

## Iso-Parametric Formulation

### Outlines

- It makes formulations for computer program simple
- It allows to create elements with a shape of a straight line or a curved surface.  
Make it possible to choose a variety of factors.
- We will derive the stiffness matrix of simple beam elements and rectangular elements using an iso-parametric formulation.
- Numerical integration: We will calculate the stiffness matrix of rectangular elements that is made using an iso-parametric formulation.
- Finally, we will consider several higher-order elements and shape functions.

## *Finite Element Method: Iso-Parametric Formulation*

### 1 Iso\_parametric formulation: Stiffness matrix of a beam element

The term of iso-parametric formulation comes from the usage of shape functions [N] which is used to determine an element shape for approximation of deformation.

- If a deformation function is  $u = a_1 + a_2 s$ , use a node  $x = a_1 + a_2 s$  on a beam element.
- It is formulated using the natural (or intrinsic) coordinate system,  $s$ , defined by geometry of elements. A transformation mapping is used for the element formulation between natural coordinate system,  $s$ , and global coordinate system,  $x$ .

Step 1: Determination of element type

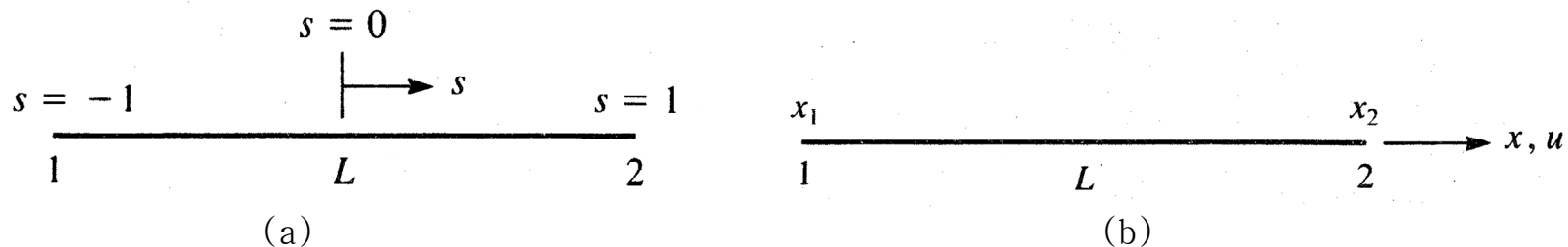


Fig. 1: Linear beam element at node  $x$  in (a) natural coordinate system,  $s$ , (b) global coordinate system,  $x$ .

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Relation between  $s$  and  $x$  coordinate systems: (when  $s$  and  $x$  coordinate systems are parallel)

$$x = x_c + \frac{L}{2}s \quad x_c \text{ indicates center of element}$$

$x$  can be expressed as a function of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}[(1-s)x_1 + (1+s)x_2] = [N_1 \quad N_2] \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Then shape functions are

$$N_1 = \frac{1-s}{2} \quad N_2 = \frac{1+s}{2}$$

Note :  $N_1 + N_2 = 1$

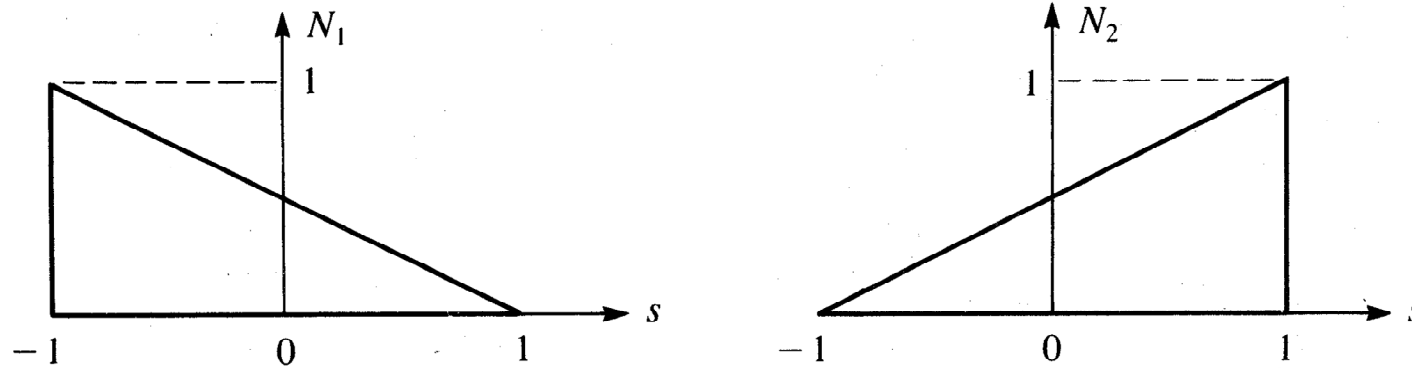


Fig. 2: Shape functions in natural coordinate system

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Step 2: Determination of deformation function  $\{u\} = [N_1 \quad N_2] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$

$u$  and  $x$  are called iso-parameter because they are defined by the same shape function at the same node.

