

Structural Analysis

Lecture 10

Stiffness Method (2)

For truss analysis

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Application of the stiffness method for truss analysis

The global force components Q acting on the truss can then be related to its global displacements D using

$$Q = KD$$

This equation is referred to as the **structure stiffness equation**

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_k \\ Q_u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_u \\ D_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Application of the stiffness method for truss analysis

Expanding yields

$$Q_k = K_{11}D_u + K_{12}D_k$$

$$Q_u = K_{21}D_u + K_{22}D_k$$

Often $D_k = 0$ since the supports are not displaced
Thus becomes

$$Q_k = K_{11}D_u$$

Application of the stiffness method for truss analysis

Since the elements in the partitioned matrix K_{11} represent the total resistance at a truss joint to a unit Displacement in either the x or y direction, then the above equation symbolizes the collection of all the force equation applied to the joints where the external loads are zero or have a known value Q_k Solving for D_u , we have:

$$D_u = [K_{11}]^{-1} Q_k$$

Solution

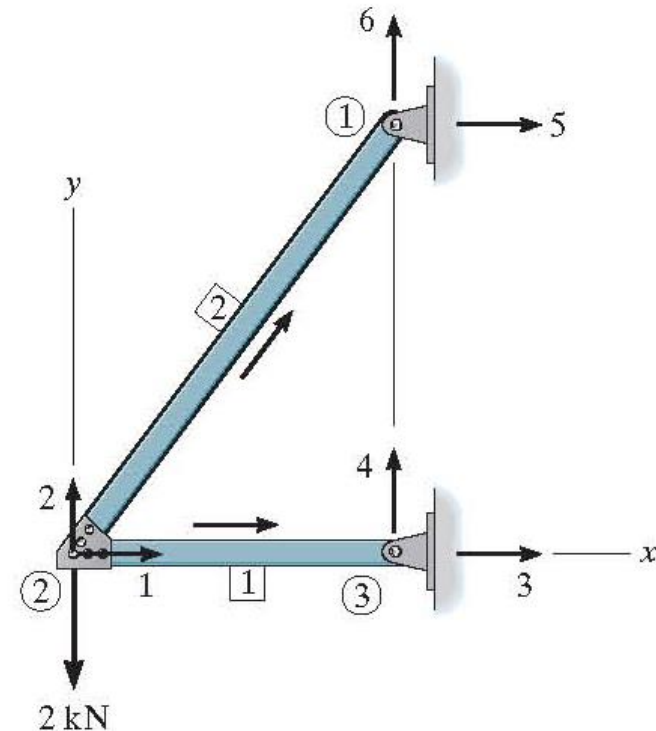
The origin of x,y and the numbering of the joints & members are shown.

By inspection, it is seen that the known external displacement are $D_3=D_4=D_5=D_6=0$

Also, the known external loads are $Q_1=0$, $Q_2=-2\text{kN}$.

Hence,

$$D_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} \quad Q_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix}$$



Solution

We can now identify K_{11} and thereby determine D_u
By matrix multiplication,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = AE \begin{bmatrix} 0.405 & 0.096 \\ 0.096 & 0.128 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

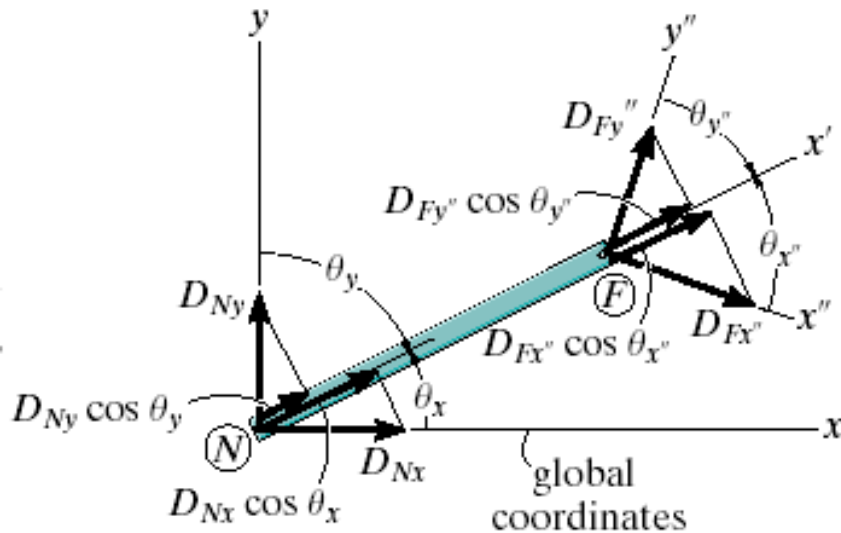
$$D_1 = \frac{4.505}{AE}; \quad D_2 = \frac{-19.003}{AE}$$

