LECTURE ASSIGNMENT 1. In stationary thermo-elasticity without external forces, the virtual work density of the bar model is given by

$$\delta w_{\Omega} = -\frac{d\delta u}{dx} EA \frac{du}{dx} + \frac{d\delta u}{dx} EA \alpha \Delta \vartheta.$$

Assuming that E, A and α are constants, determine the displacement of node 2 at the constant temperature 29° . Use linear approximation. At the initial temperature 9° , length of the bar is L and stress in the bar vanishes.



Approximation to u(x) and temperature increase $\Delta \vartheta$ are

$$u = \frac{x}{L}u_{X2}, \qquad \delta u = \frac{x}{L}\delta u_{X2}, \qquad \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{u_{X2}}{L}, \qquad \frac{d\delta u}{dx} = \frac{\delta u_{X2}}{L}.$$
$$\Delta \vartheta = 2\vartheta^{\circ} - \vartheta^{\circ} = \vartheta^{\circ}$$

When the approximation to u(x) and the temperature change are sub-stituted there, virtual work density simplifies to

$$\delta w_{\Omega} = -\delta u_{X2} \frac{1}{L} E A \frac{1}{L} u_{X2} + \delta u_{X2} \frac{1}{L} E A \alpha \vartheta^{\circ}.$$

Integration over the element gives

$$\delta W = -\delta u_{X2} \left(\frac{EA}{L}u_{X2} - EA\alpha \vartheta^{\circ}\right).$$

Principle of virtual work $\delta W = 0 \quad \forall \delta a$ and the fundamental lemma of variation calculus imply the nodal displacement

$$u_{X2} = L\alpha 9^\circ$$
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