

2.5 Units in FEA

FEA solves  $\underline{F} = m \underline{a}$  : No units a priori

Can use any convenient set : SI always safe

Be careful with lengths : if you sketch in mm that sets length unit

Example: Length: mm  
 Force: N  
 Stress:  $N/mm^2$  : same as MPa  
 Density:  $\frac{N}{\frac{mm}{s^2} mm^3} = \frac{Ns^2}{mm^4}$

$$\text{eg } 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 1000 \times 10^{-12} \frac{Ns^2}{mm^4}$$

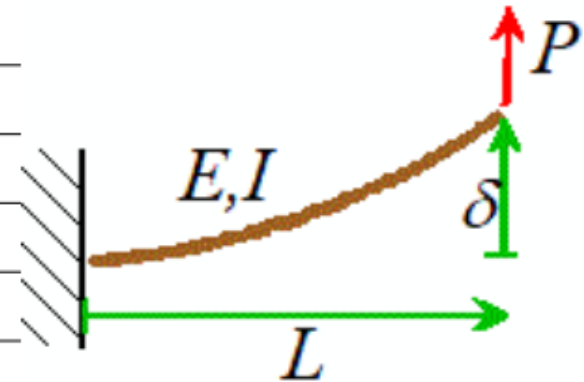
## Using dimensional analysis to simplify FEA

Consider simple example

Find deflection  $\delta$  of elastic beam

We know  $\delta = f(P, E, L, I)$

Goal: Reduce # variables by using dimensionless form



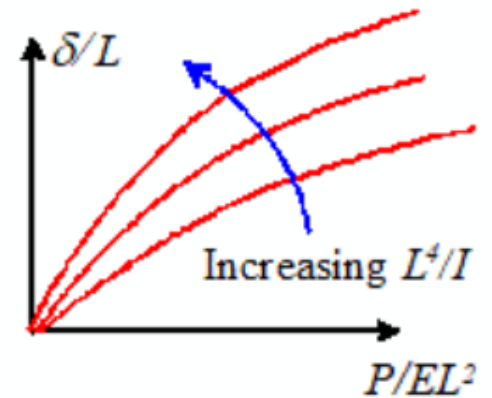
Units:  $\delta = m$      $P: N$      $E: N/m^2$      $L: m$      $I: m^4$

$$\frac{\delta}{L} = g\left(\frac{P}{EL^2}, \frac{L^4}{I}\right)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{m/m}$      
  $\underbrace{\quad}_{(N/m^2)m^2}$      
  $\underbrace{\quad}_{\frac{m^4}{m^4}}$

⇐ 2 variables only

Results can be shown as a set of curves

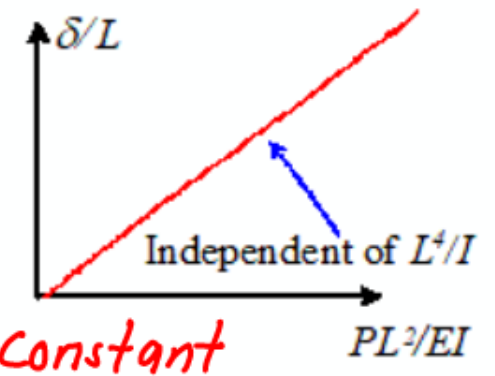


If we know additional info we can simplify further

eg beam eq:  $EI \frac{d^4 w}{dx^4} = 0$

always appears together

This means  $\frac{\delta}{L} = f\left(\frac{PL^2}{EI}\right)$



Linear beam:  $\delta$  proportional to  $P \Rightarrow \frac{\delta}{L} = \beta \frac{PL^2}{EI}$

Only need 1 FEA to find  $\beta$

## 3 Math used in solid mechanics

Goals: Review some vector calculus & linear algebra  
 Introduce "Index Notation"  
 Introduce Tensors

### 3.1 Position Vector

Let  $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$  be a Cartesian basis

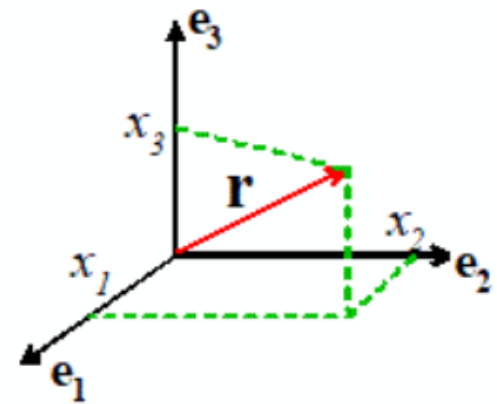
$$\underline{r} = x_1 \underline{e}_1 + x_2 \underline{e}_2 + x_3 \underline{e}_3$$