Step 3: Definition of strain-displacement and stress-strain relations

Calculation of element matrix  $[B]$ :

$$\text{- By chain rule } \frac{du}{ds} = \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dx}{ds} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{\left(\frac{du}{ds}\right)}{\left(\frac{dx}{ds}\right)} = \frac{\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right] \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}}{\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \{\varepsilon_x\} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{- Therefore, } \{\varepsilon\} = [B] \{d\} \quad [B] = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{L} & \frac{1}{L} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Step 4: Calculation of element stiffness matrix

Element stiffness matrix:  $[k] = \int_0^L [B]^T [D][B] A dx$

- In general, matrix  $[B]$  is a function of  $s$ :  $\int_0^L f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(s) |\underline{J}| ds$   
where  $\underline{J}$  is Jacobian.

In case of 1-D,  $|\underline{J}| = \underline{J}$ . In case of simple beam element :  $|\underline{J}| = \frac{dx}{ds} = \frac{L}{2}$

Ratio of element's length between global and natural coordinate systems

- Stiffness matrix in a natural coordinate system:

$$[k] = \frac{L}{2} \int_{-1}^1 [B]^T E [B] A ds = \frac{AE}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

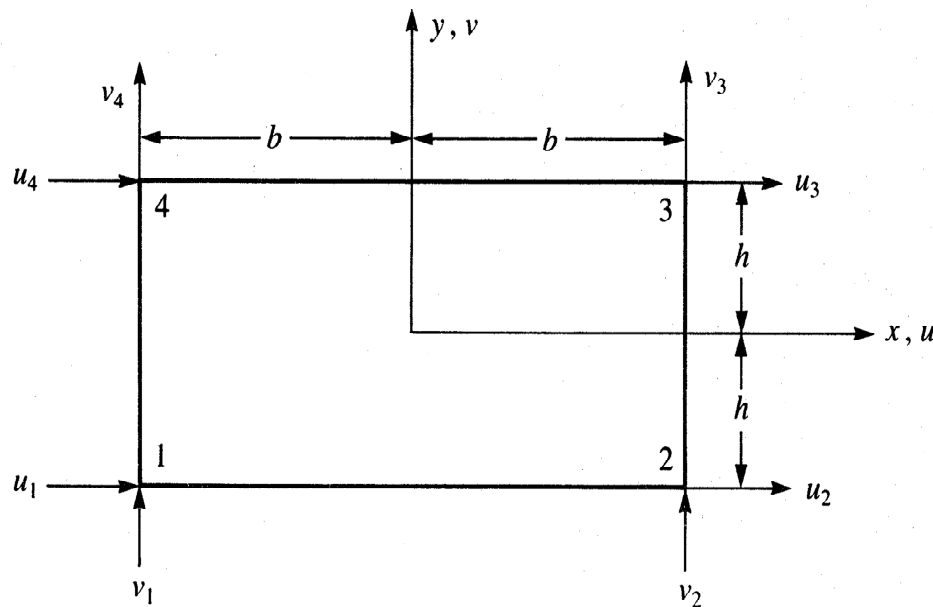
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### 2 Rectangular plane stress element

Characteristics of rectangular element:

- It is easy to input data, and it is simple to calculate stress.
- Physical boundary conditions are not well approximated at the edge of rectangle.

Step 1: Determination of element type - using natural coordinate  $(x,y)$



$$\{d\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \\ u_4 \\ v_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

(11.2.1)

Four node rectangular element and nodal displacement

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Step 2: Determination of deformation function – element deformation functions,  $u$  and  $v$ , are linear along the rectangular corner

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= a_1 + a_2 x + a_3 y + a_4 xy \\ v(x, y) &= a_5 + a_6 x + a_7 y + a_8 xy \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= \frac{1}{4bh} [(b-x)(h-y)u_1 + (b+x)(h-y)u_2 \\ &\quad + (b+x)(h+y)u_3 + (b-x)(h+y)u_4] \\ v(x, y) &= \frac{1}{4bh} [(b-x)(h-y)v_1 + (b+x)(h-y)v_2 \\ &\quad + (b+x)(h+y)v_3 + (b-x)(h+y)v_4] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \{\psi\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = [N] \{d\} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix} \{d\}$$

where shape functions are

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= \frac{(b-x)(h-y)}{4bh} & N_2 &= \frac{(b+x)(h-y)}{4bh} \\ N_3 &= \frac{(b+x)(h+y)}{4bh} & N_4 &= \frac{(b-x)(h+y)}{4bh} \end{aligned}$$

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Step 3: Definition of strain-displacement and stress-strain relationships

Element strain in a 2-D stress state:

$$\{\varepsilon\} \equiv \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{Bmatrix} = [B] \{d\}$$

where

$$[B] = \frac{1}{4bh} \begin{bmatrix} -(h-y) & 0 & (h-y) & 0 & (h+y) & 0 & -(h+y) & 0 \\ 0 & -(b-x) & 0 & -(b+x) & 0 & (b+x) & 0 & (b-x) \\ -(b-x) & -(h-y) & -(b+x) & (h-y) & (b+x) & (h+y) & (b-x) & -(h+y) \end{bmatrix}$$



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Step 4: Calculation of element stiffness matrix and element equation

$$\text{Element stiffness matrix: } [k] = \int_{-h}^h \int_{-b}^b [B]^T [D] [B] t \, dx dy$$

$$\text{Element force matrix: } \{f\} = \int_V \int \int [N]^T \{X\} dV + \{P\} + \int_S \int [N]^T \{T\} dS$$

$$\text{Element equation: } \{f\} = [k] \{d\}$$

Step 5,6, and 7

Step 5, 6, and 7 are constitution of global stiffness matrix, determinant of unknown deformation, calculation of stress. However, stress in each element varies in all directions of x and y.

