Mindlin theory



- Assumptions:
 Constant deflection (vertical displacement) does not vary along the height of the beam
 The cross sections remain planar but not necessarily perpendicular to the deformed beam axis
- Kinematics of the cross-section (plane xz): •

$$u(x,z)=u_s(x)+arphi_y(x)z$$

v = 0

$$w(x,z)=w(x)$$

Non-zero strain components:

$$egin{aligned} arepsilon_x &= rac{\partial u}{\partial x} = rac{\partial u_s}{\partial x} + rac{\partial arphi_y}{\partial x} z = arepsilon_s + \kappa_y z \ \gamma_{zx} &= rac{\partial w}{\partial x} + rac{\partial u}{\partial z} = rac{\partial w}{\partial x} + arphi_y \end{aligned}$$

Governing differential equations:

$$egin{aligned} &rac{d}{dx}igg(EArac{du_s}{dx}igg)+f_x=0\ &rac{d}{dx}igg(kGA\left(rac{dw}{dx}+arphi_yigg)
ight)+f_z=0\ &rac{d}{dx}igg(EI_yrac{darphi_y}{dx}igg)-kGA\left(rac{dw}{dx}+arphi_yigg)=0 \end{aligned}$$

- Boundary conditions: •
 - Kinematic b.c. •
 - (prescribed: $u_s, w, arphi_y)$ $ig(N(x) = ar{N}(x), V(x) = ar{V}(x), M(x) = ar{M}(x)ig)$ Static b.c. •

Discretized problem

$$egin{bmatrix} m{K}^e_{m{u}m{u}} & 0 & 0 \ 0 & m{K}^e_{m{w}m{w}} & m{K}^e_{m{w}arphi} \ 0 & m{K}^e_{m{\varphi}m{w}} & m{K}^e_{m{\varphi}arphi} \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} r^e_u \ r^e_arphi \ r^e_arphi \end{pmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} R^e_u \ R^e_w \ R^e_arphi \ R^e_arphi \end{pmatrix}$$

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Linear approximation function

• Matrix of approximation functions:

$$oldsymbol{N}^e = \left[rac{l^e-x}{l^e},rac{x}{l^e}
ight]$$

• Kinematic matrix (derivatives of approximation functions):

$$oldsymbol{B}^e = \left[rac{-1}{l^e}, rac{1}{l^e}
ight]$$

• Sub-matrices of the stiffness matrix:

$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{u}\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{e}} &= \frac{EA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{w}\boldsymbol{w}}^{\boldsymbol{e}} &= \frac{kGA}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{w}\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^{\boldsymbol{e}} &= \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}\boldsymbol{w}}^{\boldsymbol{e}} = kGA \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{K}_{\boldsymbol{\varphi}\boldsymbol{\varphi}}^{\boldsymbol{e}} &= \frac{EI}{l} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + kGA \begin{bmatrix} l/3 & l/6 \\ l/6 & l/3 \end{bmatrix} \end{split}$$

Example 1





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function Ke = beam2d_stiffness(xz, EA, kGA, EI)
l = sqrt((xz(3) - xz(1))^2 + (xz(4) - xz(2))^2)
Kuu = EA/l*[1 -1; -1 1];
Kww = kGA/l*[1 -1; -1 1];
Kwf = kGA*[-1/2 -1/2; 1/2 1/2];
Kff = EI/l*[1 -1; -1 1] + kGA*[1/3 1/6; 1/6 1/3];
% Kff = EI/l*[1 -1; -1 1] + kGA*[1/4 1/4; 1/4 1/4];
0 = zeros(2);
Ke = [Kuu 0 0; 0 Kww Kwf; 0 Kwf' Kff]
end
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Shear locking

In the same type of approximation of deflection and rotation, the approximation of shear force is of one degree higher than the approximation of bending moment. It doesn't satisfy the Schwedler relation – resulting response in too "stiff" \rightarrow excessive influence of shear terms, sc. shear locking.

- Shear force: $V(x) = kGA\left(\frac{dw}{dx} + \varphi_y\right)$ = linear
- Bending moment: $M(x) = EI \frac{d\varphi_y}{dx}$ = constant

• Schwedler relation:
$$\frac{dM(x)}{dx} - V(x) = 0$$

The shear locking problem can be solved by the use of a selective integration or a hierarchical function.

Selective (reduced) integration

The conflict is reduced by a selective integration of the $K_{\varphi\varphi}$, the part of the stiffness matrix, which corresponds to the contribution of the shear force.

