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Finite element method (FEM1)

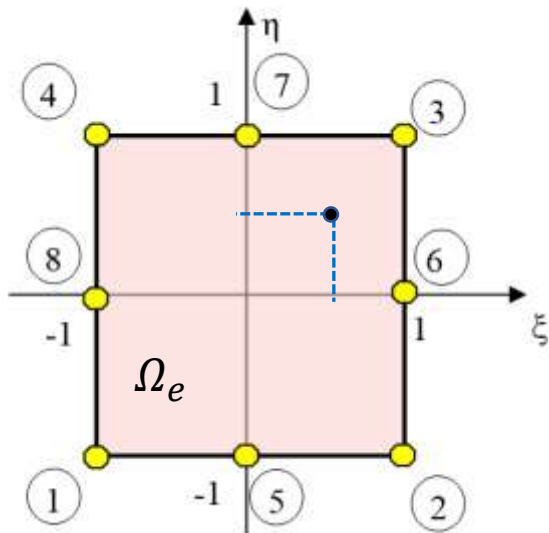
Lecture 4A. 8-node quadrilateral element

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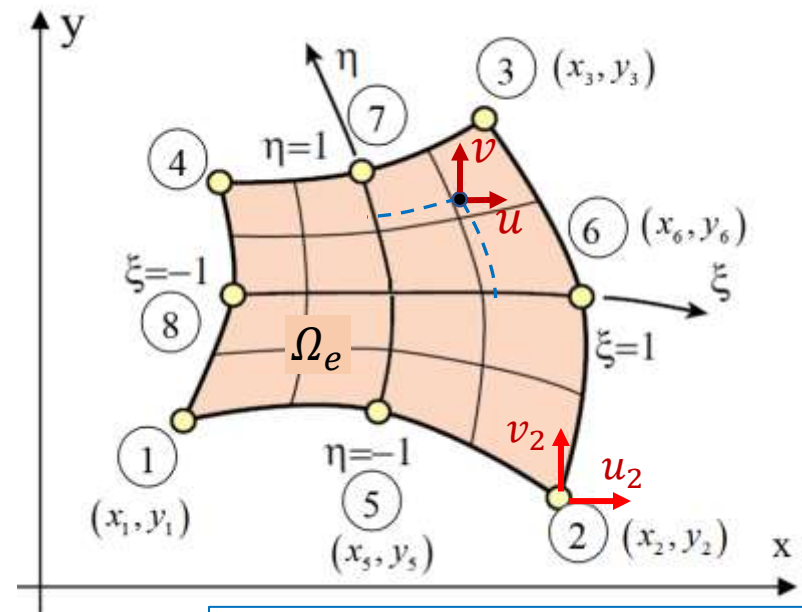
8-node 2D quadrilateral element (accuracy, irregular shapes)

An 8-node element is defined by eight nodes with two degrees of freedom at each node: u_i, v_i . It provides more accurate results and can accommodate irregular shapes without significant loss of accuracy.

natural coordinate system



cartesian coordinate system



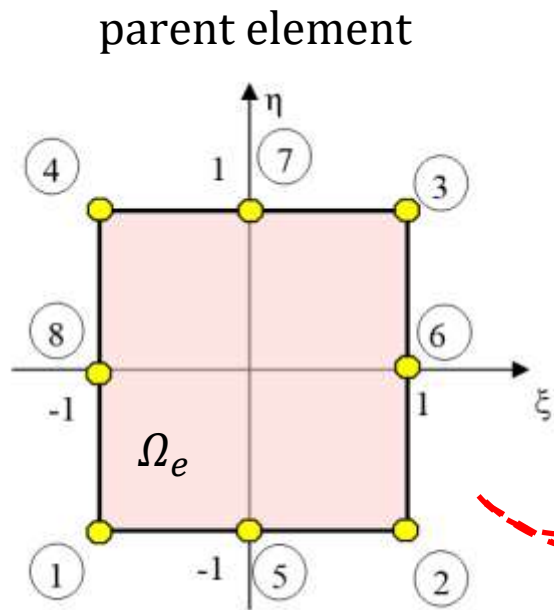
$$n = 8 ; n_p = 2 \rightarrow n_e = n \cdot n_p = 16$$

Geometry mapping: $(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow (x, y)$

