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STIFFNESS MATRIX FOR 1-D BAR ELEMENT

Stiffness matrix $[K]$

$$= \int_V [B]^T [D] [B] dv \quad D = E \begin{pmatrix} \text{young's} \\ \text{modulus} \end{pmatrix}$$

$[dv = A \cdot dx]$

Displacement function $U = N_1 u_1 + N_2 u_2$

$$N_1 = \frac{L-x}{L} \quad N_2 = \frac{x}{L}$$

$$[B] \text{ strain displacement matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dN_1}{dx} & \frac{dN_2}{dx} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[B]^T = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

Substitute $[B]$, $[D]$, $[B]^T$ values in stiffness matrix equation.

$$K = \int_0^L \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} \\ \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} E \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} A dx.$$

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$$= AE \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L^2} & -\frac{1}{L^2} \\ -\frac{1}{L^2} & \frac{1}{L^2} \end{bmatrix} \int_0^L dn$$

$$= AE \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L^2} & -\frac{1}{L^2} \\ -\frac{1}{L^2} & \frac{1}{L^2} \end{bmatrix} [n]_0^L$$

$$= AE \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L^2} & -\frac{1}{L^2} \\ -\frac{1}{L^2} & \frac{1}{L^2} \end{bmatrix} [L-0]$$

$$= \frac{AE L}{L^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow K = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The properties of stiffness matrix

* It is symmetric

* The sum of elements in any columns is equal to zero.

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