

Review – Simple FEA for plane linear elasticity

Background: Governing equations for linear elasticity

The Principle of Minimum Potential Energy

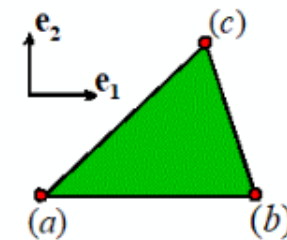
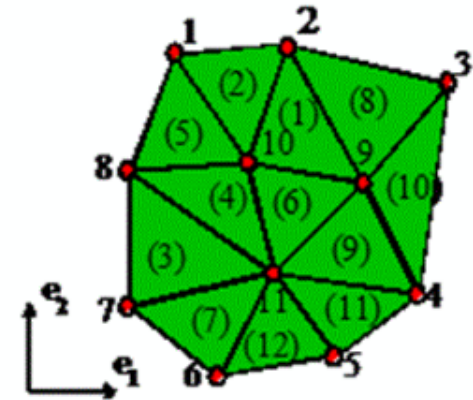
- Plane strain linear elasticity problem as an energy minimization

$$\Phi = \int_A \phi dA - \int_{S_2} \mathbf{t}^* \cdot \mathbf{u} ds$$

- Interpolating the displacement field using constant strain triangles
- Computing the potential energy
 - Strains, stresses and strain energy density inside an element.
 - Element stiffness matrix
 - Potential energy of a loaded element face – element force vector
 - Total potential energy – global stiffness and global force
 - Constrained boundary conditions
- Minimizing the total potential energy

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{u}^{Global} \right)^T [\mathbf{K}] \mathbf{u}^{Global} - \left(\mathbf{u}^{Global} \right)^T \cdot \mathbf{f}^{Global} \Rightarrow [\mathbf{K}] \mathbf{u}^{Global} = \mathbf{f}^{Global}$$

- Implementation
 - Data structures for mesh and BC definition
 - Assembling the element and global stiffness matrices
 - Prescribing boundary conditions
 - Solution and post-processing

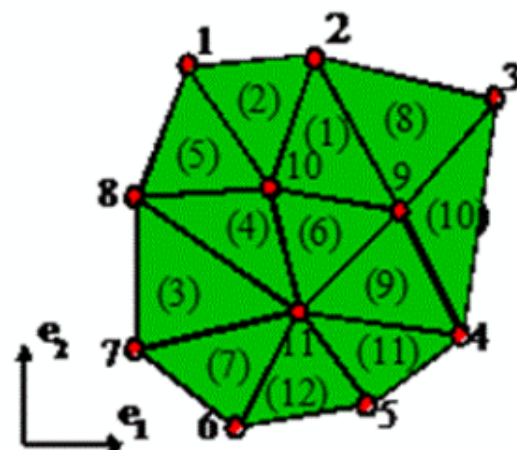


Review

Interpolating displacements

(Constant strain triangles – many other interpolation schemes exist)

$$\mathbf{u} = N^a(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}^a + N^b(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}^b + N^c(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}^c$$

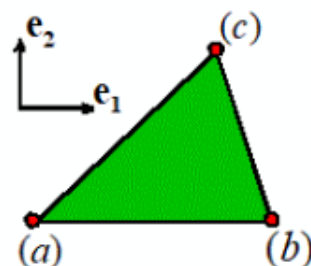


Interpolation Functions

$$N^a(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_2 - x_2^{(b)})(x_1^{(c)} - x_1^{(b)}) - (x_1 - x_1^{(b)})(x_2^{(c)} - x_2^{(b)})}{(x_2^{(a)} - x_2^{(b)})(x_1^{(c)} - x_1^{(b)}) - (x_1^{(a)} - x_1^{(b)})(x_2^{(c)} - x_2^{(b)})}$$

$$N^b(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_2 - x_2^{(c)})(x_1^{(a)} - x_1^{(c)}) - (x_1 - x_1^{(c)})(x_2^{(a)} - x_2^{(c)})}{(x_2^{(b)} - x_2^{(c)})(x_1^{(a)} - x_1^{(c)}) - (x_1^{(b)} - x_1^{(c)})(x_2^{(a)} - x_2^{(c)})}$$

$$N^c(x_1, x_2) = \frac{(x_2 - x_2^{(a)})(x_1^{(b)} - x_1^{(a)}) - (x_1 - x_1^{(a)})(x_2^{(b)} - x_2^{(a)})}{(x_2^{(c)} - x_2^{(a)})(x_1^{(b)} - x_1^{(a)}) - (x_1^{(c)} - x_1^{(a)})(x_2^{(b)} - x_2^{(a)})}$$