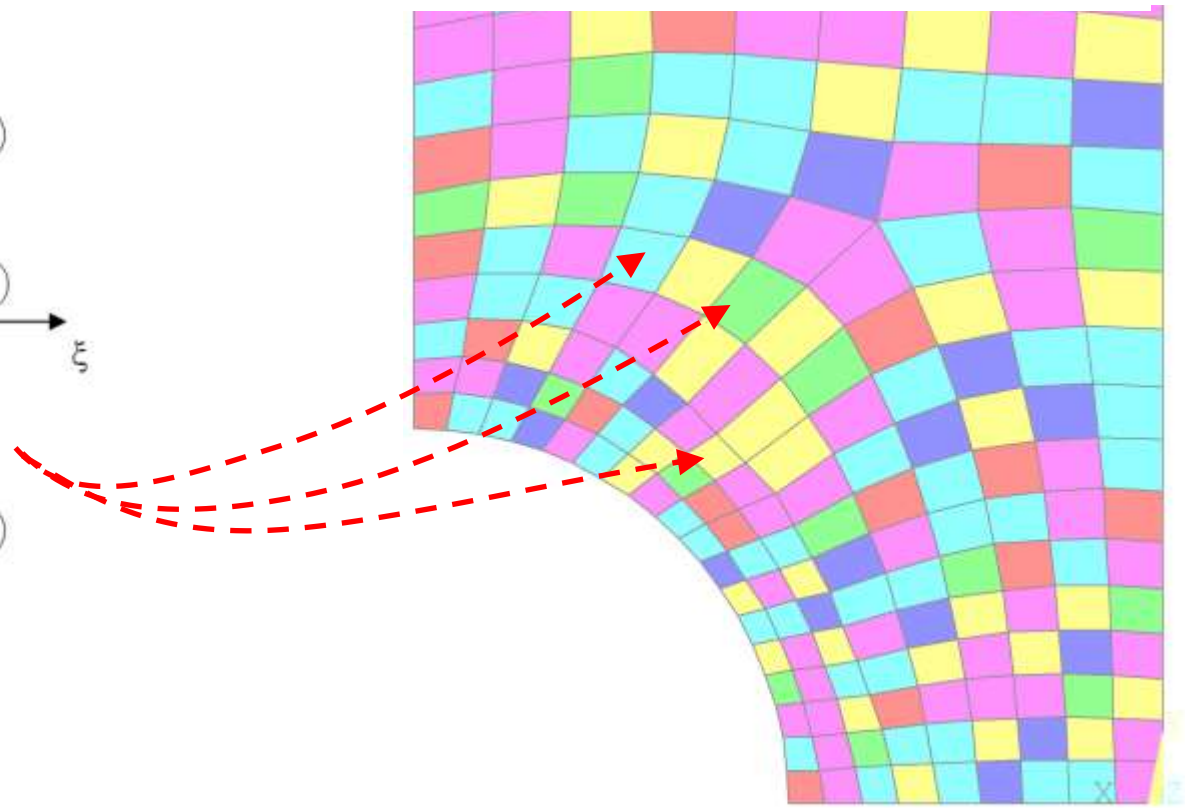
$$\begin{array}{cccc} (-1, -1) \rightarrow (x_1, y_1) & (1, -1) \rightarrow (x_2, y_2) & (1, 1) \rightarrow (x_3, y_3) & (-1, 1) \rightarrow (x_4, y_4) \\ (0, -1) \rightarrow (x_5, y_5) & (1, 0) \rightarrow (x_6, y_6) & (0, 1) \rightarrow (x_7, y_7) & (-1, 0) \rightarrow (x_8, y_8) \end{array}$$

