

# MEC-E8003 Beam, Plate and Shell models, exam 09.04.2019

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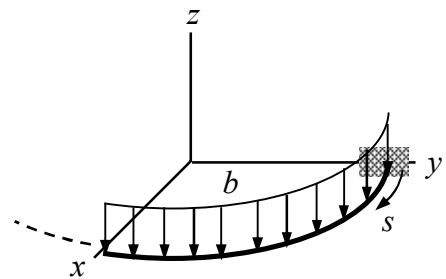
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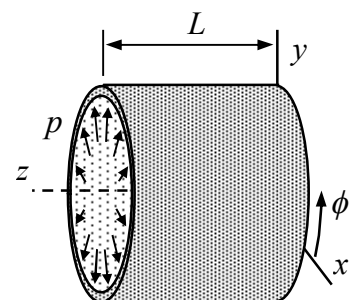
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### Solution

In manipulation of vector expression containing vectors and tensors, it is important to remember that tensor ( $\otimes$ ), cross ( $\times$ ), inner ( $\cdot$ ) products are non-commutative (order may matter). The basis vectors of a curvilinear coordinate system are not constants which should be taken into account if gradient operator is a part of expression. Otherwise, simplifying an expression or finding a specific form in a given coordinate system is a straightforward (sometimes tedious) exercise. For simplicity of presentation, outer (tensor) products like  $\vec{a} \otimes \vec{b}$  are denoted by  $\vec{a}\vec{b}$ . Otherwise, the usual rules of algebra apply: Gradient operator  $\nabla$  acts on everything on its right-hand side, the operator is treated like a vector etc.

**2p** Let us start with the gradient of displacement (an outer product). Substitute first the representations in the polar coordinate system

$$\nabla \vec{u} = (\vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\phi \frac{\partial}{r \partial \phi})(u_r \vec{e}_r + u_\phi \vec{e}_\phi).$$

Then expand to have a term-by-term representation. Keep the order of the basis vectors and the position of derivatives

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(u_r \vec{e}_r) + \vec{e}_r \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(u_\phi \vec{e}_\phi) + \vec{e}_\phi \frac{\partial}{r \partial \phi}(u_r \vec{e}_r) + \vec{e}_\phi \frac{\partial}{r \partial \phi}(u_\phi \vec{e}_\phi)$$

**2p** Use the derivative rule of products. Notice that the basis vectors are not constants and may have non-zero derivatives

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \vec{e}_r \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r + u_r \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{\partial r} \right) + \vec{e}_r \left( \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_\phi + u_\phi \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\phi}{\partial r} \right) + \vec{e}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} \vec{e}_r + u_r \frac{\partial \vec{e}_r}{r \partial \phi} \right) + \vec{e}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} \vec{e}_\phi + u_\phi \frac{\partial \vec{e}_\phi}{r \partial \phi} \right).$$

Substitute the derivatives of the basis vectors

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \vec{e}_r \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r \right) + \vec{e}_r \left( \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_\phi \right) + \vec{e}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} \vec{e}_r + \frac{u_r}{r} \vec{e}_\phi \right) + \vec{e}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} \vec{e}_\phi - \frac{u_\phi}{r} \vec{e}_r \right).$$

Combine the terms having the same pair of basis vectors (order matters so terms containing  $\vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_r$  and  $\vec{e}_r \vec{e}_\phi$  cannot be combined)

$$\nabla \vec{u} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r \vec{e}_r + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r \vec{e}_\phi + \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} - \frac{u_\phi}{r} \right) \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_r + \left( \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} \right) \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_\phi.$$

**2p** Conjugate of a second order tensor can be obtained by swapping the basis vectors in all the pairs. Conjugate is a kind of transpose and can also be obtained by transposing the matrix of the component representation.

$$(\nabla \vec{u})_c = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r \vec{e}_r + \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} - \frac{u_\phi}{r} \right) \vec{e}_r \vec{e}_\phi + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_r + \left( \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} \right) \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_\phi$$

Finally using the definition  $\vec{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \vec{u} + (\nabla \vec{u})_c]$

$$\vec{\varepsilon} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \vec{e}_r \vec{e}_r + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} - \frac{u_\phi}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \right) (\vec{e}_r \vec{e}_\phi + \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_r) + \left( \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} + \frac{u_r}{r} \right) \vec{e}_\phi \vec{e}_\phi.$$