Topics for today's class

- Calculating strains
- Calculating the strain energy density
- Calculating the potential energy of external forces
- Minimizing the PE
- Imposing constrained displacements
- Solution and post-processing

Calculating strains (Plane strain)

$$\epsilon_{11} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} \quad \epsilon_{22} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_2} \quad \epsilon_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} \right)$$

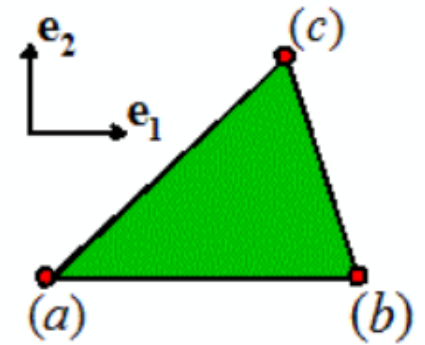
$$\underline{u} = N^a \underline{u}^a + N^b \underline{u}^b + N^c \underline{u}^c$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{11} = \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_1} u_1^a + \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_1} u_1^b + \frac{\partial N^c}{\partial x_1} u_1^c$$

Re-write as matrix operation

$$\text{Let } \underline{\epsilon} = [\epsilon_{11}, \epsilon_{22}, 2\epsilon_{12}]$$

$$\underline{u}^e = [u_1^a, u_2^a, u_1^b, u_2^b, u_1^c, u_2^c]$$



Now $\underline{\varepsilon} = [B] \underline{u}^{el}$ $[B]$ maps $\underline{u}^{el} \rightarrow \underline{\varepsilon}$

$$[B] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_1} & 0 & \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_1} & 0 & \frac{\partial N^c}{\partial x_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_2} & 0 & \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_2} & 0 & \frac{\partial N^c}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N^a}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N^b}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial N^c}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial N^c}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that $[B]$ is constant for 3 noded triangle

Strain energy density

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$= (\sigma_{11} \epsilon_{11} + \sigma_{22} \epsilon_{22} + 2\epsilon_{12} \sigma_{12})/2$$

Define $\underline{\sigma} = [\sigma_{11} \quad \sigma_{22} \quad \sigma_{12}]$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\epsilon}^T \underline{\sigma}$$

Recall $\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$

Matrix form for plane strain $\underline{\sigma} = [\underline{D}] \underline{\epsilon}$

$$[\underline{D}] = \frac{E}{(1-2\nu)(1+\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1-\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-2\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Symmetric

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } \phi &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{\varepsilon}^T [D] \underline{\varepsilon} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^{elT} \underbrace{[B]^T [D] [B]}_{\text{Symmetric \& constant}} \underline{u}^{el}
 \end{aligned}$$

Total strain energy of 1 element

$$W^{el} = \int_{A_{el}} \phi \, dA = A_{el} \phi$$

Hence introduce element stiffness matrix $[K^{el}]$

$$[K^{el}] = A_{el} [B]^T [D] [B] \quad \leftarrow 6 \times 6$$

$$W^{el} = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^{elT} [K^{el}] \underline{u}^{el}$$

Total Strain Energy

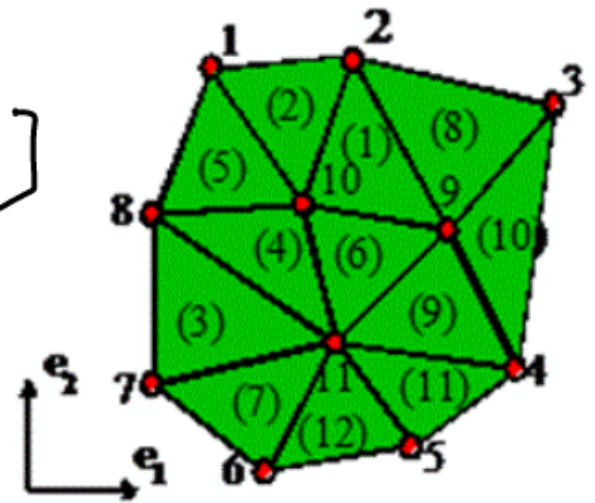
$$W = \sum_{\text{elements}} W^{el} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{el} \underline{U}^{elT} [k^{el}] \underline{U}^{el}$$

Global stiffness matrix

Define $\underline{U} = [U_1^1, U_2^1, U_1^2, U_2^2, \dots, U_1^N, U_2^N]$

Now set

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \underline{U}^T \underbrace{[K]} \underline{U}$$