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### 3 Iso-parametric formulation: stiffness matrix of a plane element

A process of iso-parametric formulation is same in all elements

Step 1: Determination of element type

It is possible to numerically integrate the rectangular element defined in natural coordinate system  $s-t$ .

Transformation equation:  $x = x_c + bs$      $y = y_c + ht$

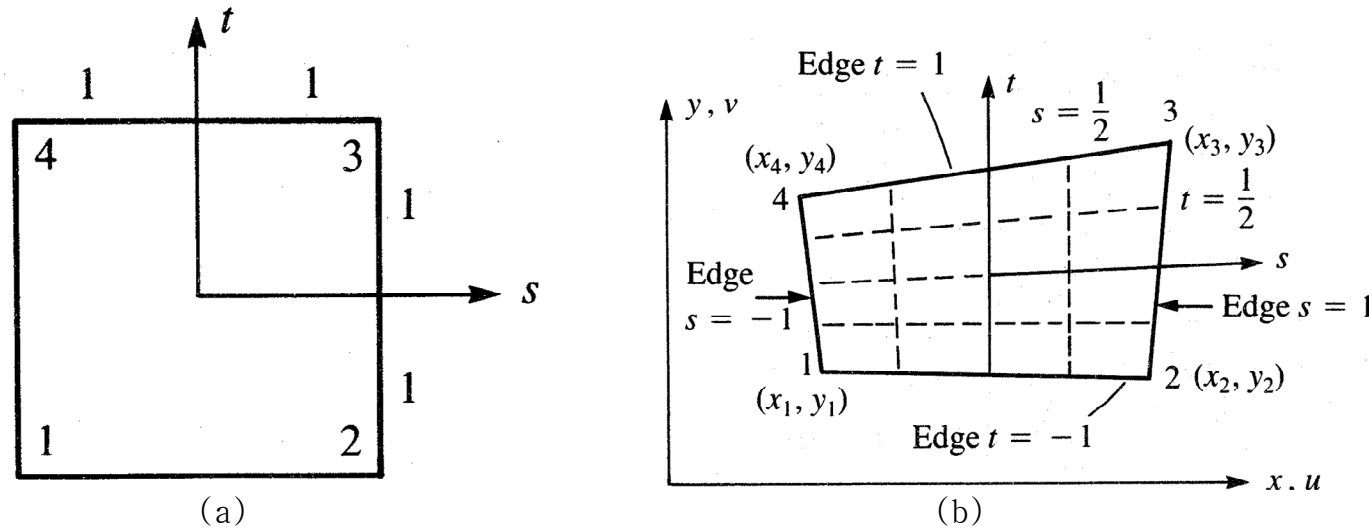


Fig. 4: (a) A linear rectangular element in a coordinate system,  $s-t$ , (b) A rectangular element in a coordinate system,  $x-y$ , The size and shape of the rectangular element are defined by coordinates of four nodes.

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Transformation equation between a local coordinate system,  $s-t$ , and a global coordinate system,  $x-y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= a_1 + a_2 s + a_3 t + a_4 st \\
 y &= a_5 + a_6 s + a_7 t + a_8 st
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{1}{4} [(1-s)(1-t)x_1 + (1+s)(1-t)x_2 \\
 &\quad + (1+s)(1+t)x_3 + (1-s)(1+t)x_4] \\
 y &= \frac{1}{4} [(1-s)(1-t)y_1 + (1+s)(1-t)y_2 \\
 &\quad + (1+s)(1+t)y_3 + (1-s)(1+t)y_4]
 \end{aligned}$$

In a matrix form:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} x \\ y \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ x_2 \\ y_2 \\ x_3 \\ y_3 \\ x_4 \\ y_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_1 &= \frac{(1-s)(1-t)}{4} \\
 N_2 &= \frac{(1+s)(1-t)}{4} \\
 N_3 &= \frac{(1+s)(1+t)}{4} \\
 N_4 &= \frac{(1-s)(1+t)}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1. Shape function is linear.
2. Any point in rectangular element  $(s, t)$  can be mapped to the quadrilateral element point  $(x, y)$  in Fig. 4(b).
3. Note that for all values of  $s$  and  $t$ ,  $N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + N_4 = 1$ .
4.  $N_i$  ( $i=1, 2, 3, 4$ ) is 1 for node  $i$ , and 0 for the other nodes.

Two general conditions of shape functions:

1.  $\sum_{i=1}^n N_i = 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )
2.  $N_i = 1$  for node  $i$ ,  $N_i = 0$  for the other nodes.

Additional conditions:

3. Continuity of deformation --- Lagrangian Interpolation
4. Continuity of slope --- Hermitian Interpolation

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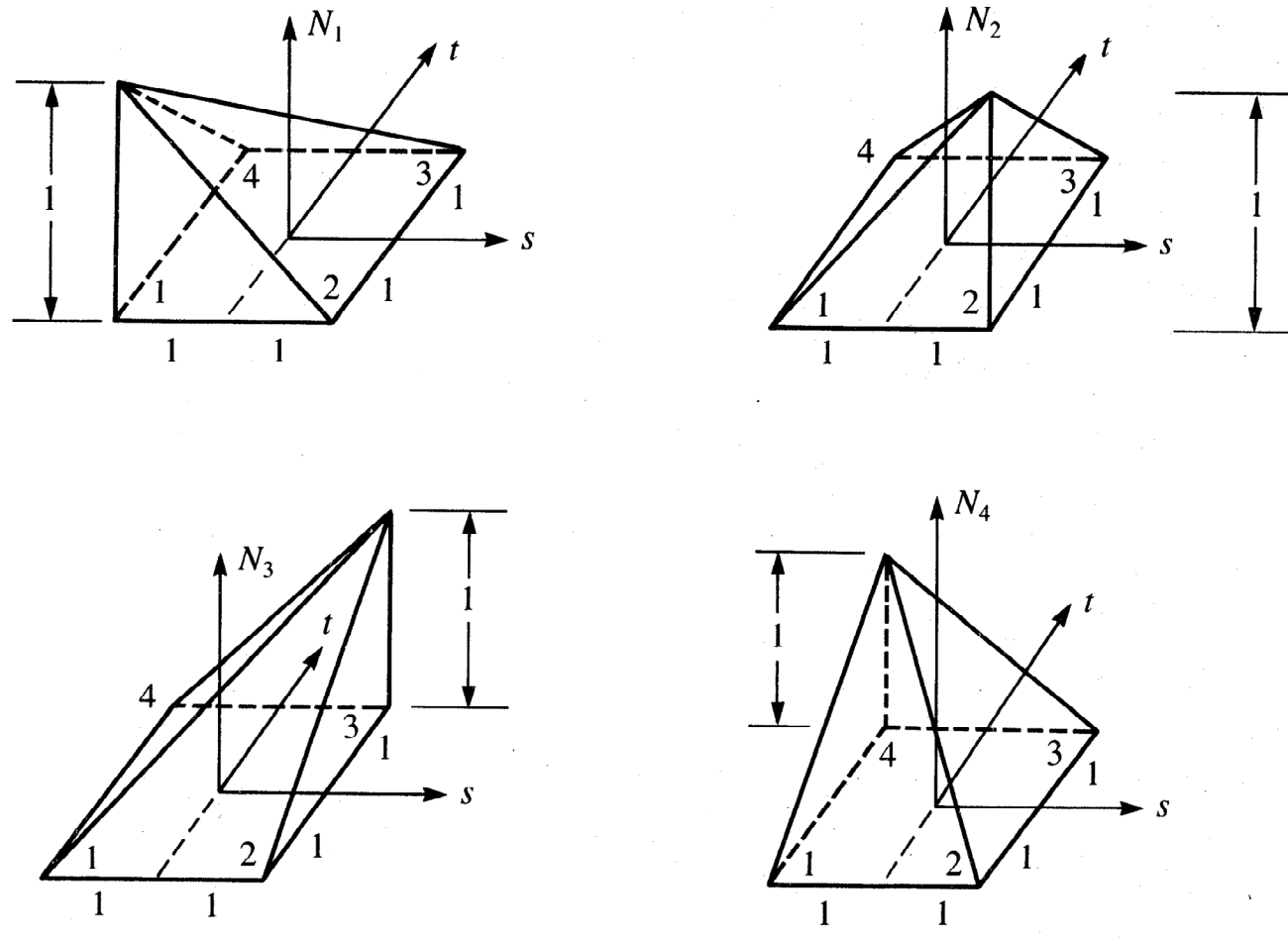


Fig. 5: Change of shape functions in a linear rectangular element

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### Step 2: Determination of deformation

Deformation functions in the element are defined by shape functions that are used to define element shape.

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ u_3 \\ v_3 \\ u_4 \\ v_4 \end{Bmatrix}$$

### Step 3: Strain-displacement and stress-strain relationships

The derivative of deformation  $u$  and  $v$  about  $x$  and  $y$  should be executed using a chain rule of derivation because the deformation function is expressed with  $s$  and  $t$ .

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Reference: chain rule of  $f$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

Calculating  $(\partial f / \partial x)$  and  $(\partial f / \partial y)$  using Cramer's rule (Appendix. B).

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{|J|} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \end{vmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{|J|} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{where} \quad |J| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \end{vmatrix} \quad (*)$$

Element strain:

$$\underline{\varepsilon} \equiv \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial(\ )}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = \underline{B}d$$

A formulation to obtain  $\underline{B}$  is required.

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Using the equation (\*) in previous page (use  $u$  or  $v$  instead of  $f$ ):

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \gamma_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{|J|} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} & & 0 \\ & 0 & \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} & \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \underline{\varepsilon} = \underline{D}' \underline{N} d \quad \text{where} \quad \underline{D}' = \frac{1}{|J|} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} & & 0 \\ & 0 & \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \frac{\partial ()}{\partial t} & \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$\underline{B} = \underline{D}' \underline{N}$$

(3 × 8) (3 × 2) (2 × 8)



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Step 4: Derivation of element stiffness matrix and equation

Stiffness matrix in a coordinate system,  $s-t$  :

$$[k] = \iint_A [B]^T [D] [B] t dx dy$$

Converge the integral region from  $x-y$  to  $s-t$  :

$$[k] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [B]^T [D] [B] t |J| ds dt$$

Determinant  $|J|$  is  $|J| = \frac{1}{8} \{X_c\}^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1-t & t-s & s-1 \\ t-1 & 0 & s+1 & -s-t \\ s-t & -s-1 & 0 & t+1 \\ 1-s & s+t & -t-1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \{Y_c\}$

where  $\{X_c\}^T = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4]$  ,  $\{Y_c\} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix}$

$|J|$  is a function of  $s, t$  in natural coordinate system, and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, y_4$  in the known global coordinate system.