Reference element vs real elements

One reference element maps to each real element of the mesh



mesh of model elements

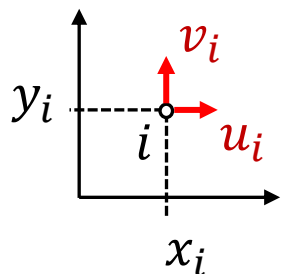


Isoparametric mapping

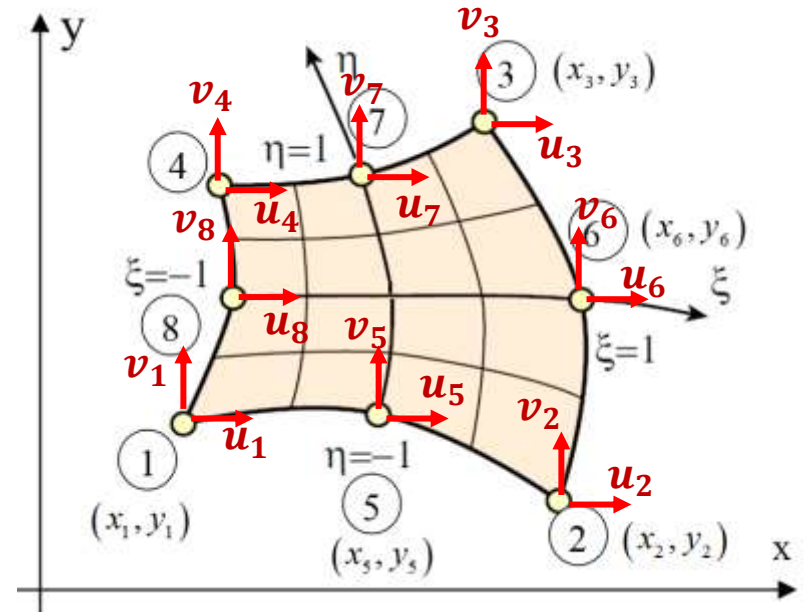
vectors of nodal coordinates

$$\{x_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ x_8 \end{Bmatrix}_{8 \times 1} ; \{y_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ y_8 \end{Bmatrix}_{8 \times 1}$$

local vector of nodal parameters



$$\{q\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ q_{16} \end{Bmatrix}_{16 \times 1} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ u_8 \\ v_8 \end{Bmatrix}_e$$



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Isoparametric mapping – the same functions are used to describe the geometry and displacement field

Isoparametric mapping

matrix of shape functions:

$$[N(\xi, \eta)]_{2 \times 16} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1(\xi, \eta) & 0 & N_2(\xi, \eta) & 0 & \dots & N_8(\xi, \eta) & 0 \\ 0 & N_1(\xi, \eta) & 0 & N_2(\xi, \eta) & \dots & 0 & N_8(\xi, \eta) \end{bmatrix}$$

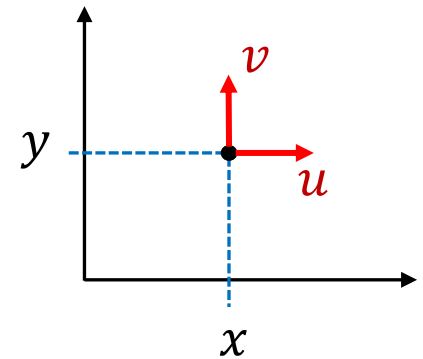
vector of shape functions:

$$[N(\xi, \eta)]_{1 \times 8} = [N_1(\xi, \eta), N_2(\xi, \eta), \dots, N_8(\xi, \eta)]$$

position and displacement of any point:

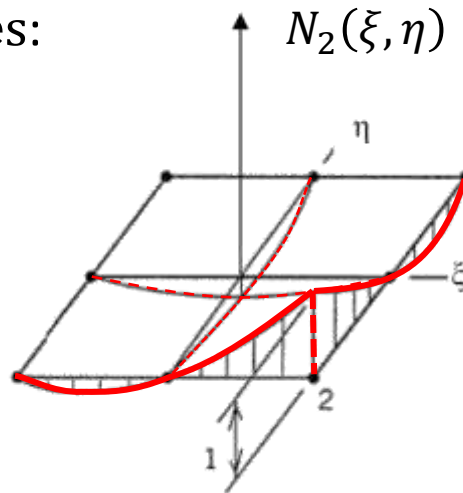
$$x = [N(\xi, \eta)]_{1 \times 8} \{x_i\}_e_{8 \times 1} \quad ; \quad y = [N(\xi, \eta)]_{1 \times 8} \{y_i\}_e_{8 \times 1}$$

$$\{u\}_{2 \times 1} = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = [N(\xi, \eta)]_{2 \times 16} \{q\}_e_{16 \times 1}$$



Shape functions of the 8-node quadrilateral finite element

corner nodes:



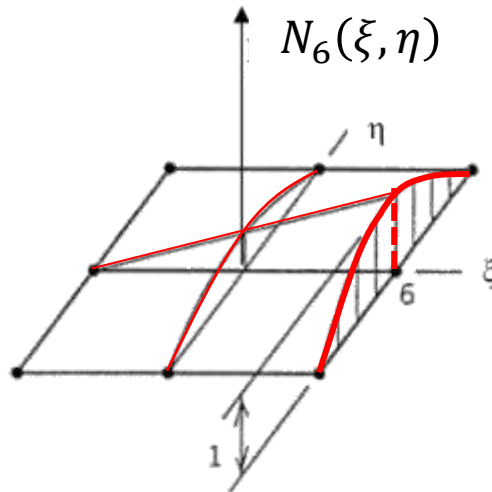
$$N_1(\xi, \eta) = -\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1-\eta)(1+\xi+\eta)$$

$$N_2(\xi, \eta) = -\frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1-\eta)(1-\xi+\eta)$$

$$N_3(\xi, \eta) = -\frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1+\eta)(1-\xi-\eta)$$

$$N_4(\xi, \eta) = -\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1+\eta)(1+\xi-\eta)$$

midside nodes:



$$N_5(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi^2)(1-\eta)$$

$$N_6(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1+\xi)(1-\eta^2)$$

$$N_7(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi^2)(1+\eta)$$

$$N_8(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi)(1-\eta^2)$$

Transformation between natural and cartesian coordinates

partial derivatives of any function of coordinates (x, y) with respect to (ξ, η) :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Jacobian matrix} \\ 2 \times 2}}{[J]} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Transformation between natural and cartesian coordinates

differential operators:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2 \times 2}}{[J]} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} & ; & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ 2 \times 2}}{[J]^{-1}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \text{Jacobian matrix} & & \text{inverse Jacobian matrix} \end{aligned}$$

differential operators:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} &= \underset{2 \times 2}{[J]} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{2 \times 2}{[J]} \cdot \underset{2 \times 2}{[J]^{-1}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} = \underset{2 \times 2}{[I]} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{pmatrix} \\ & & & \text{unit matrix} \end{aligned}$$

How to find the inverse of the Jakobian matrix?

$$[J] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}$$

the inverse of the Jakobian matrix:

$$[J]_{2 \times 2}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} ([J]^C)^T = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} & -\frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \\ -\frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \end{bmatrix} \right)^T = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} & -\frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ -\frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} & -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ *transposed J's cofactor matrix*

↓ *geometry approximation*

↓ *nodal coordinates*

$$[J]_{2 \times 2}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{y_i\}_e)}{\partial \eta} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{y_i\}_e$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{y_i\}_e)}{\partial \xi} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{y_i\}_e$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{x_i\}_e)}{\partial \eta} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{x_i\}_e$$

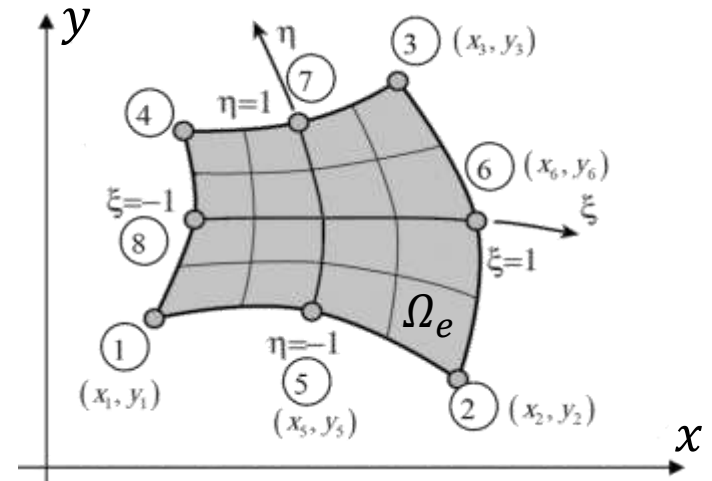
$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{x_i\}_e)}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{x_i\}_e$$

How to find the inverse of the Jakobian matrix?

determinant of the Jakobian matrix:

$$\det[J] = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} =$$

geometry approximation



$$= \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{x_i\}_e)}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{y_i\}_e)}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{y_i\}_e)}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial([N(\xi, \eta)]\{x_i\}_e)}{\partial \eta} =$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{x_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{y_i\}_e \right) - \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{y_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{x_i\}_e \right)$$

$\begin{matrix} 1 \times 8 & 8 \times 1 & 1 \times 8 & 8 \times 1 & 1 \times 8 & 8 \times 1 & 1 \times 8 & 8 \times 1 \end{matrix}$

(known at any point of the domain Ω_e)

Gradient matrix calculation

differential operators in the coordinate system (x, y) :

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{Bmatrix} = [J]^{-1}_{2 \times 2} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} & -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \\ -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} & \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{Bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