Shear strain $\gamma = \frac{dw}{dx} + \varphi$ is assumed constant, then $\bar{\gamma} = \frac{w_2 - w_1}{l} + \frac{\varphi_1 + \varphi_2}{2}$, which corresponds to the reduced integration.

Assuming the constant shear strain influences the parts of the stiffness matrix with N_{φ} . In the case of constant approximation, only matrix $K_{\varphi\varphi}$, is changed, because parts of the integral have parabolic shape. If we prefer linear functions, the one-point integration is equal to the full one.

$$oldsymbol{K_{arphi arphi}^e} = rac{EI}{l} egin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + kGA egin{bmatrix} oldsymbol{l/4} & oldsymbol{l/4} \ oldsymbol{l/4} & oldsymbol{l/4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Bubble (hierarchical) function

In case of linear approximation for the shear strain, it is valid:

$$\gamma = rac{dw}{dx} + arphi = rac{w_2 - w_1}{l} + arphi_1 + rac{x}{l}(arphi_2 - arphi_1) \hspace{0.2cm} ext{=const} + \hspace{0.2cm} rac{x}{l}(arphi_2 - arphi_1)$$

For the constant shear strain, we add a quadratic term to the deflection approximation. Then the linear part is vanished after in the derivative:

$$w(x)=w^{lin}+rac{1}{2l}(arphi_2-arphi_1)x(x-l)$$

Resulting approximation:

$$egin{aligned} & u_s(x) = N_1 u_{s1} + N_2 u_{s2} \ & w(x) = N_1 w_1 + N_2 w_2 - rac{N_3}{2l} arphi_1 + rac{N_3}{2l} arphi_2 \ & arphi_y(\mathrm{x}) &= N_1 arphi_1 + N_2 arphi_2 \end{aligned}$$

Reordering of nodal values of deflection and rotation is suitable for the calculation: $r_{w,\varphi} = \{w_1, \varphi_1, w_2, \varphi_2\}.$

Interpolation of deflection and rotation:

$$egin{aligned} w(x) &= N_w r_{w,arphi} = [1-rac{x}{l},rac{x(x-l)}{2l},rac{x}{l}.rac{-x(x-l)}{2l}] \ arphi(x) &= N_arphi r_{w,arphi} = [0,rac{1-x}{l},0,rac{x}{l}] \end{aligned}$$

Final form of sub-matrices: $K_{ww} = \int B_w^T K G A B_w dx = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{m G A R}{l} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{k G A l}{12} & 0 & -\frac{k G A l}{12} \\ -\frac{k g a}{l} & 0 & \frac{k G A}{l} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{k G A l}{12} & 0 & \frac{k G A l}{12} \end{bmatrix}$

$$egin{aligned} K_{warphi} &= \int B_W^T k GAN_arphi dx = egin{bmatrix} -rac{kGA}{2} & 0 & -rac{kGA}{2} \ 0 & -rac{kGAl}{12} & 0 & rac{kGAl}{12} \ 0 & rac{kGA}{2} & 0 & rac{kGA}{2} \ 0 & rac{kGAl}{12} & 0 & -rac{kGAl}{2} \ 0 & rac{kGAl}{12} & 0 & -rac{kGAl}{12} \ \end{bmatrix} \ K_{arphi,arphi} &= \int B_arphi^T EIB_arphi dx + \int N_arphi^T k GAN arphi dx &= egin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & rac{EI}{l} + rac{kGAl}{3} & 0 & -rac{EI}{l} + rac{kGAl}{6} \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & -rac{EI}{l} + rac{kGAl}{6} & 0 & rac{EI}{l} + rac{kGAl}{3} \ \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This gives the same results as for the reduced integration

Comparison for a cantilever beam:



Full integration

Cantilever beam:



Reduced integration

• Cantilever beam:



Comparison of full integration and reduced integration scheme for one and more elements

• Full integration (2 points):

h/L > 1/3:		h/L < 1/10:	
nelem	w/w _e	nelem	w/we
1	0.0416	1	0.0002
2	0.445	2	0.0008
4	0.762	4	0.0003
8	0.927	8	0.0013

• Reduced integration (1 point):

h/L > 1/3:		h/L < 1/10:	
nelem	w/w _e	nelem	w/we
1	0.762	1	0.750
2	0.940	2	0.938
4	0.985	4	0.984
8	0.996	8	0.996

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