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Calculation of  $\underline{B}$ : 
$$\underline{B}(s,t) = \frac{1}{|J|} [\underline{B}_1 \quad \underline{B}_2 \quad \underline{B}_3 \quad \underline{B}_4]$$

where

$$\underline{B}_i = \begin{bmatrix} a(N_{i,s}) - b(N_{i,t}) & 0 \\ 0 & c(N_{i,t}) - d(N_{i,s}) \\ c(N_{i,t}) - d(N_{i,s}) & a(N_{i,s}) - b(N_{i,t}) \end{bmatrix} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

and

$$a = \frac{1}{4} [y_1(s-1) + y_2(-1-s) + y_3(1+s) + y_4(1-s)]$$

$$b = \frac{1}{4} [y_1(t-1) + y_2(1-t) + y_3(1+t) + y_4(-1-t)]$$

$$c = \frac{1}{4} [x_1(t-1) + x_2(1-t) + x_3(1+t) + x_4(-1-t)]$$

$$d = \frac{1}{4} [x_1(s-1) + x_2(-1-s) + x_3(1+s) + x_4(1-s)]$$

For example, 
$$N_{1,s} = \frac{1}{4}(t-1) \quad N_{1,t} = \frac{1}{4}(s-1) \quad (etc.)$$

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Element body force matrix:

$$\{f_b\} = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 [N]^T \{X\} t |J| ds dt$$

$(8 \times 1)$                        $(8 \times 2)$   $(2 \times 1)$

Element surface force matrix: Length is  $L$ , an edge  $t=1$  (See. Fig. 4(b))

$$\{f_s\} = \int_{-1}^1 [N]^T \{T\} t \frac{L}{2} ds$$

$(4 \times 1)$                        $(4 \times 2)$   $(2 \times 1)$

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} f_{s3s} \\ f_{s3t} \\ f_{s4s} \\ f_{s4r} \end{matrix} \right\} = \int_{-1}^1 \left[ \begin{matrix} N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 \\ 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 \end{matrix} \right]^T \left\{ \begin{matrix} p_s \\ p_t \end{matrix} \right\} t \frac{L}{2} ds$$

For  $N_1 = 0$  and  $N_2 = 0$  along the edge  $t = 1$ , the nodal force is zero at nodes 1 and 2.

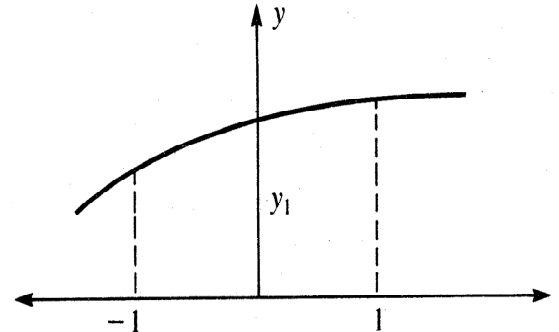
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### 4 Gaussian Quadrature (Numerical integration)

One node Gaussian quadrature

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-1}^1 y dx \approx y_1 * \{(1) - (-1)\} \\ &= 2y_1 \end{aligned}$$

If function  $y$  is straight line,  
it has exact solution.



General equation: 
$$I = \int_{-1}^1 y dx = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i y_i$$

- Gaussian quadrature using  $n$  nodes(Gaussian point) can exactly calculate polynomial equation which has integral term under  $2n-1$  order.

When function  $f(x)$  is not a polynomial, Gaussian quadrature is inaccurate. However, the more Gaussian points are used, the more accurate solution is. In general, the ratio of two polynomials is not a polynomial.

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- Table 1 Gaussian points for integration from -1 to +1

<i>Number of Points</i>	<i>Locations, <math>x_i</math></i>	<i>Associated Weights, <math>W_i</math></i>
1	$x_1 = 0.000\dots$	2.000
2	$x_1, x_2 = \pm 0.57735026918962$	1.000
3	$x_1, x_3 = \pm 0.77459666924148$ $x_2 = 0.000\dots$	$5/9 = 0.555\dots$ $8/9 = 0.888\dots$

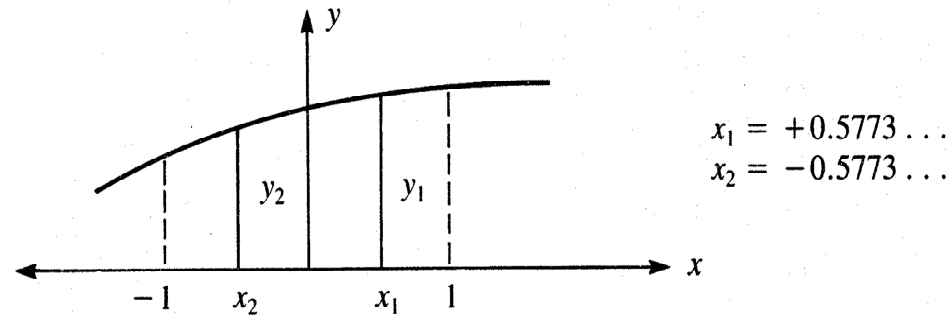


Fig. 7: Gaussian quadrature with two extraction points

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2-D problem: Integrate about second coordinate after integrate about first coordinate.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(s,t) ds dt = \int_{-1}^1 \left[ \sum_i W_i f(s_i, t) \right] \\
 &= \sum_j W_j \left[ \sum_i W_i f(s_i, t_j) \right] = \sum_i \sum_j W_i W_j f(s_i, t_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