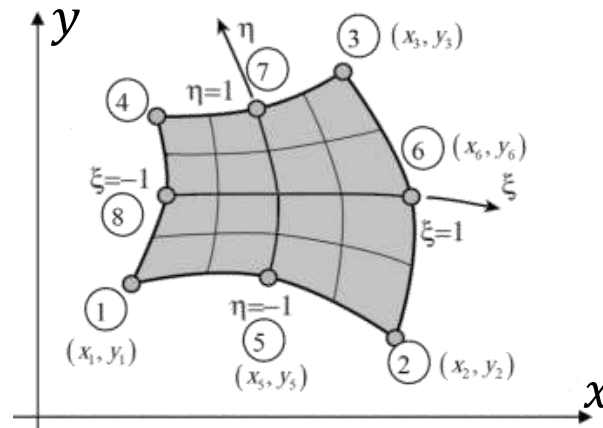
gradient matrix for plane stress or plane strain conditions:

$$[R]_{3 \times 2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) & 0 \\ 0 & \left(-\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) \\ \left(\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} - \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right) & \left(\frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \frac{1}{\det[J]} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \right) \end{bmatrix} = [R(\xi, \eta)]_{3 \times 2}$$

Gradient matrix for plane stress and plane strain conditions

$$[R(\xi, \eta)] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\xi, \eta) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\xi, \eta) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\xi, \eta) & \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\xi, \eta) \end{bmatrix}$$

3×2



$$\{x_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_8 \end{Bmatrix}$$

8×1

$$\{y_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_8 \end{Bmatrix}$$

8×1

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{y_i\}_e \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} - \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{y_i\}_e \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}}{\left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{x_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{y_i\}_e \right) - \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{y_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{x_i\}_e \right)}$$

1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{x_i\}_e \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} - \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{x_i\}_e \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}}{\left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{x_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{y_i\}_e \right) - \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \xi} \{y_i\}_e \right) \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi, \eta)]}{\partial \eta} \{x_i\}_e \right)}$$

1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1

Strain energy of an 8-node QUAD element

strain vector for plane stress or plane strain conditions:

$$\{\varepsilon\} = [R(\xi, \eta)]\{u\} = [R(\xi, \eta)][N(\xi, \eta)]\{q\}_e = [B(\xi, \eta)]\{q\}_e$$

$3 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 2 \quad 2 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 1$

elastic strain energy of a finite element:

$$U_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_e} [\varepsilon] \{\sigma\} d\Omega_e = \frac{1}{2} [q]_e (t_e \int_{A_e} [B(\xi, \eta)]^T [D] [B(\xi, \eta)] dx dy) \{q\}_e =$$

$1 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 1 \quad 1 \times 16 \quad A_e \quad 16 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 1$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\} = \frac{1}{2} [q]_e [k]_e \{q\}_e$$

$3 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 1$

$$[\varepsilon] = [q]_e [B(\xi, \eta)]^T \quad \{\varepsilon\} = [B(\xi, \eta)] \{q\}_e$$

$1 \times 3 \quad 1 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 1$

$$\left(\int_{A_e} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(\xi, \eta) \det[J] d\xi d\eta \right)$$

local stiffness matrix:

