- By parts integration

$$0 = [\delta w(x) Q_z(x)]_a^b - \int_I \frac{d(\delta w(x))}{dx} Q_z(x) dx + \int_I \delta w(x) \bar{f}_z(x) dx$$

$$0 = [\delta \varphi_y(x) M_y(x)]_a^b - \int_I \frac{d(\delta \varphi_y(x))}{dx} M_y(x) dx - \int_I \delta \varphi_y(x) Q_z(x) dx$$

- Enforcement of boundary conditions

$$0 = [\delta w(x) \overline{Q_z(x)}]_{I_p} - \int_I \frac{d(\delta w(x))}{dx} Q_z(x) dx + \int_I \delta w(x) \bar{f}_z(x) dx$$

$$0 = [\delta \varphi_y(x) \overline{M_y(x)}]_{I_p} - \int_I \frac{d(\delta \varphi_y(x))}{dx} M_y(x) dx - \int_I \delta \varphi_y(x) Q_z(x) dx$$

- The weak of equilibrium equations (we insert (1) for M_y and (2) for Q_z)

$$\int_I \frac{d(\delta w(x))}{dx} k(x) G(x) A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) dx =$$

$$[\delta w(x) \overline{Q_z}(x)]_{I_p} + \int_I \delta w(x) \overline{f_z}(x) dx \quad (7)$$

$$\int_I \frac{d(\delta \varphi_y(x))}{dx} E(x) I_y(x) \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} dx + \quad (8)$$

$$\int_I \delta \varphi_y(x) k(x) G(x) A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) dx = [\delta \varphi_y(x) \overline{M_y}(x)]_{I_p}$$

7 FEM discretization

- We replace a continuous structure with n nodal points and $(n - 1)$ (finite) elements.
- In every nodal point we introduce two *independent* quantities – a deflection w_i and a rotation φ_{y_i} of the i -th nodal point.
- On the level of whole structure, we collect the unknowns into vectors of deflections \underline{r}_w and rotations \underline{r}_φ .
- Discretization of unknown quantities and their derivatives

$$w(x) \approx \underline{N}_w(x) \underline{r}_w, \quad \frac{dw(x)}{dx} \approx \underline{B}_w(x) \underline{r}_w,$$

$$\varphi_y(x) \approx \underline{N}_\varphi(x) \underline{r}_\varphi, \quad \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} \approx \underline{B}_\varphi(x) \underline{r}_\varphi.$$

- Discretization of weight functions

$$\begin{aligned} \delta w(x) &\approx \underline{N_w}(x) \underline{\delta r_w} & \frac{d(\delta w(x))}{dx} &\approx \underline{B_w}(x) \underline{\delta r_w} \\ \delta \varphi_y(x) &\approx \underline{N_\varphi}(x) \underline{\delta r_\varphi} & \frac{d(\delta \varphi_y(x))}{dx} &\approx \underline{B_\varphi}(x) \underline{\delta r_\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

- The linear system of discretized equilibrium equations

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{K_{ww}}} \underline{r_w} + \underline{\underline{K_{w\varphi}}} \underline{r_\varphi} &= \underline{R_w} \\ \underline{\underline{K_{\varphi w}}} \underline{r_w} + \underline{\underline{K_{\varphi\varphi}}} \underline{r_\varphi} &= \underline{R_\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

- Compact notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{K_{ww}}} & \underline{\underline{K_{w\varphi}}} \\ \underline{\underline{K_{\varphi w}}} & \underline{\underline{K_{\varphi\varphi}}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{r_w} \\ \underline{r_\varphi} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{R_w} \\ \underline{R_\varphi} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{K}}_{(2n \times 2n)} \underline{r}_{(2n \times 1)} = \underline{R}_{(2n \times 1)}$$

- $\underline{\underline{K_{\varphi w}}} = \underline{\underline{K_{w\varphi}}}^\top \Rightarrow$ the stiffness matrix $\underline{\underline{K}}$ is symmetric thanks to appearance of the terms $\int_I (\delta w(x))' kGA(x) \varphi_y(x) dx$ in (7) and $\int \delta \varphi_y(x) kGA(x) w'(x) dx$ in (8).

Homework 2. Derive explicit relations for matrices $\underline{\underline{K_{ww}}}$, $\underline{\underline{K_{w\varphi}}}$, $\underline{\underline{K_{\varphi w}}}$, $\underline{\underline{K_{\varphi\varphi}}}$ and vectors $\underline{R_w}$, $\underline{R_\varphi}$.