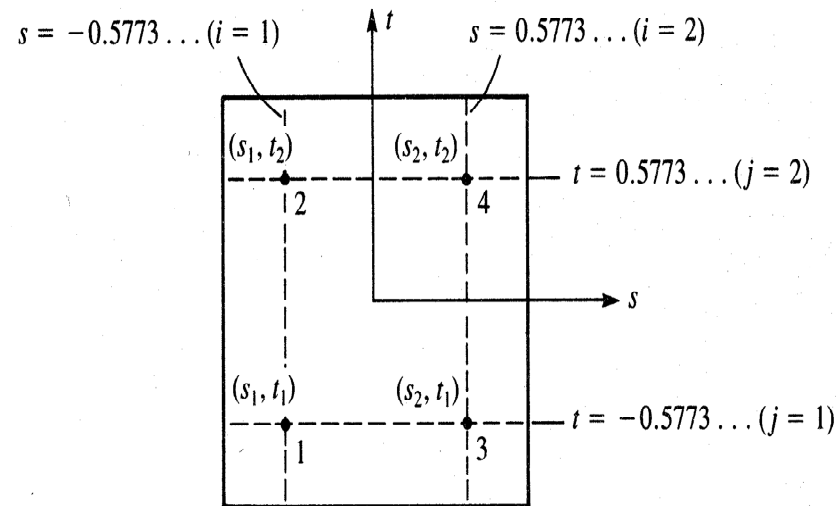
For  $2 \times 2$ :  $I = W_1 W_1 f(s_1, t_1) + W_1 W_2 f(s_1, t_2) + W_2 W_1 f(s_2, t_1) + W_2 W_2 f(s_2, t_2)$

where the sample four points are located at

$$s_i, t_i = \pm 0.5773 \dots$$

$$= \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$$

And the all weight factors are 1.000. Thus, the two summation marks can be interpreted as one summation mark for four points of the rectangle.



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3-D problem: 
$$I = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 f(s,t,z) ds dt dz = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k W_i W_j W_k f(s_i, t_j, z_k)$$

NOTE: If the integration limit is  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i f(x_i)$ , the weight factor  $W_i$  and the location  $x_i$  are different from that of the integration limit which is between  $-1$  and  $1$  (See table 2).

Table 2. Gaussian points of the four node gaussian integration (integration from 0 to 1)

<i>Locations, <math>x_i</math></i>	<i>Associated Weights, <math>W_i</math></i>
0.0693185	0.1739274
0.3300095	0.3260725
0.6699905	0.3260725
0.9305682	0.1739274

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Example 1: Calculate the integration of  $\sin \pi x$  using numerical integration.

$$I = \int_0^1 \sin \pi x \, dx$$

Using table 2, the following can be obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \sum_{i=1}^4 W_i \sin \pi x_i \\ &= W_1 \sin \pi x_1 + W_2 \sin \pi x_2 + W_3 \sin \pi x_3 + W_4 \sin \pi x_4 \\ &= 0.1739 \sin \pi(0.0694) + 0.3261 \sin \pi(0.3300) \\ &\quad 0.3261 \sin \pi(0.6700) + 0.1739 \sin \pi(0.9306) \\ &= 0.6366 \end{aligned}$$

Use four decimal places. The exact value of direct integration is 0.6366. Note that location  $x_i$  and weight factor  $W_i$  are different from that in table 2 if we use the 3-points Gaussian integration.



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### 5 Calculation of stiffness matrix by Gaussian integration

Element stiffness matrix in 2-D:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{k} &= \iint_A \underline{B}^T(x,y) \underline{DB}(x,y) t \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \underline{B}^T(s,t) \underline{DB}(s,t) |J| t \, ds \, dt\end{aligned}$$

The integral term  $\underline{B}^T \underline{DB} |J|$ , which is a function of  $(s,t)$ , is calculated by the numerical integration.

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{k} &= \underline{B}^T(s_1, t_1) \underline{DB}(s_1, t_1) |J(s_1, t_1)| t W_1 W_1 \\ &\quad + \underline{B}^T(s_2, t_2) \underline{DB}(s_2, t_2) |J(s_2, t_2)| t W_2 W_2 \\ &\quad + \underline{B}^T(s_3, t_3) \underline{DB}(s_3, t_3) |J(s_3, t_3)| t W_3 W_3 \\ &\quad + \underline{B}^T(s_4, t_4) \underline{DB}(s_4, t_4) |J(s_4, t_4)| t W_4 W_4\end{aligned}$$

Using four-points Gaussian integration,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{where } s_1 = t_1 = -0.5773, s_2 = -0.5773, t_2 = 0.5773, s_3 = 0.5773, t_3 = -0.5773, \\ s_4 = t_4 = 0.5773, W_1 = W_2 = W_3 = W_4 = 1.000.\end{aligned}$$