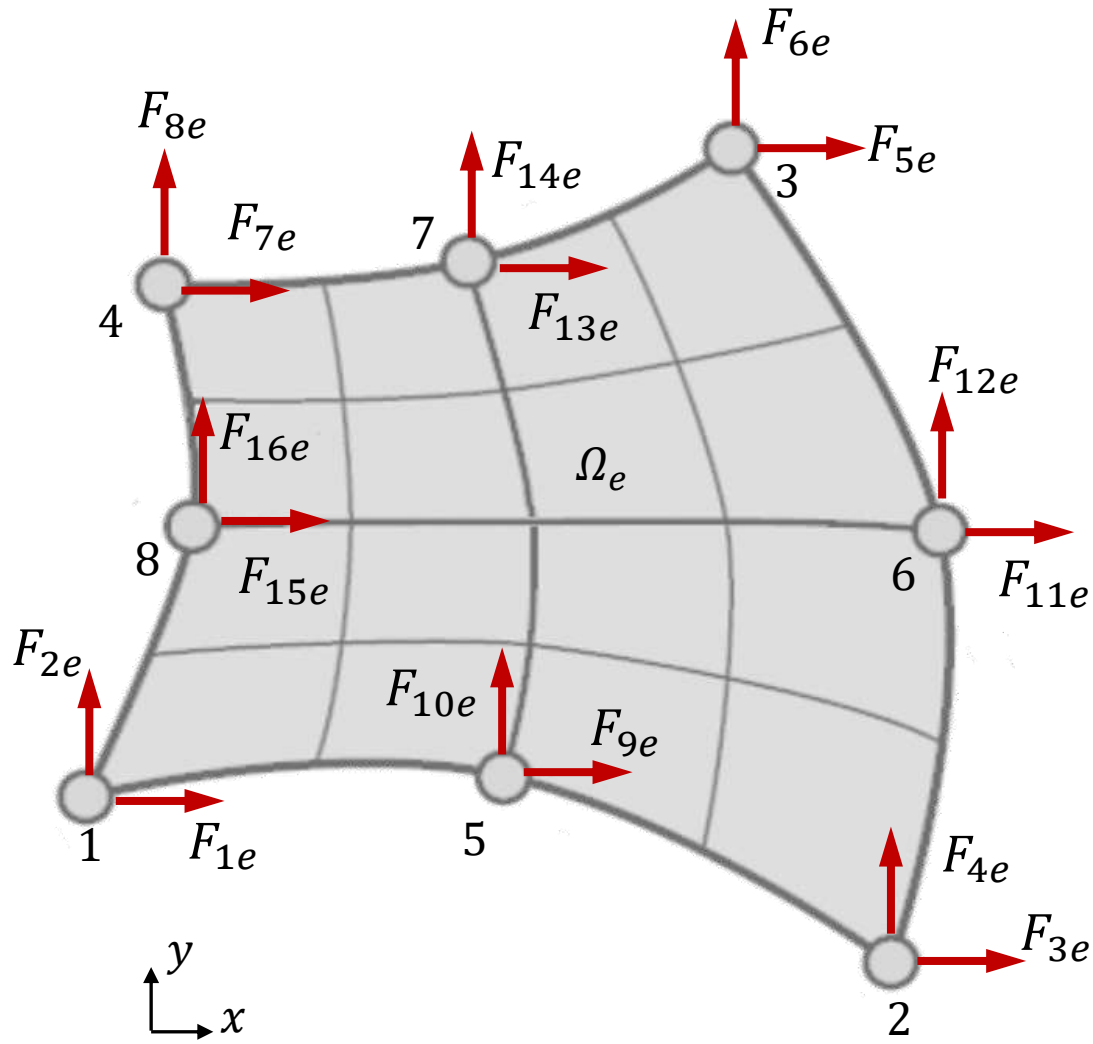
$$[k]_e = t_e \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [B(\xi, \eta)]^T [D] [B(\xi, \eta)] \det[J] d\xi d\eta \quad (\text{calculated numerically})$$

