

HW 5: Due Thursday March 17

1. (20pts) Consider a plane-strain 3-node triangular element with nodes

$$\mathbf{x}_1^e = (0, 0) \text{ m} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2^e = (2, 0) \text{ m} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_3^e = (1, 1) \text{ m} \quad (3)$$

and nodal displacements

$$\Delta_1^e = (0, 0) \text{ m} \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta_2^e = (0.002, 0) \text{ m} \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta_3^e = (0.001, 0.001) \text{ m} \quad (6)$$

- (a) Find the strain field in the element.
- (b) Assume Lamé parameters $\lambda = 100$ GPa, $\mu = 50$ GPa. Find the stress field in the element.
- (c) Find the traction field on the edges of the element.
- (d) Find the (consistent) nodal loads at the three nodes of the element.
2. (20 pts) Consider a domain $\Omega = \{(x, y) \mid (x, y) \in [0, L] \times [0, L]\}$, where $L = 2$ m, that has been uniformly discretized into a 10×10 mesh of bi-quadratic elements (9-node quadrilateral elements). Ω is subject to an edge traction $\bar{\mathbf{t}} = \sigma \frac{x}{L} \mathbf{e}_y$ for $(x, y) \in \{(x, y) \mid x \in [0, L], y = L\}$, where $\sigma = 2$ MPa.
- (a) Find the (consistent) nodal loads on the 21 nodes along the top edge. [Hint: Write a computer program to compute the values.]
- (b) Plot these values as force vectors at the corresponding nodes. On the same plot, plot the traction distribution.
- (c) Verify that the sum of the consistent nodal forces is equal to the integral of the traction field over the edge.
3. (20 pts) Consider the case of axis-symmetric elasticity, where no field depends on the polar angle θ and $u_\theta = 0$. This results in a situation where the problem becomes two-dimensional (just as in the midterm exam) and the primary unknowns are $u_r(r, z)$,

$u_z(r, z)$. Note that the general relations for the strains in cylindrical coordinates are:

$$\varepsilon_{rr} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \quad (7)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\theta\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{u_r}{r} \quad (8)$$

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \quad (9)$$

$$\gamma_{r\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \theta} + r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{u_\theta}{r} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\gamma_{rz} = \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} \quad (11)$$

$$\gamma_{z\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial z} \quad (12)$$

- (a) This implies that the strain vector $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ can be collapsed to a 4×1 vector (eliminating the 2 terms that will always be zero), which can be written as $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{u}$ where \mathbf{u} is a 2×1 vector with components $u_r(r, z)$ and $u_z(r, z)$. What is the expression for \mathbf{L} ?
- (b) The stiffness matrix in this setting is

$$\mathbf{K} = \int \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} r dr dz \quad (13)$$

where $\mathbf{B} = [\mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{B}_2, \dots, \mathbf{B}_n]$. What is the expression for \mathbf{B}_A ?