In the components of strain  $\varepsilon_{rr}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{r\phi}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\phi r}$  and  $\varepsilon_{\phi\phi}$ , indices are in the same order as the indices in the basis vector pairs. Hence

$$\varepsilon_{rr} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}, \quad \varepsilon_{\phi\phi} = \frac{\partial u_\phi}{r \partial \phi} + \frac{u_r}{r}, \quad \varepsilon_{r\phi} = \varepsilon_{\phi r} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \phi} - \frac{u_\phi}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\phi}{\partial r} \right). \quad \leftarrow$$

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### Solution

In MEC-E8003, principle of virtual work is used to derive the equilibrium equation(s) in terms of the stress resultants (like shear forces and bending moments). The constitutive equation, giving the relationship between the stress resultants and kinetic quantities (like displacements and rotations), is a separate story. The mathematical tools needed in the derivation are (one-dimensional case  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ )  $a, b \in C^0(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{d}{dx}(ab) dx = \sum_{\partial \Omega} nab, \text{ where } n = \pm 1 \text{ is the unit outward normal to } \Omega \text{ (on } \partial \Omega)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} ab dx = 0 \quad \forall b \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad a = 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

**2p** Integration by parts once in the first term gives an equivalent form (notice that  $\delta w \in U$  and therefore  $\delta w = d \delta w / dx = 0$  at  $x = 0$ )

$$\delta W = \int_0^L \left( M \frac{d^2 \delta w}{dx^2} + b \delta w \right) dx + (F \delta w - R \frac{d \delta w}{dx})_{x=L} \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\delta W = \int_0^L \left( -\frac{dM}{dx} \frac{d \delta w}{dx} + b \delta w \right) dx + [(M - R) \frac{d \delta w}{dx}]_{x=L} + (F \delta w)_{x=L}.$$

Integration by parts second time in the first term gives also an equivalent form

$$\delta W = \int_0^L \left( \frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} + b \right) \delta w dx + \left[ \left( -\frac{dM}{dx} + F \right) \delta w \right]_{x=L} + \left[ (M - R) \frac{d \delta w}{dx} \right]_{x=L}.$$

**2p** According to the principle of virtual work  $\delta W = 0 \forall \delta w \in U$ . Let us first consider a subset  $U_0 \subset U$  for which  $\delta w = d \delta w / dx = 0$  at  $x = L$  so that the boundary terms vanish. The equilibrium equation follows from the fundamental lemma of variation calculus:

$$\delta W = \int_0^L \left( \frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} + b \right) \delta w dx = 0 \quad \forall \delta w \in U_0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} + b = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L).$$

Let us next consider a subset  $U_0 \subset U$  for which only  $d \delta w / dx = 0$  at  $x = 0$  so that the last boundary term of the virtual work expression vanishes. Also, the first term can be omitted due to the

equilibrium equation. The natural boundary condition follows from the fundamental lemma of variation calculus:

$$\delta W = \left[ \left( -\frac{dM}{dx} + F \right) \delta w \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad \forall \delta w \in U_0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad -\frac{dM}{dx} + F = 0 \quad \text{at } x = L.$$

Finally, let us consider a subset  $U_0 \subset U$  for which only  $\delta w = 0$  at  $x = L$  and use the equations already obtained to simplify the virtual work expression. The natural boundary condition follows from the fundamental lemma of variation calculus:

$$\delta W = \left[ (M - R) \frac{d\delta w}{dx} \right]_{x=L} = 0 \quad \forall \delta w \in U_0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad M - R = 0 \quad \text{at } x = L.$$

**2p** As the last step, the essential boundary conditions follow from the problem definition (clamped). They can also partly be deduced from the definition of  $U$ . Vanishing of variation  $d\delta w/dx$  and  $\delta w$  at  $x = 0$  imply that  $dw/dx$  and  $w$  are given at  $x = 0$ .