$16 \times 16 \quad 16 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 16$

Equivalent load vector in the 8-node quadrilateral element

$$[F]_e$$

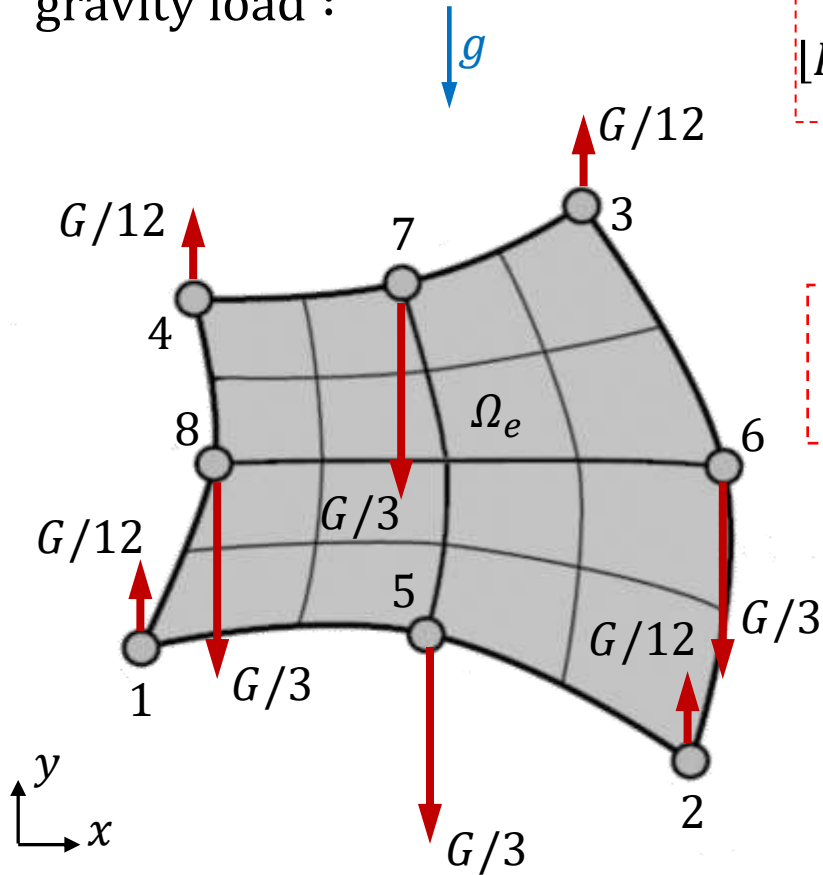
16×1



$$\{F\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ F_{16} \end{Bmatrix}_e$$

Example. Equivalent load vector due to mass forces (*gravity load*)

gravity load :



$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [X(\xi, \eta)] [N(\xi, \eta)] \det[J] d\xi d\eta$$

$[X]_{1 \times 2}$

$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [0, -\rho g] [N(\xi, \eta)] \det[J] d\xi d\eta$$

1×16 2×16

$$G = \rho g \Omega_e \text{ (N)}$$

$$[F]_e = \left[0, \frac{G}{12}, 0, \frac{G}{12}, 0, \frac{G}{12}, 0, \frac{G}{12}, 0, -\frac{G}{3}, 0, -\frac{G}{3}, 0, -\frac{G}{3}, 0, -\frac{G}{3} \right]_e$$

1×16

Equivalent load vector due to surface load

equivalent load vector due to surface load:

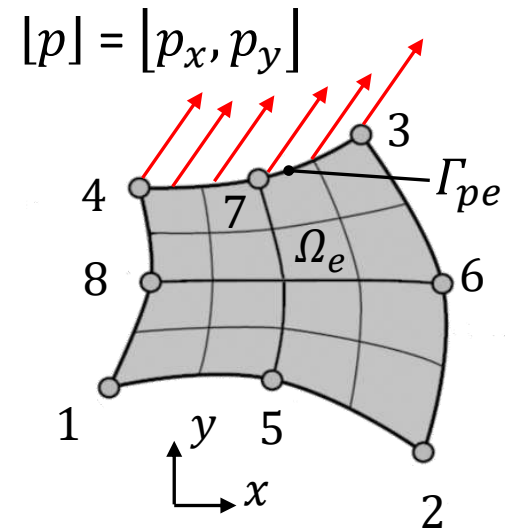
$$[F^p]_e = \int_{\Gamma_{pe}} [p][N] d\Gamma_{pe} = t_e \int_0^l [p][N] ds$$

1×16 1×2 2×16

$$= t_e \int_0^l [p][N] ds = t_e \int_{-1}^1 [p][N] \frac{ds}{d\xi} d\xi$$

1×2 2×16 1×2 2×16

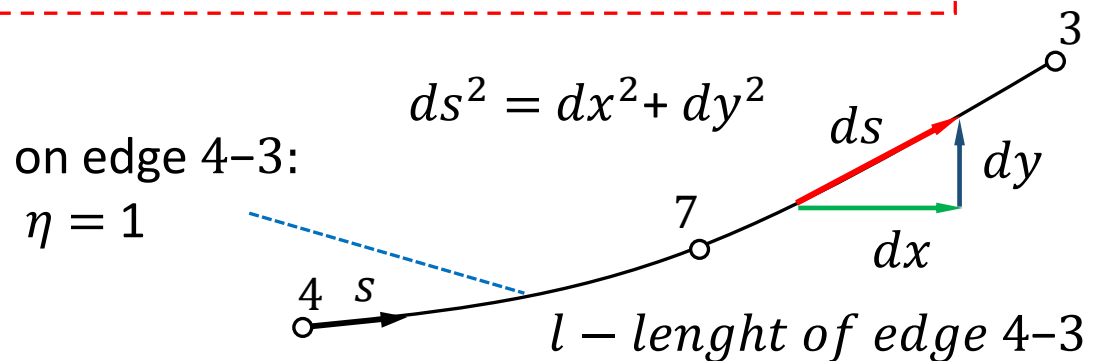
$$\frac{ds^2}{d\xi^2} = \frac{dx^2}{d\xi^2} + \frac{dy^2}{d\xi^2} \rightarrow \frac{ds}{d\xi} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{d\xi}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{d\xi}\right)^2}$$