Nodal Coordinates

- Because the roller can displace along the x'' axis this node will have displacement components along both global coordinates axes x & y
- To solve this problem, so that it can easily be incorporated into a computer analysis, we will use a set of nodal coordinates x'' , y'' located at the inclined support
- These axes are oriented such that the reactions & support displacement are along each of the coordinate axes

Nodal Coordinates

- When displacement D occur so that they have components along each of these axes as shown



$$d_N = D_{N_x} \cos \theta_x + D_{N_y} \cos \theta_y$$

$$d_F = D_{F_x} \cos \theta_{x''} + D_{F_y} \cos \theta_{y''}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_N \\ d_F \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_x & \lambda_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{x''} & \lambda_{y''} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{N_x} \\ D_{N_y} \\ D_{F_x''} \\ D_{F_y''} \end{bmatrix}$$

Nodal Coordinates

$$Q = T^T k' T D \Leftrightarrow Q = k D$$

- We have

$$k = T^T k' T$$

$$k = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_x & 0 \\ \lambda_y & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{x''} \\ 0 & \lambda_{y''} \end{bmatrix} \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_x & \lambda_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{x''} & \lambda_{y''} \end{bmatrix}$$

Nodal Coordinates

- Performing the matrix operation yields:

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_x^2 & \lambda_x \lambda_y & -\lambda_x \lambda_{x''} & -\lambda_x \lambda_{y''} \\ \lambda_x \lambda_y & \lambda_y^2 & -\lambda_y \lambda_{x''} & -\lambda_y \lambda_{y''} \\ -\lambda_x \lambda_{x''} & -\lambda_y \lambda_{x''} & \lambda_{x''}^2 & \lambda_{x''} \lambda_{y''} \\ -\lambda_x \lambda_{y''} & -\lambda_y \lambda_{y''} & \lambda_{x''} \lambda_{y''} & \lambda_{y''}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

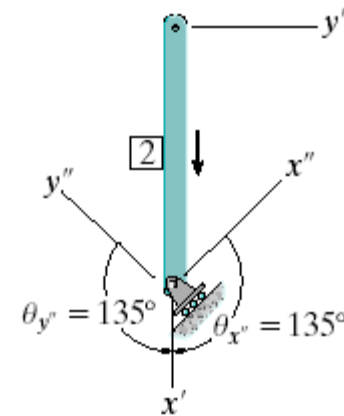
- This stiffness matrix is used for each member that is connected to an inclined roller support
- The process of assembling the matrices to form the structure stiffness matrix follows the standard procedure

Solution

- Member 2,

$$\lambda_x = 0, \lambda_y = -1, \lambda_{x''} = -0.707, \lambda_{y''} = -0.707$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = AE \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3333 & -0.2357 & -0.2357 \\ 0 & -0.2357 & 0.1667 & 0.1667 \\ 0 & -0.2357 & 0.1667 & 0.1667 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix}$$



Solution

- Member 3,

$$\lambda_x = 0.8, \lambda_y = 0.6$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = AE \begin{bmatrix} & 5 & 6 & 1 & 2 \\ & 0.128 & 0.096 & -0.128 & -0.096 \\ & 0.096 & 0.072 & -0.096 & -0.072 \\ & -0.128 & -0.096 & 0.128 & 0.096 \\ & -0.096 & -0.072 & 0.096 & 0.072 \\ & & & & & 5 \\ & & & & & 6 \\ & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Trusses having thermal changes & fabrication errors

- If some of the members of the truss are subjected to an increase or decrease in length due to thermal changes or fabrication errors, then it is necessary to use the method of superposition to obtain the solution
- This requires 3 steps

Trusses having thermal changes & fabrication errors

- First, the fixed end forces necessary to prevent movement of the nodes as caused by temperature or fabrication are calculated
- Second, equal but opposite forces are placed on the truss at the nodes & the displacement of the nodes are calculated using the matrix analysis
- Third, the actual forces in the members & the reactions on the truss are determined by superposing these 2 results

Trusses having thermal changes & fabrication errors

- This procedure is only necessary if the truss is statically indeterminate
- If a truss member of length L is subjected to a temperature increase ΔT , the member will undergo an increase in length of $\Delta L = \alpha \Delta T L$
- A compressive force q_0 applied to the member will cause a decrease in the member's length of $\Delta L' = q_0 L / AE$
- If we equate these 2 disp $q_0 = AE \alpha \Delta T$