8 Shear locking

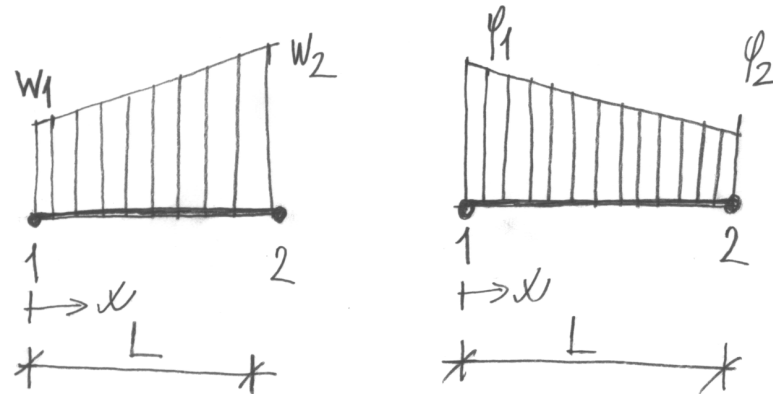
- For $h/L \rightarrow 0$, the response of a Mindlin theory-based element should approach the classical slender beam (negligible shear effects).
- If the basis functions $\underline{N_w}$ a $\underline{N_\varphi}$ are chosen as piecewise *linear*, resulting response is too “stiff” \rightarrow excessive influence of shear terms, sc. *shear locking*.

8.1 Statics-based analysis

- Shear force: $Q_z(x) = k(x)G(x)A(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right)$ – linear
- Bending moment: $M_y(x) = E(x)I_y(x) \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx}$ – constant
- Severe violation of the Schwedler relation

$$\frac{dM_y(x)}{dx} - Q_z(x) = 0$$

8.2 Kinematics-based explanation



- The approximate solution must be able to correctly reproduce the *pure bending* mode, see [3, Section 3.1]):

$$\kappa_y(x) = \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} = \kappa = \text{const} \quad \gamma_{zx}(x) = \frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) = 0$$

- For the given discretization

$$\begin{aligned} w(x) &\approx w_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + w_2 \frac{x}{L} & \frac{dw(x)}{dx} &\approx \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) \\ \varphi_y(x) &\approx \varphi_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + \varphi_2 \frac{x}{L} & \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} &\approx \frac{1}{L}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) \end{aligned}$$

- The requirement of zero shear strain leads to

$$\gamma_{zx}(x) \approx \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) + \varphi_1 + \frac{x}{L}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) = 0.$$

- Therefore, the previous relation must be *independent* of the x coordinate \Rightarrow

$$\varphi_2 - \varphi_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \kappa_y \approx \frac{1}{L}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) = 0 \neq \kappa$$

9 Selective integration

- The shear strain is assumed to be constant on a given interval, its value is derived from the value in the center of an interval

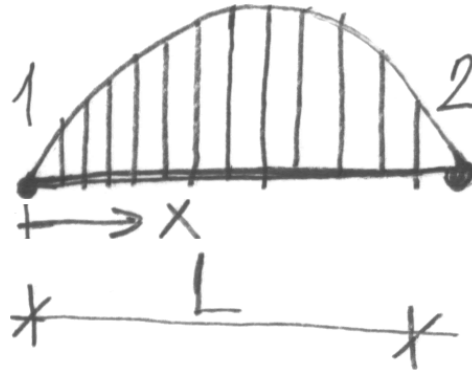
$$\gamma_{zx}(x) \approx \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) + \varphi_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) = \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) + \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$$

- Kinematics: the element behaves correctly, it enables to describe the pure bending mode.
- Statics: $Q_z(x) = k(x)G(x)A(x)\gamma_{xz}(x) - \text{constant}$, $M_y - \text{constant} \leftarrow$ the Schwedler condition is not “severely violated”.

10 Bubble (hierarchical) function

- It follows from analysis of the kinematics that the shear locking is caused by insufficient degree of polynomial approximation of the dis-

placement $w(x)$.



- Therefore, we add a quadratic term to approximation of $w(x)$:

$$w(x) \approx w_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + w_2 \frac{x}{L} + \alpha x(x - L)$$

- Pure bending mode requirement

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{zx}(x) &= \frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) + \alpha(2x - L) + \varphi_1 + \frac{x}{L}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{L}(w_2 - w_1) - \alpha L + \varphi_1 + \frac{x}{L}(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1 + 2\alpha L) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Requirement of independence of coordinate $x \Rightarrow$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2L} (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$$

- Final approximations

$$w(x) \approx w_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + w_2 \frac{x}{L} + \frac{1}{2L} (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) x(x - L)$$

$$\varphi_y(x) \approx \varphi_1 \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right) + \varphi_2 \frac{x}{L}$$

- From the “static” point of view the element behaves similarly to previous formulation – Q_z is constant, M_y is constant.
- Approximation of the w displacement not based not only on the values of deflections nodal, but also on the values of nodal rotations [2] – sc. *linked interpolation*.

11 Method of Lagrange multipliers

- Recall the weak form of the bending moment equilibrium equations (8) for a beam with $\overline{M}_y = 0$, constant values of E , G and a rectangular cross-section.

