
NUMERICAL INTEGRATIONS, MODELING CONSIDERATIONS

LECTURE 8

47 MINUTES

LECTURE 8 Evaluation of isoparametric element matrices

Numerical integrations, Gauss, Newton-Cotes formulas

Basic concepts used and actual numerical operations performed

Practical considerations

Required order of integration, simple examples

Calculation of stresses

Recommended elements and integration orders for one-, two-, three-dimensional analysis, and plate and shell structures

Modeling considerations using the elements

TEXTBOOK: Sections: 5.7.1, 5.7.2, 5.7.3, 5.7.4, 5.8.1, 5.8.2, 5.8.3

Examples: 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, 5.31, 5.32, 5.33, 5.34, 5.35, 5.36, 5.37, 5.38, 5.39

**NUMERICAL INTEGRATION ,
SOME MODELING CONSIDERATIONS**

- Newton-Cotes formulas
- Gauss integration
- Practical considerations
- Choice of elements

We had

$$\underline{K} = \int_V \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} dV \quad (4.29)$$

$$\underline{M} = \int_V \rho \underline{H}^T \underline{H} dV \quad (4.30)$$

$$\underline{R}_B = \int_V \underline{H}^T \underline{f}^B dV \quad (4.31)$$

$$\underline{R}_S = \int_S \underline{H}^{S^T} \underline{f}^S dS \quad (4.32)$$

$$\underline{R}_I = \int_V \underline{B}^T \underline{\tau}^I dV \quad (4.33)$$

In isoparametric finite element analysis we have:

- the displacement interpolation matrix $\underline{H}(r,s,t)$

- the strain-displacement interpolation matrix $\underline{B}(r,s,t)$

Where r,s,t vary from -1 to $+1$.

Hence we need to use:

$$dV = \det \underline{J} dr ds dt$$

Hence, we now have, for example in two-dimensional analysis:

$$\underline{K} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} \det \underline{J} dr ds$$

$$\underline{M} = \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \rho \underline{H}^T \underline{H} \det \underline{J} dr ds$$

etc...

The evaluation of the integrals is carried out effectively using numerical integration, e.g.:

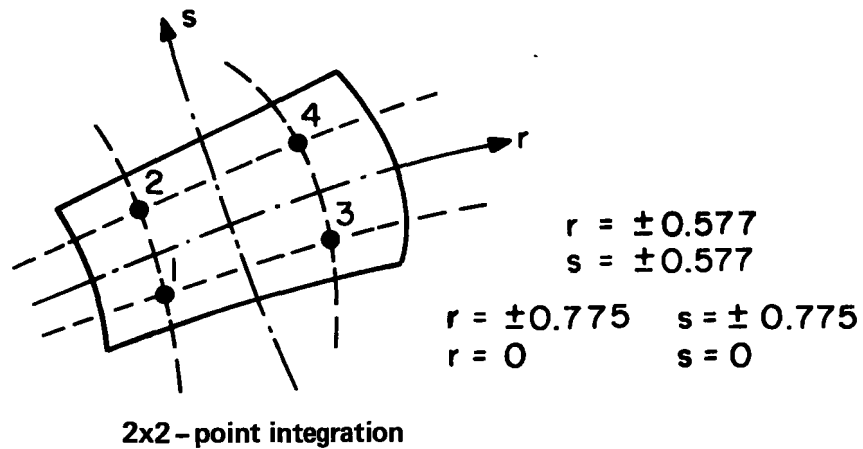
$$\underline{K} = \sum_i \sum_j \alpha_{ij} \underline{F}_{ij}$$