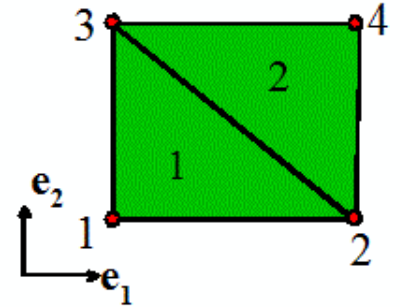


"Global" stiffness, symmetric

Assembling $[K]$ - consider 2 el mesh

Strain energy

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} & u_2^{(1)} & u_1^{(2)} & u_2^{(2)} & u_1^{(3)} & u_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{(1)} & k_{12}^{(1)} & \dots & k_{16}^{(1)} \\ k_{21}^{(1)} & k_{22}^{(1)} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ k_{61}^{(1)} & & & k_{66}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix}$$



+

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(2)} & u_2^{(2)} & u_1^{(3)} & u_2^{(3)} & u_1^{(4)} & u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{(2)} & k_{12}^{(2)} & \dots & k_{16}^{(2)} \\ k_{21}^{(2)} & k_{22}^{(2)} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ k_{61}^{(2)} & & & k_{66}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can add
missing terms from $\underline{u}$
to each $\underline{u}^e$

(add zeros into k^e)

$$W = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{(1)} & k_{12}^{(1)} & k_{13}^{(1)} & k_{14}^{(1)} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ & k_{21}^{(1)} & k_{22}^{(1)} & k_{32}^{(1)} & & 0 & 0 \\ & & & k_{33}^{(1)} & k_{34}^{(1)} & & 0 \\ & & & k_{43}^{(1)} & k_{44}^{(1)} & & 0 \\ & & & k_{53}^{(1)} & & & 0 \\ & & & \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_{11}^{(2)} & k_{12}^{(2)} & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & k_{21}^{(2)} & k_{22}^{(2)} & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & k_{31}^{(2)} & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & & & \ddots & & \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & & & & k_{56}^{(2)} & \\ 0 & 0 & & & & & k_{65}^{(2)} & k_{66}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Factor u

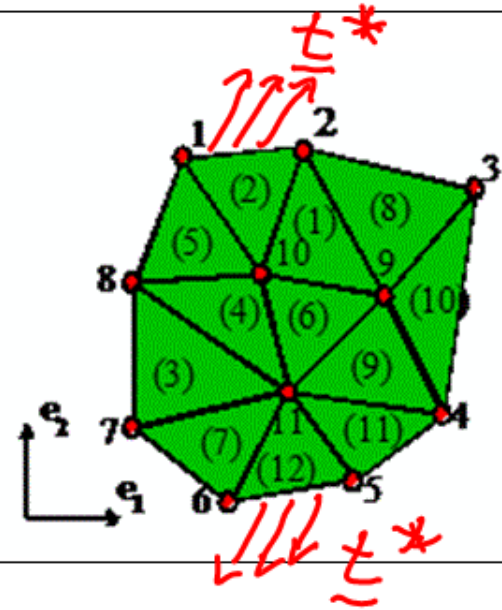
$$W = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{(1)} & k_{12}^{(1)} & k_{13}^{(1)} & k_{14}^{(1)} & \dots \\ k_{21}^{(1)} & k_{22}^{(1)} & k_{32}^{(1)} & & \\ & k_{33}^{(1)} + k_{11}^{(2)} & k_{34}^{(1)} + k_{12}^{(2)} & & \\ & k_{43}^{(1)} + k_{21}^{(2)} & k_{44}^{(1)} + k_{22}^{(2)} & & \\ & k_{53}^{(1)} + k_{31}^{(2)} & & & \\ & \vdots & & \ddots & \\ & & & & k_{56}^{(2)} \\ & & & & k_{65}^{(2)} & k_{66}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ u_1^{(2)} \\ u_2^{(2)} \\ u_1^{(3)} \\ u_2^{(3)} \\ u_1^{(4)} \\ u_2^{(4)} \end{bmatrix}$$

In code
we add
each
[k^{e'}] to
right place
in [k]

Potential energy of external forces

Define $\rho = - \int_{S_2} \underline{t}^* \cdot \underline{u} \, ds$.



