



Q. Determine the stiffness matrix for the CST element. The co-ordinates are given in units of mm.

Assume plane stress conditions. Take  $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$

Poisson's ratio  $\nu = 0.25$ , thickness  $t = 10 \text{ mm}$ . ~~Find~~

To find:

stiffness matrix  $K$ .

Sol:

$$[K] = [B]^T [D] [B] A \times t$$

where,

$B$  = strain displacement matrix

$D$  = stress strain relationship matrix

$A$  = Area

$t$  = thickness

$$\text{Area } (A) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_1 & y_1 \\ 1 & x_2 & y_2 \\ 1 & x_3 & y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = 20, y_1 = 30$$

$$x_2 = 80, y_2 = 30$$

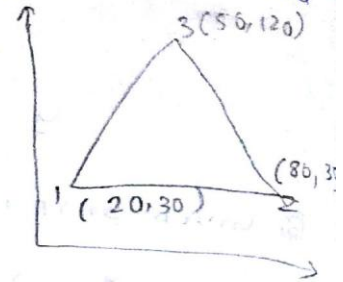
$$x_3 = 50, y_3 = 120$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 20 & 30 \\ 1 & 80 & 30 \\ 1 & 50 & 120 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [1(9600 - 1500) - 20(120 - 30) + 30(50^2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [8100 - 1800 - 900]$$

$$A = 2700 \text{ mm}^2$$





strain displacement matrix [B]

$$[B] = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & 0 & Q_2 & 0 & Q_3 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_1' & 0 & Q_2' & 0 & Q_3' \\ \gamma_1 & Q_1 & \gamma_2 & Q_2 & \gamma_3 & Q_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q = 2, 3, 1, \quad r = 3, 2, 1$$

$$q_1 = (y_2 - y_3) = (30 - 0) = 30$$

$$q_2 = (y_3 - y_1) = (0 - 30) = -30$$

$$q_3 = (y_1 - y_2) = (30 - 30) = 0$$

$$\gamma_1 = x_3 - x_2 = (50 - 80) = -30$$

$$\gamma_2 = x_1 - x_3 = (20 - 50) = -30$$

$$\gamma_3 = x_2 - x_1 = (80 - 20) = 60$$

$$[B] = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{bmatrix} -90 & 0 & 90 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -30 & 0 & -30 & 0 & 60 \\ -30 & -90 & -30 & 90 & 60 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \times 2700} \begin{bmatrix} -90 & 0 & 90 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -30 & 0 & -30 & 0 & 60 \\ -30 & -90 & -30 & 90 & 60 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 5.55 \times 10^{-3} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[D] = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1 - \nu}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$[D] = \frac{21 \times 10^5}{1 - 0.25^2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0.25 & 0 \\ 0.25 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-0.25}{2} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 56 \times 10^3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[B]^T [D] [B] = 56 \times 10^3 \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.5 \end{vmatrix} \times 5.55 \times 10^{-3} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -3 & -1 & 3 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 310.8 \begin{vmatrix} -12+0+0 & 0-1+0 & 12+0+0 & 0-1+0 & 0+0+0 \\ -3+0+0 & 0-4+0 & 3+0+0 & 0-4+0 & 0+0+0 \\ 0+0-1.5 & 0+0-4.5 & 0+0-1.5 & 0+0-4.5 & 0+0+0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 310.8 \begin{vmatrix} -12 & -1 & 12 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 & 3 & -4 & 0 & 8 \\ -1.5 & -4.5 & -1.5 & -4.5 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[B]^T [D] [B] = 5.55 \times 10^{-3} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \times 310.8 \begin{vmatrix} -12 & -1 & 12 & -1 & 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -4 & 3 & -4 & 0 & 8 \\ -1.5 & -4.5 & -1.5 & -4.5 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$



$$[D][B] = 1.72494 \begin{bmatrix} 37.5 & 7.5 & -34.5 & -1.5 & -3 & -6 \\ 7.5 & 17.5 & 1.5 & -9.5 & -8 & -2 \\ -34.5 & 1.5 & 37.5 & -7.5 & -3 & 6 \\ -1.5 & -9.5 & -7.5 & 17.5 & 9 & -8 \\ -3 & -8 & -3 & 9 & 6 & 0 \\ -6 & -2 & 6 & -2 & 0 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K = [B]^T [D][B] A \times t$$

$$= 1.72494 \times 2700 \times 10$$

$$= 46.573 \times 10^3$$