Index notation  $\underline{r} = x_i \underline{e}_i$

$i$  can be 1, 2, 3

Repeated indices are summed

$$x_i \underline{e}_i \equiv \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \underline{e}_i$$



## 3.2 Vector Operations

Dot Product  $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = a_j b_j = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$

Cross Product

Permutation Symbol

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} \epsilon_{123} = \epsilon_{231} = \epsilon_{312} = +1 \\ \epsilon_{321} = \epsilon_{213} = \epsilon_{132} = -1 \\ \text{all others zero} \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{c} = \underline{a} \times \underline{b} \equiv c_i = \epsilon_{ijk} a_j b_k$$

Interpret :  $c_1 = \epsilon_{111} a_1 b_1 + \epsilon_{112} a_1 b_2 + \dots$  etc

$$= \epsilon_{123} a_2 b_3 + \epsilon_{132} a_3 b_2$$

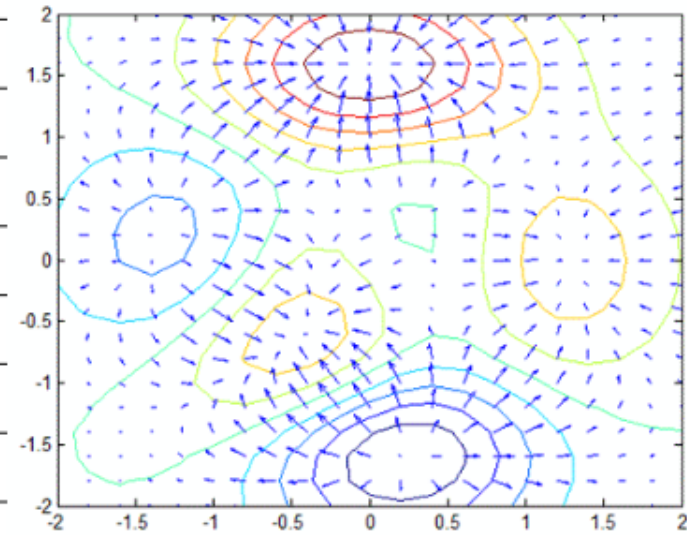
$$= a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \quad \checkmark$$

(same idea for  $c_2, c_3$ )

### 3.3 Vector Fields

Vector valued function of position

$$\underline{V}(\underline{r}) \text{ or } V_i(x_j)$$



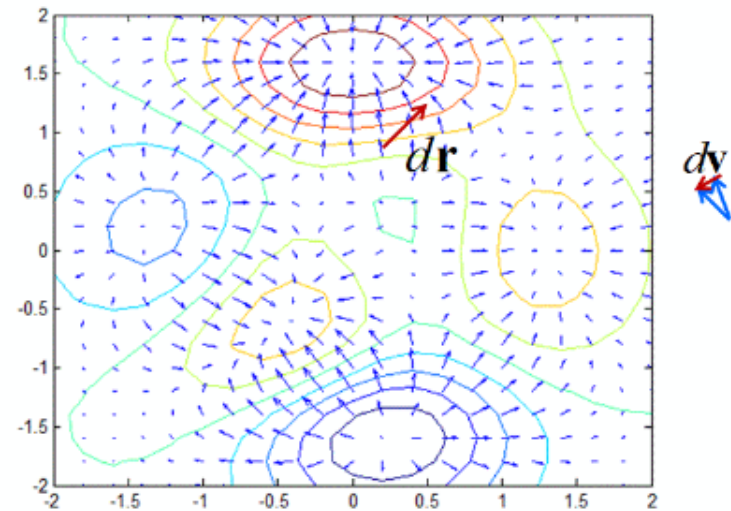
### 3.4 Gradient of a vector field

By definition gradient  $G = \nabla \underline{V}$  has property that

$$d\underline{V} = G d\underline{r}$$

for all infinitesimal  $d\underline{r}$ ,  $d\underline{V}$

$$d\underline{V} = (\nabla \underline{V}) d\underline{r}$$



We can work out formulas for  $G$  using usual calculus rules

For example  $dv_1 = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_2} dx_2 + \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_3} dx_3$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} dv_1 \\ dv_2 \\ dv_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial v_1 / \partial x_1 & \partial v_1 / \partial x_2 & \partial v_1 / \partial x_3 \\ \partial v_2 / \partial x_1 & \partial v_2 / \partial x_2 & \text{etc} \\ \partial v_3 / \partial x_1 & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx_1 \\ dx_2 \\ dx_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Components of  $\nabla \underline{v}$   
3 x 3 matrix