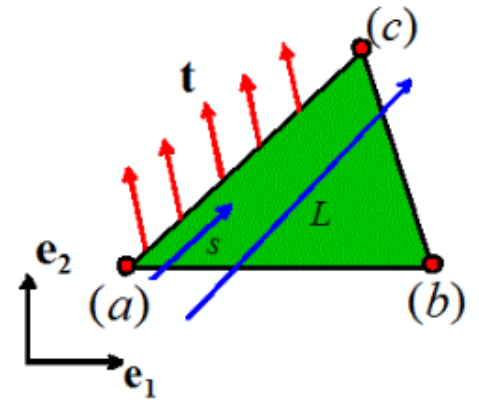
Consider contribution from 1 element face

Recall $\underline{u}$ varies linearly from (a) to (c)

$$\underline{u} = (1 - s/L) \underline{u}^a + (s/L) \underline{u}^c$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^{\text{face}} &= - \int_0^L \underline{u} \cdot \underline{t}^* \, ds \\ &\approx - \frac{L}{2} \underline{u}^a \cdot \underline{t}^* - \frac{L}{2} \underline{u}^c \cdot \underline{t}^* \end{aligned}$$



Re-write this as $p = - \underline{U}^{\text{face}} \Gamma^{\text{face}}$

$$\underline{U}^{\text{face}} = \begin{bmatrix} U_1^a & U_2^a & U_1^c & U_2^c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{face}} = \frac{L}{2} \begin{bmatrix} t_1^* & t_2^* & t_1^* & t_2^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Re-write in terms of global displacement

$$p^{\text{total}} = \sum_{\text{faces}} p = - \sum_{\text{faces}} \underline{U}^{\text{face}} \Gamma^{\text{face}}$$

Define $\underline{\Gamma} = \sum_{\text{faces}} \Gamma^{\text{face}}$ (generalized sum
- add Γ^{face} to correct
row of $\underline{\Gamma}$)

$$p^{\text{total}} = - \underbrace{\underline{U}}_{2N}^T \underbrace{\underline{\Gamma}}_{2N}$$

both $2N$ vectors

Minimizing the PE

We have
$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}^T [\underline{K}] \underline{u} - \underline{u}^T \underline{\Gamma}$$

Rewrite as
$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2} u_i K_{ij} u_j - u_i \Gamma_i$$

At minimum:
$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_k} = 0 \quad k = 1, \dots, 2N$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} K_{kj} u_j + \frac{1}{2} u_i K_{ik} - \Gamma_k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{kj} u_j - \Gamma_k = 0$$

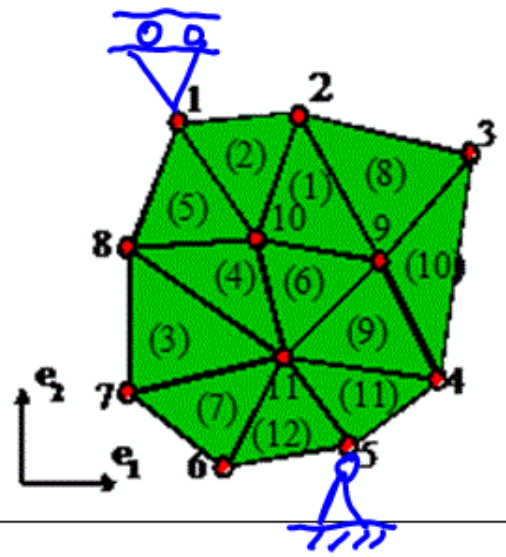
$$[\underline{K}] \underline{u} = \underline{\Gamma}$$

Enforcing Prescribed displacements

Enforce $\underline{u} = \underline{u}^*$ on S_1

Modify equation system to replace equations for forces with equations for displacements

eg to enforce $u_2 = \Delta$ at node 1



Original eqs:

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{12N} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & & k_{22N} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ k_{2N1} & k_{2N2} & & k_{2N2N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ u_2^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ r_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

re-write as

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{12N} \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ k_{2N1} & k_{2N2} & & k_{2N2N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ u_2^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ \Delta \\ \vdots \\ r_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

← 2nd row says $u_2^1 = \Delta$

We can symmetrize the system (optional)

Need zeros on 2nd column - we can subtract appropriate multiples of second row from all other rows

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & 0 & \cdots & k_{1,2N} \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ k_{2N,1} & 0 & & k_{2N,2N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{(1)} \\ u_2^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ u_2^{(N)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_1 - k_{12}\Delta \\ \Delta \\ \vdots \\ r_4 - k_{2N,2}\Delta \end{bmatrix}$$

Structure of a simple FEA code

- Read data defining problem:
 - Material properties
 - Nodal coordinates
 - Element connectivity
 - List of nodes with prescribed DOF
 - List of elements with loaded faces
- Loop over elements
 - Compute element stiffness, add to global stiffness
- Loop over elements with loaded faces
 - Compute element force vector, add to global force vector
- Modify stiffness and RHS to impose prescribed disps.
- Solve FEA equations for unknown nodal displacements
- Post-processing – compute element strains & stresses