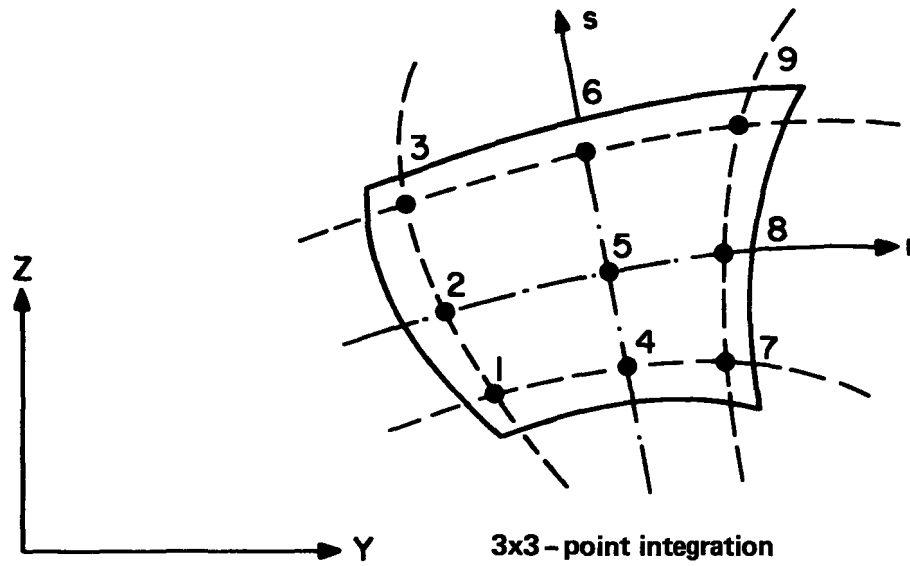
where

i, j denote the integration points

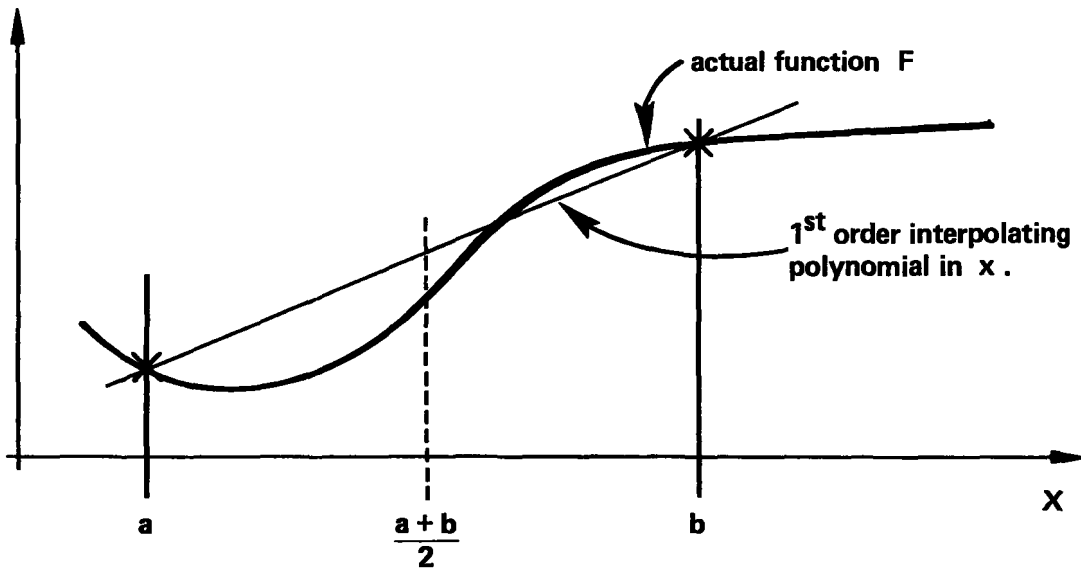
α_{ij} = weight coefficients

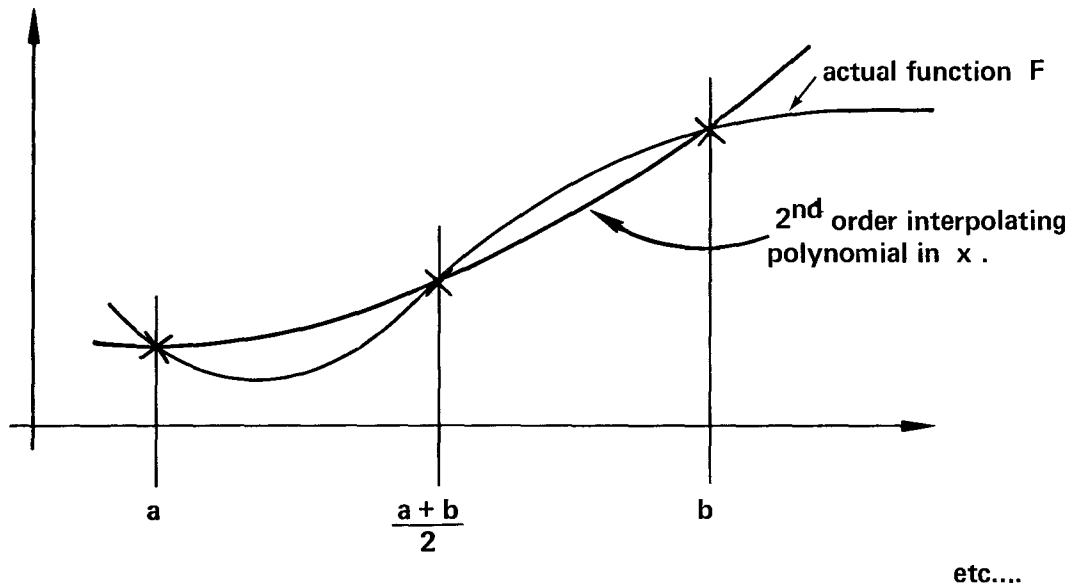
$\underline{F}_{ij} = \underline{B}_{ij}^T \underline{C} \underline{B}_{ij} \det \underline{J}_{ij}$





Consider one-dimensional integration and the concept of an interpolating polynomial.





In Newton - Cotes integration we use sampling points at equal distances, and

$$\int_a^b F(r)dr = (b-a) \sum_{i=0}^n C_i^n F_i + R_n \quad (5.123)$$

n = number of intervals

C_i^n = Newton - Cotes constants

interpolating polynomial is of order n .

Number of Intervals n	C_0^n	C_1^n	C_2^n	C_3^n	C_4^n	C_5^n	C_6^n	Upper Bound on Error R_n as a Function of the Derivative of F
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$						$10^{-1}(b-a)^2 F''(r)$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$					$10^{-3}(b-a)^4 F^{IV}(r)$
3	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$				$10^{-5}(b-a)^6 F^{IV}(r)$
4	$\frac{7}{90}$	$\frac{32}{90}$	$\frac{12}{90}$	$\frac{32}{90}$	$\frac{7}{90}$			$10^{-6}(b-a)^7 F^{VI}(r)$
5	$\frac{19}{288}$	$\frac{75}{288}$	$\frac{50}{288}$	$\frac{50}{288}$	$\frac{75}{288}$	$\frac{19}{288}$		$10^{-6}(b-a)^7 F^{VI}(r)$
6	$\frac{41}{840}$	$\frac{216}{840}$	$\frac{27}{840}$	$\frac{272}{840}$	$\frac{27}{840}$	$\frac{216}{840}$	$\frac{41}{840}$	$10^{-9}(b-a)^9 F^{VIII}(r)$

Table 5.1. Newton-Cotes numbers and error estimates.

In Gauss numerical integration we use

$$\int_a^b F(r)dr = \alpha_1 F(r_1) + \alpha_2 F(r_2) + \dots + \alpha_n F(r_n) + R_n \quad (5.124)$$

where both the weights $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ and the sampling points r_1, \dots, r_n are variables.