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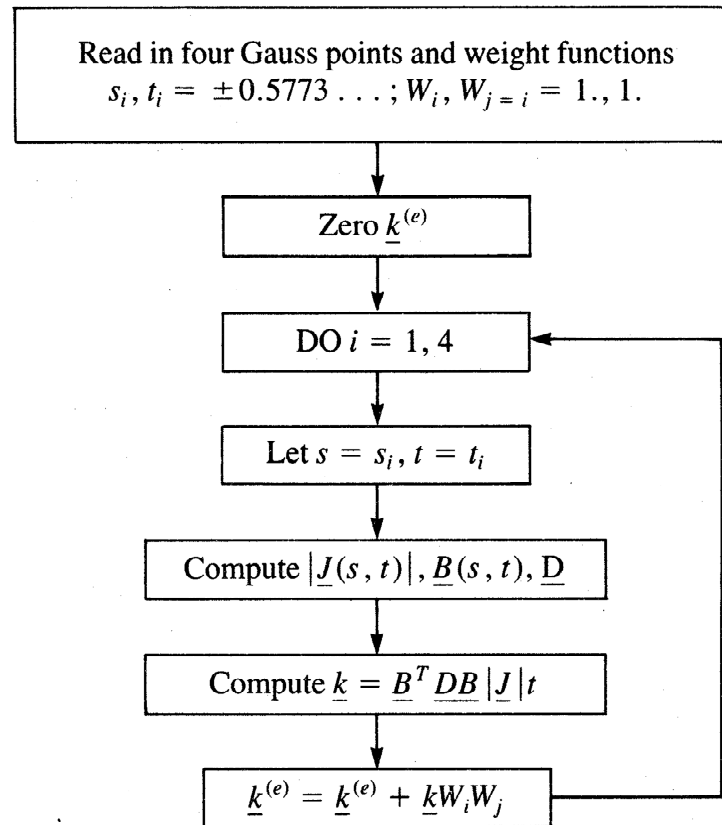
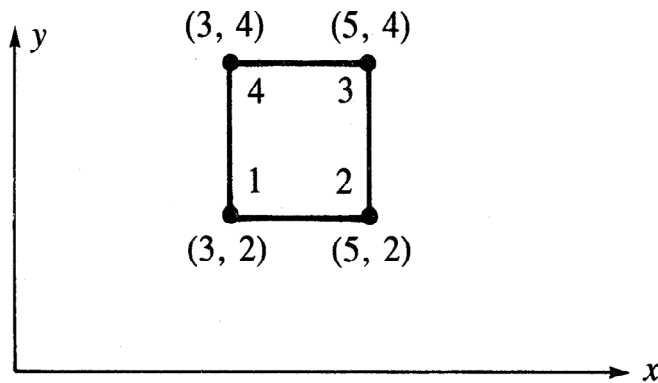


Fig. 9: Flow chart for obtaining  $\underline{k}^{(e)}$  using Gaussian integration

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### Example 2



Calculate the stiffness matrix of rectangular element using four-point Gaussian integration.

$$E = 30 \times 10^6 \text{ psi}, \quad \nu = 0.25.$$

The unit of length in global coordinate system is inch, and  $t = 1 \text{ in}$ .

Fig. 10: Quadrilateral elements for calculation of stiffness

Using 4-points rule:

$$\begin{aligned} (s_1, t_1) &= (-0.5733, -0.5773) & W_1 &= 1.0 \\ (s_2, t_2) &= (-0.5733, 0.5773) & W_2 &= 1.0 \\ (s_3, t_3) &= (0.5733, -0.5773) & W_3 &= 1.0 \\ (s_4, t_4) &= (0.5733, 0.5773) & W_4 &= 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

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Calculation of stiffness matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{k} = & \underline{B}^T(-0.5773, -0.5773) \underline{D} \underline{B}(-0.5773, -0.5773) \\ & \times |J(-0.5773, -0.5773)|(1)(1.000)(1.000) \\ & + \underline{B}^T(-0.5773, 0.5773) \underline{D} \underline{B}(-0.5773, 0.5773) \\ & \times |J(-0.5773, 0.5773)|(1)(1.000)(1.000) \\ & + \underline{B}^T(0.5773, -0.5773) \underline{D} \underline{B}(0.5773, -0.5773) \\ & \times |J(0.5773, -0.5773)|(1)(1.000)(1.000) \\ & + \underline{B}^T(0.5773, 0.5773) \underline{D} \underline{B}(0.5773, 0.5773) \\ & \times |J(0.5773, 0.5773)|(1)(1.000)(1.000) \end{aligned}$$

We need to calculate  $|J|$  and  $\underline{B}$  at Gaussian points  
 $(s_1, t_1) = (-0.5773, -0.5773)$ ,  $(s_2, t_2) = (-0.5773, 0.5773)$ ,  
 $(s_3, t_3) = (0.5773, -0.5773)$ ,  $(s_4, t_4) = (0.5773, 0.5773)$ .

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Calculation of  $|\underline{J}|$ :

$$|\underline{J}(-0.5773, -0.5773)| = \frac{1}{8} [3 \ 5 \ 5 \ 3]$$
$$\times \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 - (-0.5773) & -0.5773 - (-0.5773) & -0.5773 - 1 \\ -0.5773 - 1 & 0 & -0.5773 + 1 & -0.5773 - (-0.5773) \\ -0.5773 - (-0.5773) & -0.5773 - 1 & 0 & -0.5773 + 1 \\ 1 - (-0.5773) & -0.5773 + (-0.5773) & -0.5773 - 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\times \begin{Bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{Bmatrix} = 1.000$$

Similarly,

$$|\underline{J}(-0.5733, -0.5733)| = 1.000$$
$$|\underline{J}(0.5733, -0.5733)| = 1.000$$
$$|\underline{J}(0.5733, 0.5733)| = 1.000$$

Generally  $|\underline{J}| \neq 1$ , and it changes within the element.