A beam boundary value problem is composed of the equations implied by the principle of virtual work

$$\frac{d^2 M}{dx^2} + b = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L). \quad \leftarrow$$

$$-\frac{dM}{dx} + F = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad M - R = 0 \quad \text{at } x = L. \quad \leftarrow$$

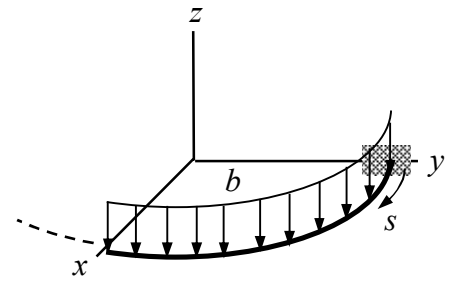
$$w = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dw}{dx} = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 0. \quad \leftarrow$$

Definition of stress resultant, stress-strain relationship, and elasticity tensor for the beam problem gives the constitutive equation

$$M = -EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2}$$

which is needed for a closed system.

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### Solution

In a statically determined case, stress resultants follow from the equilibrium equations and boundary conditions at the free end of the beam (or directly from a free body diagram). In  $(s, n, b)$ -coordinate system, equilibrium equations are

$$\begin{cases} N' - Q_n \kappa + b_s \\ Q_n' + N \kappa - Q_b \tau + b_n \\ Q_b' + Q_n \tau + b_b \end{cases} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} T' - M_n \kappa + c_s \\ M_n' + T \kappa - M_b \tau - Q_b + c_n \\ M_b' + M_n \tau + Q_n + c_b \end{cases} = 0.$$

**2p** For a circular beam, curvature and torsion are  $\kappa = 1/R$  (constant) and  $\tau = 0$ . As external distributed forces and moments  $b_s = b_n = c_s = c_n = c_b = 0$  and  $b_b = b$ , equilibrium equations and the boundary conditions at the free end simplify to (here  $L = \pi R/2$ )

$$\begin{cases} N' - Q_n / R \\ Q_n' + N / R \\ Q_b' + b \end{cases} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} T' - M_n / R \\ M_n' + T / R - Q_b \\ M_b' + Q_n \end{cases} = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L)$$

$$\begin{cases} N \\ Q_n \\ Q_b \end{cases} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} T \\ M_n \\ M_b \end{cases} = 0 \quad \text{at } s = L.$$

**2p** Equations constitute a boundary value problem which can be solved one equation at a time by following certain order

$$Q_b' = -b \quad \text{in } (0, L) \quad \text{and} \quad Q_b(L) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Q_b(s) = b(L - s). \quad \leftarrow$$

Eliminating  $Q_n$  and  $N$  from the remaining two connected force equilibrium equations and using the original equations to find the missing boundary condition gives

$$N'' + \frac{1}{R^2} N = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L) \quad \text{and} \quad N'(L) = N(L) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad N(s) = 0. \quad \leftarrow$$

Knowing the result above, the first equilibrium equation gives

$$Q_n(s) = 0. \quad \leftarrow$$

**2p** After that, continuing with the moment equilibrium equations with the already known solutions to the force equilibrium equations

$$M'_b = -Q_n = 0 \text{ in } (0, L) \text{ and } M_b(L) = 0 \Rightarrow M_b(s) = 0. \quad \leftarrow$$

Eliminating  $M_n$  and  $T$  from the remaining two connected moment equilibrium equations and using the original equations to find the missing boundary condition gives ( $L = \pi R / 2$ )

$$T'' + \frac{1}{R^2}T = \frac{1}{R}Q_b = \frac{b}{R}(L-s) \text{ in } (0, L) \text{ and } T'(L) = T(L) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$T(s) = -bR^2 \cos\left(\frac{s}{R}\right) + bR(L-s). \quad \leftarrow$$

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$$M_n(s) = RT' = bR^2 \sin\left(\frac{s}{R}\right) - bR^2. \quad \leftarrow$$

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### Solution

**2p** Kirchhoff constraints are first used to write the constitutive equations in terms of the transverse displacement

$$\theta = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{Bmatrix} M_{xx} \\ M_{yy} \\ M_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = D \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial\theta}{\partial x} - \nu\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} \\ -\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial y} + \nu\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial x} \\ \frac{1-\nu}{2}\left(\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x}\right) \end{Bmatrix} = -D \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \nu\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \nu\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \\ (1-\nu)\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x\partial y} \end{Bmatrix}.$$