Index Notation  $dv_i = G_{ij} dx_j$  (Tensor-matrix product)

$$G_{ij} = \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j}$$



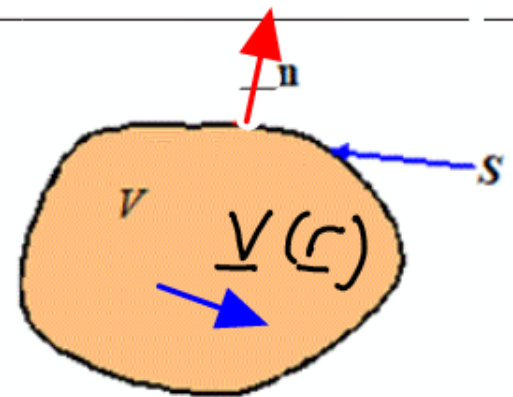
3.5 Divergence

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = \text{trace}(\nabla \underline{v}) = \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x_3}$$

If  $\underline{v}$  is a flux  $\nabla \cdot \underline{v}$  represents net flux into an infinitesimal vol element

3.6 Divergence Theorem

$$\int_{\bar{V}} (\nabla \cdot \underline{v}) d\bar{V} = \int_S (\underline{n} \cdot \underline{v}) dA$$





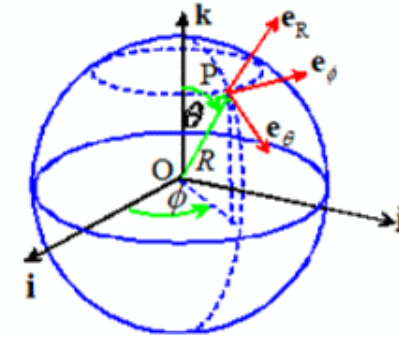
# Gradients in Polar Coordinates

Position  $\mathbf{r} = R \sin \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{i} + R \sin \theta \sin \phi \mathbf{j} + R \cos \theta \mathbf{k}$

Vector  $\mathbf{a} = a_R \mathbf{e}_R + a_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + a_\phi \mathbf{e}_\phi$

Gradient of a scalar  $\nabla f = \mathbf{e}_R \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} + \mathbf{e}_\theta \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \mathbf{e}_\phi \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi}$

Gradient of a vector  $\nabla \mathbf{v} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v_R}{\partial R} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial v_R}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta}{R} & \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_R}{\partial \phi} - \frac{v_\phi}{R} \\ \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial R} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_R}{R} & \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \phi} - \cot \theta \frac{v_\phi}{R} \\ \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial R} & \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \theta} & \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \cot \theta \frac{v_\theta}{R} + \frac{v_R}{R} \end{bmatrix}$



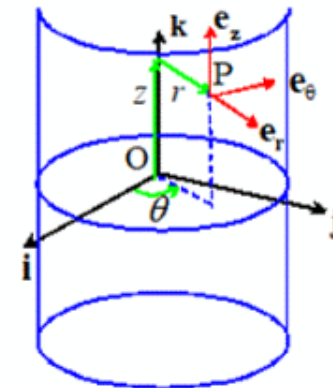
Divergence of a vector  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \text{trace}(\nabla \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial v_R}{\partial R} + \frac{2v_R}{R} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \cot \theta \frac{v_\theta}{R} + \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial v_\phi}{\partial \phi}$

Position  $\mathbf{r} = r \mathbf{e}_r + z \mathbf{e}_z = r \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + r \sin \theta \mathbf{j} + z \mathbf{k}$

Vector  $\mathbf{a} = a_r \mathbf{e}_r + a_\theta \mathbf{e}_\theta + a_z \mathbf{e}_z$

Gradient of a scalar  $\nabla f = \mathbf{e}_r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \mathbf{e}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} + \mathbf{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$

Gradient of a vector  $\nabla \mathbf{v} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{v_\theta}{r} & \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial r} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} & \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} & \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$



Divergence of a vector  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = \text{trace}(\nabla \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial v_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_r}{r} + \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z}$

### 3.7 Tensors

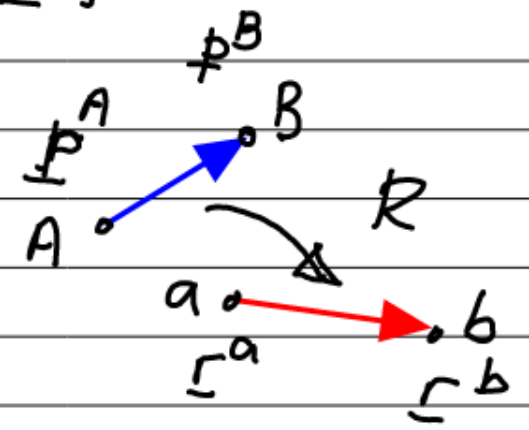
Definition: A tensor is a linear mapping of a vector  $\underline{u}$  onto another vector  $\underline{v}$

$$\underline{v} = S \underline{u} \quad (\text{or } \underline{v} = S \cdot \underline{u})$$