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= EI_y \int_I \frac{d(\delta\varphi_y(x))}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} dx + kGA \int_I \delta\varphi_y(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) dx \\
 &= E \frac{bh^3}{12} \int_I \frac{d(\delta\varphi_y(x))}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} dx \\
 &+ \frac{5}{6} \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} bh \int_I \delta\varphi_y(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) dx \bigg/ \frac{12}{Ebh^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_I \frac{d(\delta\varphi_y(x))}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} dx + \frac{5}{1+\nu} \frac{1}{h^2} \int_I \delta\varphi_y(x) \left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x) \right) dx = 0$$

- The condition of zero shear strain for $h \rightarrow 0$ is imposed via the *sc. penalty term*.

- For slender beams and linear-linear approximation this leads to the shear locking as

$$\overbrace{\frac{1}{h^2}}^{\rightarrow\infty} \int_I \overbrace{\delta\varphi_y(x)}^{\text{arbitrary}} \overbrace{\left(\frac{dw(x)}{dx} + \varphi_y(x)\right)}^{\rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } x \in I} dx = 0.$$

- If we introduce a *new independent* variable for imposing the condition $\gamma_{xz} = 0$ for $h \rightarrow 0$, we suppress influence of the choice of approximation of unknowns $w(x)$ a $\varphi_y(x)$.
- Therefore, we have to add an additional condition to weak equilibrium equations (7)–(8)

$$\int_I \delta\lambda(x) \left(\gamma_{zx}(x) - \frac{dw(x)}{dx} - \varphi_y(x) \right) dx = 0, \quad (9)$$

where $\gamma(x)$ is now a new variable *independent* of w and φ_y and $\delta\lambda(x)$ is the corresponding weight function.

- Constitutive equations for the shear force Q_z now simplify as

$$Q_z(x) = k(x)G(x)A(x)\gamma_{xz}(x) .$$

- Weak form of equilibrium of equations can now be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_I \frac{d(\delta w(x))}{dx} k(x)G(x)A(x)\gamma_{zx}(x) dx - [\delta w(x)\overline{Q}_z(x)]_{I_p} \\ &\quad - \int_I \delta w(x)\overline{f}_z(x) dx \\ 0 &= \int_I \frac{d(\delta\varphi_y(x))}{dx} E(x)I_y(x) \frac{d\varphi_y(x)}{dx} dx \\ &\quad + \int_I \delta\varphi_y(x)k(x)G(x)A(x)\gamma_{zx}(x) dx - [\delta\varphi_y(x)\overline{M}_y(x)]_{I_p} \\ 0 &= \int_I \delta\lambda(x) \left(\gamma_{zx}(x) - \frac{dw(x)}{dx} - \varphi_y(x) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

- Observe that is we choose the weight function in the specific form

$$\delta\lambda(x) = k(x)G(x)A(x)\delta\gamma_{xz}(x) ,$$

we will finally obtain a symmetric stiffness matrix $\underline{\underline{K}}$.

- The last equation now can be modified as

$$0 = \int_I \delta \gamma_{xz}(x) k(x) G(x) A(x) \left(\gamma_{zx}(x) - \frac{dw(x)}{dx} - \varphi_y(x) \right) dx.$$

- The additional variable γ_{xz} needs to be discretized

$$\gamma_{xz}(x) \approx \underline{N}_\gamma(x) \underline{r}_\gamma$$

and inserted into the weak form of equilibrium equations. This yields, after standard manipulations, the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\underline{K}}_{ww} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{w\varphi} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{w\gamma} \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_{\varphi w} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{\varphi\varphi} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{\varphi\gamma} \\ \underline{\underline{K}}_{\gamma w} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{\gamma\varphi} & \underline{\underline{K}}_{\gamma\gamma} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{r}_w \\ \underline{r}_\varphi \\ \underline{r}_\gamma \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{R}_w \\ \underline{R}_\varphi \\ \underline{0} \end{Bmatrix}$$

- The stiffness matrix, resulting from this discretization, is larger only virtually. It can be observed that parameters \underline{r}_γ only internal and can

be eliminated (expressed via variables \underline{r}_w and \underline{r}_φ); see, e.g. [1, pp. 234–235] for more details.

- This formulation works even for piecewise linear approximation of w and φ_y ; it suffices to approximate γ as a piecewise constant on an element.
- Kinematics: shear locking avoided due to (9).
- Statics: the shear force Q_z is again (piecewise) constant, so is the bending moment M_y .

Homework 3*. Derive the element stiffness matrix based on Lagrange multipliers. Assume the linear approximation of deflections $w(x)$, linear approximation of rotations $\varphi_y(x)$ and constant values of γ_{xz} on a given elements. Show that this procedure yields results identical to the reduced integration and linked interpolation.

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A humble plea. Please feel free to e-mail any suggestions, errors and typos to `zemanj@cml.fsv.cvut.cz`.

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