**2p** In the Kirchhoff model, shear forces  $Q_x$  and  $Q_y$  are in the role of constraint forces to be solved from the moment equations. Eliminating the shear forces from the equilibrium equation in the transverse direction by using the moment equations gives

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}Q_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}Q_y + b_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}M_{xx} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}M_{yx} - Q_x \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}M_{yy} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x}M_{xy} - Q_y \end{Bmatrix} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial^2 M_{xx}}{\partial x^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}}{\partial x\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 M_{yy}}{\partial y^2} + b_n = 0.$$

**2p** The biharmonic equation for the transverse displacement follows from the equilibrium equation above, when the constitutive equations for the moments are substituted there

$$\frac{\partial^2 M_{xx}}{\partial x^2} + 2\frac{\partial^2 M_{xy}}{\partial x\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 M_{yy}}{\partial y^2} + b_n = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

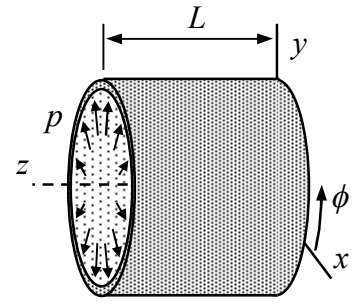
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \nu\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2}\right) + 2(1-\nu)\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x\partial y}\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \nu\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}\right) - \frac{b_n}{D} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} - \frac{b_n}{D} = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \nabla_0^2\nabla_0^2w = \frac{b_n}{D}. \quad \leftarrow$$

The last invariant form holds also, e.g., in the polar coordinate system.



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### Solution

According to the formulae collection, equilibrium and constitutive equations of a cylindrical membrane in  $(z, \phi, n)$  coordinates are (notice that  $\bar{e}_n$  is directed inwards)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} N_{z\phi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} N_{zz} + b_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial z} N_{z\phi} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} N_{\phi\phi} + b_\phi \\ \frac{1}{R} N_{\phi\phi} + b_n \end{array} \right\} = 0, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N_{zz} \\ N_{\phi\phi} \\ N_{z\phi} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_z + \nu \frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} u_\phi - u_n \right) \\ \frac{1}{R} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} u_\phi - u_n \right) + \nu \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_z \\ \frac{1-\nu}{2} \left( \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} u_z + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} u_\phi \right) \end{array} \right\}.$$

**2p** Due to the rotation symmetry, the derivatives with respect to the angular coordinate vanish and  $u_\phi = 0$ . External distributed force  $b_n = -p$  is due to the traction acting on the inner boundary. Therefore, the equilibrium equations and constitutive equations simplify to a set of ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{dN_{zz}}{dz} = 0, \quad \frac{dN_{z\phi}}{dz} = 0, \quad \frac{1}{R} N_{\phi\phi} - p = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L),$$

$$N_{zz} = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \frac{1}{R} \left( R \frac{du_z}{dz} - \nu u_n \right), \quad N_{\phi\phi} = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \frac{1}{R} \left( R \nu \frac{du_z}{dz} - u_n \right), \quad N_{z\phi} = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, L).$$

**2p** As the edges are stress-free i.e.

$$N_{zz} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad N_{z\phi} = 0 \quad \text{on } \{0, L\}.$$

Solution to the stress resultants, as obtained from the equilibrium equations, are

$$N_{zz} = 0, \quad N_{z\phi} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad N_{\phi\phi} = Rp.$$

**2p** Constitutive equations give

$$N_{zz} = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \frac{1}{R} \left( R \frac{du_z}{dz} - \nu u_n \right) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{du_z}{dz} = \frac{\nu}{R} u_n \quad \text{and}$$

$$Rp = N_{\phi\phi} = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \frac{1}{R} \left( R \nu \frac{du_z}{dz} - u_n \right) = \frac{tE}{1-\nu^2} \frac{1}{R} (\nu^2 - 1) u_n = -\frac{tE}{R} u_n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad u_n = -\frac{pR^2}{tE}. \quad \leftarrow$$