Examples: Gradient

Rotation tensor

$$(\underline{r}^b - \underline{r}^a) = R (\underline{p}^B - \underline{p}^A)$$



### Tensor Components

Let  $\{\underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3\}$  be a basis  $\underline{u} = u_i \underline{e}_i$

$$\underline{v} = v_j \underline{e}_j$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ V_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1 \\ U_2 \\ U_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Components of  $S$

Index notation  $V_i = S_{ij} U_j$

Dyadic Product of vectors (tensor product)

Let  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$  be vectors

Define  $S = \underline{a} \otimes \underline{b}$  such that

$$S \underline{u} = [\underline{a} \otimes \underline{b}] \underline{u} = \underline{a} (\underline{b} \cdot \underline{u})$$

Matrix form  $S = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \text{etc} \end{bmatrix}$

Index Notation  $S_{ij} = a_i b_j$

We can represent any tensor as a sum of 9 dyadic products of basis vectors

$$S = S_{ij} \underline{e}_i \otimes \underline{e}_j$$

Since components of  $S$  are a  $3 \times 3$  matrix we can apply all matrix operations to  $S$

## Tensor Operations

Operations on 3x3 matrices also apply to tensors

Addition  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{T}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ U_{31} & U_{32} & U_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} + T_{11} & S_{12} + T_{12} & S_{13} + T_{13} \\ S_{21} + T_{21} & S_{22} + T_{22} & S_{23} + T_{23} \\ S_{31} + T_{31} & S_{32} + T_{32} & S_{33} + T_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector/Tensor product  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{u}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11}u_1 + S_{12}u_2 + S_{13}u_3 \\ S_{21}u_1 + S_{22}u_2 + S_{23}u_3 \\ S_{31}u_1 + S_{32}u_2 + S_{33}u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{S} \quad [v_1 \quad v_2 \quad v_3] = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3] \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1S_{11} + u_2S_{21} + u_3S_{31} \\ u_1S_{12} + u_2S_{22} + u_3S_{32} \\ u_1S_{13} + u_2S_{23} + u_3S_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Tensor product  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{S}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ U_{31} & U_{32} & U_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{11} & T_{12} & T_{13} \\ T_{21} & T_{22} & T_{23} \\ T_{31} & T_{32} & T_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} T_{11}S_{11} + T_{12}S_{21} + T_{13}S_{31} & T_{11}S_{12} + T_{12}S_{22} + T_{13}S_{32} & T_{11}S_{13} + T_{12}S_{23} + T_{13}S_{33} \\ T_{21}S_{11} + T_{22}S_{21} + T_{23}S_{31} & T_{21}S_{12} + T_{22}S_{22} + T_{23}S_{32} & T_{21}S_{13} + T_{22}S_{23} + T_{23}S_{33} \\ T_{31}S_{11} + T_{32}S_{21} + T_{33}S_{31} & T_{31}S_{12} + T_{32}S_{22} + T_{33}S_{32} & T_{31}S_{13} + T_{32}S_{23} + T_{33}S_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Tensor Operations

Transpose

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} & S_{13} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} & S_{23} \\ S_{31} & S_{32} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & S_{21} & S_{31} \\ S_{12} & S_{22} & S_{32} \\ S_{13} & S_{23} & S_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{S}^T = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{u}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})^T = \mathbf{B}^T \cdot \mathbf{A}^T$$

Determinant

$$\det(\mathbf{S}) = S_{11}(S_{22}S_{33} - S_{23}S_{32}) - S_{22}(S_{12}S_{33} - S_{32}S_{13}) + S_{33}(S_{12}S_{23} - S_{22}S_{13})$$

Eigenvalues/vectors

$$\mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{m} = \lambda \mathbf{m}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{S} - \lambda \mathbf{I}) = 0$$

Inverse

$$\mathbf{S}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}$$

Identity

$$\mathbf{I} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric tensor

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^T$$

Skew tensors

$$\mathbf{S}^T = -\mathbf{S}$$

Proper orthogonal tensors

$$\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{R}^T = \mathbf{R}^T \cdot \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{R}) = +1$$

$$\mathbf{R}^{-1} = \mathbf{R}^T$$

Index Notation

Addition  $U_{ij} = S_{ij} + T_{ij}$

Multiplication  $U_{ij} = S_{ik} T_{kj}$   $U = ST$

Transpose  $S_{ij} = T_{ji}$   $S = T^T$

also  $U = S^T T \equiv U_{ij} = S_{ki} T_{kj}$

$U = S T^T \equiv U_{ij} = S_{ik} T_{jk}$