Trusses having thermal changes & fabrication errors

- Carrying out the multiplication, we obtain:

$$Q_k = K_{11}D_u + K_{12}D_k + (Q_k)_0$$

$$Q_u = K_{21}D_u + K_{22}D_k + (Q_u)_0$$

- According to the superposition procedure described above, the unknown disp are determined from the first eqn by subtracting $K_{12}D_k$ and $(Q_k)_0$ from both sides & then solving for D_u

Trusses having thermal changes & fabrication errors

- Once these nodal displacement are obtained, the member forces are determined by superposition:

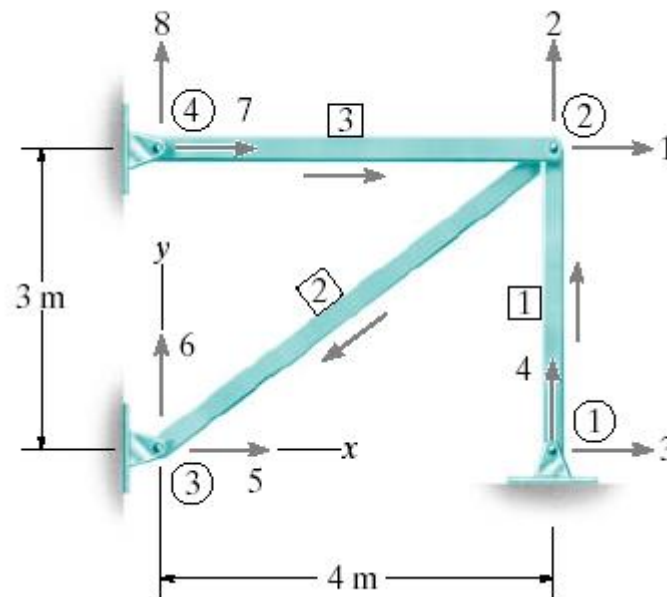
$$q = k'TD + q_0$$

- If this equation is expanded to determine the force at the far end of the member, we obtain:

$$q_F = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_x & -\lambda_y & \lambda_x & \lambda_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{Nx} \\ D_{Ny} \\ D_{Fx} \\ D_{Fy} \end{bmatrix} - (q_F)_0$$

Example 3

Determine the force in member 1 & 2 of the pin-connected assembly if member 2 was made 0.01 m too short before it was fitted into place. Take $AE = 8(10^3)\text{kN}$.



Example 3

- Since the member is short, then $\Delta L = -0.01\text{m}$.
- For member 2, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} (Q_1)_0 \\ (Q_2)_0 \\ (Q_5)_0 \\ (Q_6)_0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{AE(-0.01)}{5} \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 \\ -0.6 \\ 0.8 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix} = AE \begin{bmatrix} 0.0016 \\ 0.0012 \\ -0.0016 \\ -0.0012 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix}$$

Space-truss analysis

- By inspection the direction cosines bet the global & local coordinates can be found

$$\lambda_x = \cos \theta_x = \frac{x_F - x_N}{L}$$
$$= \frac{x_F - x_N}{\sqrt{(x_F - x_N)^2 + (y_F - y_N)^2 + (z_F - z_N)^2}}$$

Space-truss analysis

- Carrying out the matrix multiplication yields the symmetric matrix

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} N_x & N_y & N_z & F_x & F_y & F_z \\ \lambda_x^2 & \lambda_x \lambda_y & \lambda_x \lambda_z & -\lambda_x^2 & -\lambda_x \lambda_y & -\lambda_x \lambda_z \\ \lambda_y \lambda_x & \lambda_y^2 & \lambda_y \lambda_z & -\lambda_y \lambda_x & -\lambda_y^2 & -\lambda_y \lambda_z \\ \lambda_z \lambda_x & \lambda_z \lambda_y & \lambda_z^2 & -\lambda_z \lambda_x & -\lambda_z \lambda_y & -\lambda_z^2 \\ -\lambda_x^2 & -\lambda_x \lambda_y & -\lambda_x \lambda_z & \lambda_x^2 & \lambda_x \lambda_y & \lambda_x \lambda_z \\ -\lambda_y \lambda_x & -\lambda_y^2 & -\lambda_y \lambda_z & \lambda_y \lambda_x & \lambda_y^2 & \lambda_y \lambda_z \\ -\lambda_z \lambda_x & -\lambda_z \lambda_y & -\lambda_z^2 & \lambda_z \lambda_x & \lambda_z \lambda_y & \lambda_z^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_z \\ F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- This equation represent the member stiffness matrix expressed in global coordinates