The interpolating polynomial is now of order $2n - 1$.

n	r_i	α_i
1	0. (15 zeros)	2. (15 zeros)
2	± 0.57735 02691 89626	1.00000 00000 00000
3	± 0.77459 66692 41483 0.00000 00000 00000	0.55555 55555 55556 0.88888 88888 88889
4	± 0.86113 63115 94053 ± 0.33998 10435 84856	0.34785 48451 37454 0.65214 51548 62546
5	± 0.90617 98459 38664 ± 0.53846 93101 05683 0.00000 00000 00000	0.23692 68850 56189 0.47862 86704 99366 0.56888 88888 88889
6	± 0.93246 95142 03152 ± 0.66120 93864 66265 ± 0.23861 91860 83197	0.17132 44923 79170 0.36076 15730 48139 0.46791 39345 72691

Table 5.2. Sampling points and weights in Gauss-Legendre numerical integration.

Now let,

r_i be a sampling point and

α_i be the corresponding weight

for the interval -1 to $+1$.

Then the actual sampling point and weight for the interval a to b are

$$\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2} r_i \text{ and } \frac{b-a}{2} \alpha_i$$

and the r_i and α_i can be tabulated as in Table 5.2.

In two- and three-dimensional analysis
we use

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r,s) dr ds = \sum_i \alpha_i \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r_i,s) ds$$

(5.131)

or

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r,s) dr ds = \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j F(r_i,s_j)$$

(5.132)

and corresponding to (5.113),
 $\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_i \alpha_j$, where α_i and α_j
are the integration weights for
one-dimensional integration.
Similarly,

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} \int_{-1}^{+1} F(r,s,t) dr ds dt$$
$$= \sum_{i,j,k} \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k F(r_i,s_j,t_k)$$

(5.133)

and $\alpha_{ijk} = \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_k$.

Practical use of numerical integration

- The integration order required to evaluate a specific element matrix exactly can be evaluated by studying the function \underline{F} to be integrated.
- In practice, the integration is frequently not performed exactly, but the integration order must be high enough.

Considering the evaluation of the element matrices, we note the following requirements:

a) **stiffness matrix evaluation:**

(1) the element matrix does not contain any spurious zero energy modes (i.e., the rank of the element stiffness matrix is not smaller than evaluated exactly); and

(2) the element contains the required constant strain states.

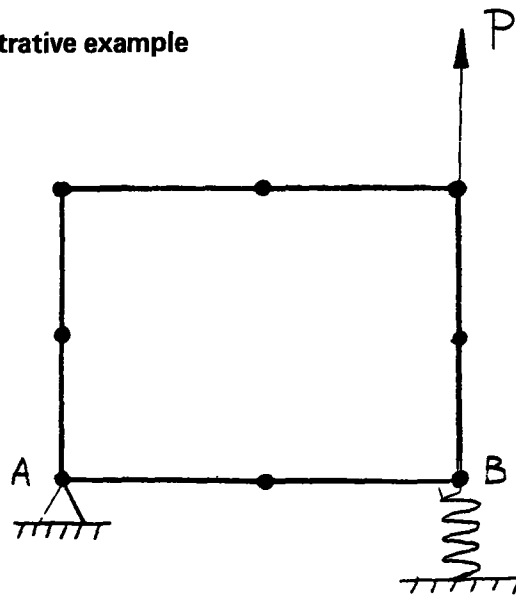
b) **mass matrix evaluation:**

the total element mass must be included.

c) **force vector evaluations:**

the total loads must be included.