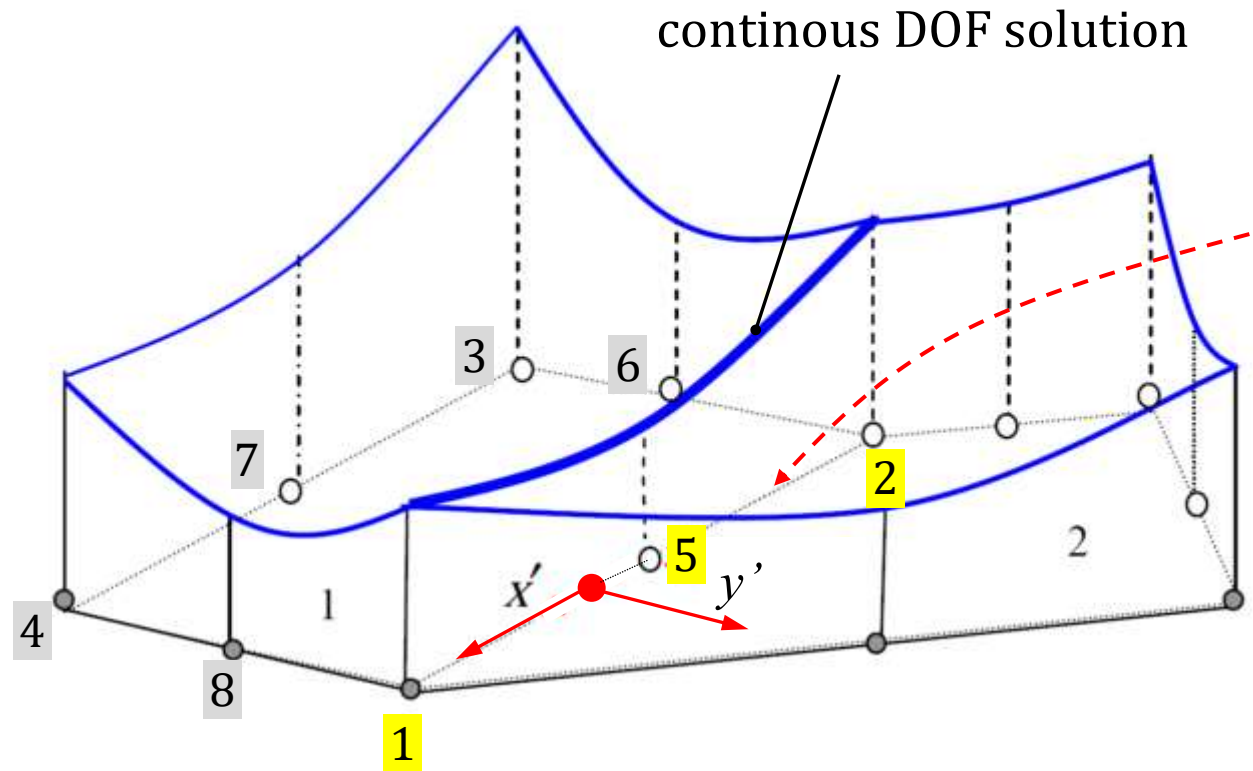
$$[F^p]_e = t_e \int_{-1}^1 [p_x, p_y][N] \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi,1)]}{\partial\xi} \{x_i\}_e\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial[N(\xi,1)]}{\partial\xi} \{y_i\}_e\right)^2} d\xi$$

1×16 2×16 1×8 8×1 1×8 8×1

(calculated numerically)



Results on the boundary between two 8-node FEs



$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= (x_1, x_5, x_2) \\
 y &= (y_1, y_5, y_2) \\
 u &= (u_1, u_5, u_2) \\
 v &= (v_1, v_5, v_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x'} \Big|_1 &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x'} \Big|_2 \Rightarrow (\epsilon_{x'})_1 = (\epsilon_{x'})_2 \\
 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \Big|_1 &\neq \frac{\partial u}{\partial y'} \Big|_2 \Rightarrow (\epsilon_{y'})_1 \neq (\epsilon_{y'})_2 \Rightarrow (\sigma_{yy})_1 \neq (\sigma_{yy})_2
 \end{aligned}$$

not continuous element solution

Example. 2D model of cantilever beam (8-node FEs)