Demonstrative example



2x2 Gauss integration
"absurd" results

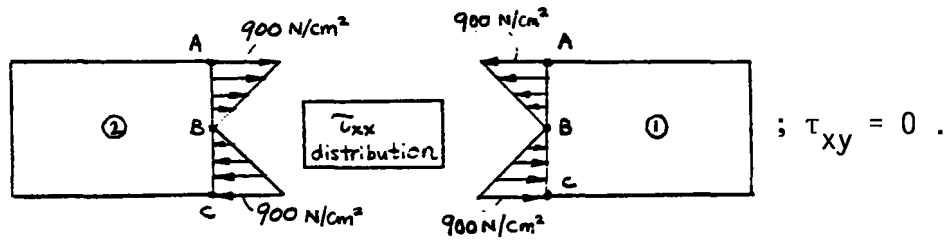
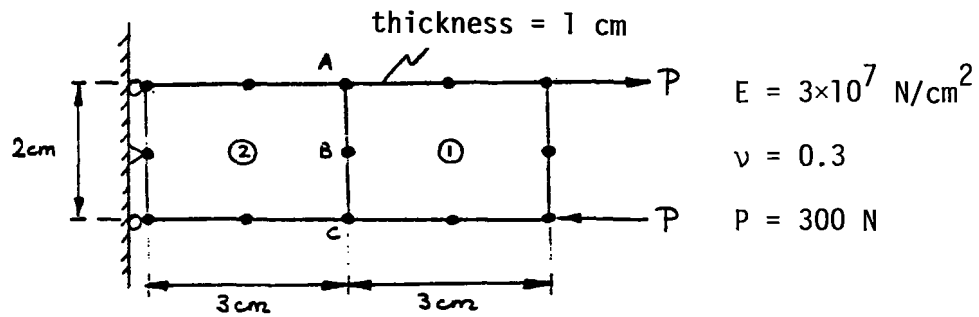
3x3 Gauss integration
correct results

Fig. 5.46. 8 - node plane stress element supported at B by a spring.

Stress calculations

$$\underline{\epsilon} = \underline{C} \underline{B} \underline{U} + \underline{\tau}^I \quad (5.136)$$

- stresses can be calculated at any point of the element.
- stresses are, in general, discontinuous across element boundaries.



(a) Cantilever subjected to bending moment and finite element solutions.

Fig. 5.47. Predicted longitudinal stress distributions in analysis of cantilever.

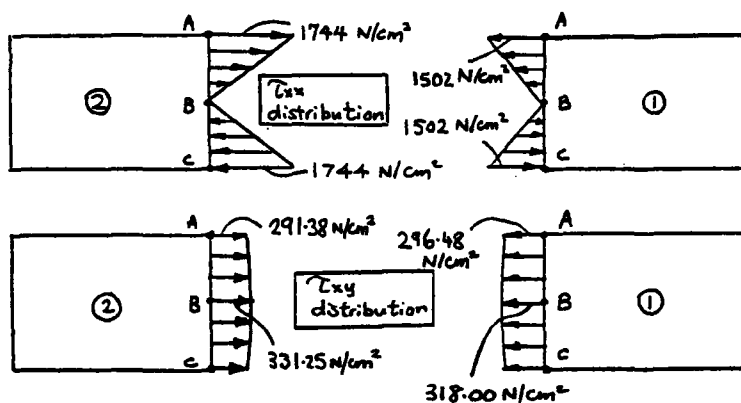
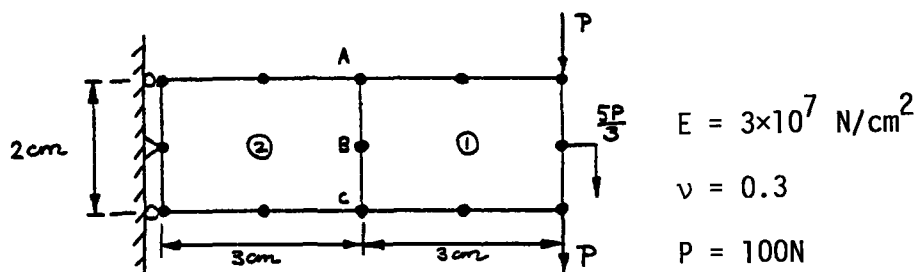



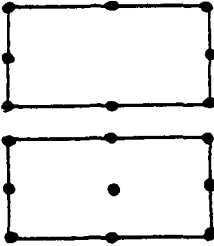
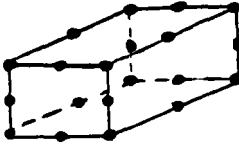


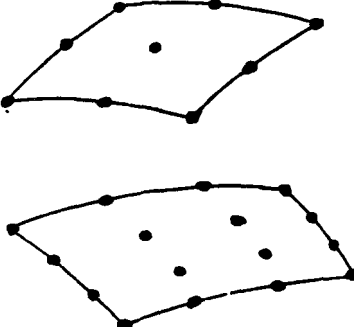
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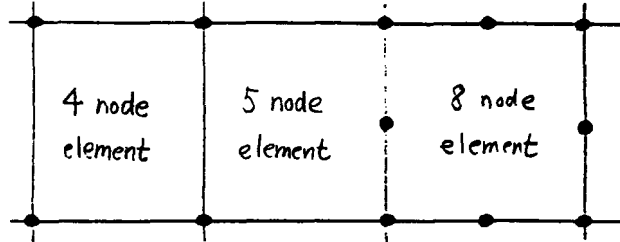
Some modeling considerations

We need

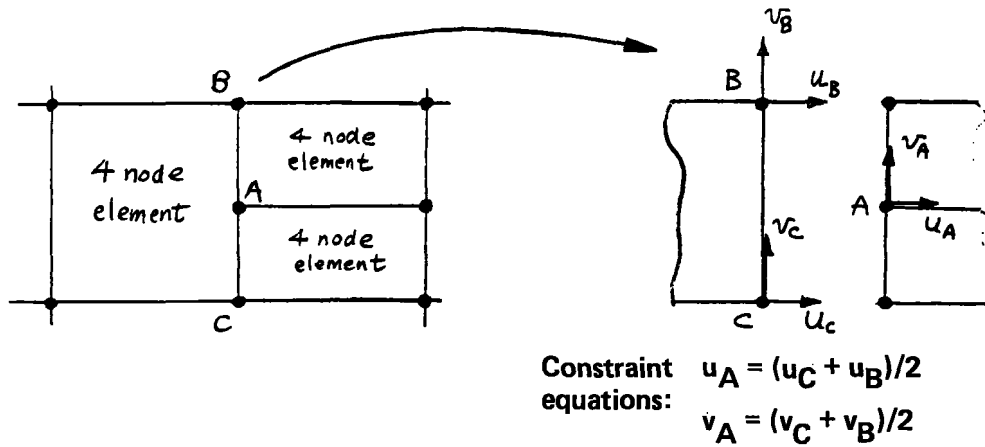
- a qualitative knowledge of the response to be predicted
- a thorough knowledge of the principles of mechanics and the finite element procedures available
- parabolic/undistorted elements usually most effective

Table 5.6 Elements usually effective in analysis.

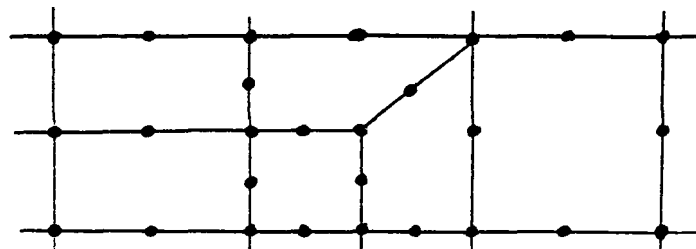
TYPE OF PROBLEM	ELEMENT	
TRUSS OR CABLE	2-node	
TWO-DIMENSIONAL PLANE STRESS PLANE STRAIN AXISYMMETRIC	8-node or 9-node	
THREE-DIMENSIONAL	20-node	
3-D BEAM	3-node or 4-node	
PLATE	9-node	
SHELL	9-node or 16-node	



a) 4 - node to 8 - node element transition region



b) 4 - node to 4 - node element transition



c) 8 - node to finer 8 - node element layout transition region

Fig. 5.49. Some transitions with compatible element layouts

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