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Calculation of  $\underline{B}$  :

$$\underline{B}(-0.5733, -0.5733) = \frac{1}{|J(-0.5733, -0.5733)|} [\underline{B}_1 \quad \underline{B}_2 \quad \underline{B}_3 \quad \underline{B}_4]$$

Calculation of  $\underline{B}_1$  :

$$\underline{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} aN_{1,s} - bN_{1,t} & 0 \\ 0 & cN_{1,t} - dN_{1,s} \\ cN_{1,t} - dN_{1,s} & aN_{1,s} - bN_{1,t} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{1}{4} [y_1(s-1) + y_2(-1-s) + y_3(1+s) + y_4(1-s)] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [2(-0.5773-1) + 2(-1-0.5773) \\ &\quad + 4(1+(-0.5773)) + 4(1-(-0.5773))] \\ &= 1.00 \end{aligned}$$

The same calculation can be used to obtain  $b, c, d$ .

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Also,

$$N_{1,s} = \frac{1}{4}(t-1) = \frac{1}{4}(-0.5773-1) = -0.3943$$

$$N_{1,t} = \frac{1}{4}(s-1) = \frac{1}{4}(-0.5773-1) = -0.3943$$

Similarly,  $\underline{B}_2$ ,  $\underline{B}_3$ ,  $\underline{B}_4$  can be calculated at  $(-0.5773, -0.5773)$ . And calculate  $\underline{B}$  repeatedly at other Gaussian points.

Generally a computer program is used to calculate  $\underline{B}$  and  $\underline{k}$ .

Final form of  $\underline{B}$  is.

$$\underline{B} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1057 & 0 & 0.1057 & 0 & 0 & -0.1057 & 0 & -0.3943 \\ -0.1057 & -0.1057 & -0.3743 & 0.1057 & 0.3943 & 0 & -0.3943 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3943 & 0 & 0.1057 & 0.3943 & 0.3943 & 0.1057 & -0.3943 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\text{Matrix } \underline{D}: \quad \underline{D} = \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-\nu}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 32 & 8 & 0 \\ 8 & 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^6 \text{ psi}$$

Finally, the stiffness matrix  $\underline{k}$ :

$$\underline{k} = 10^4 \begin{bmatrix} 1466 & 500 & -866 & -99 & -733 & -500 & 133 & 99 \\ 500 & 1466 & 99 & 133 & -500 & -733 & -99 & -866 \\ -866 & 99 & 1466 & -500 & 133 & -99 & -733 & 500 \\ -99 & 133 & -500 & 1466 & 99 & -866 & 500 & -733 \\ -733 & -500 & 133 & 99 & 1466 & 500 & -866 & -99 \\ -500 & -733 & -99 & -866 & 500 & 1466 & 99 & 133 \\ 133 & -99 & -733 & 500 & -866 & 99 & 1466 & -500 \\ 99 & -866 & 500 & -733 & -99 & 133 & -500 & 1466 \end{bmatrix}$$



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### 6 Higher order shape function

- Higher order shape function can be obtained by adding additional nodes to the each side of the linear element.
- It has higher order strain distribution in element, and it converges to the exact solution rapidly with few elements.
- It can more accurately approximate the irregular boundary shape.

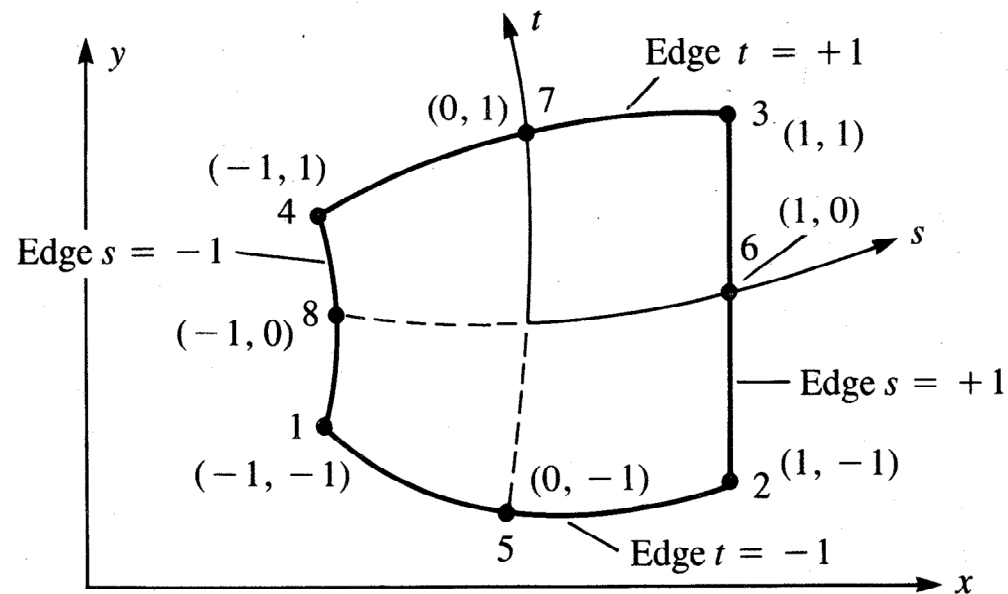


Fig. 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> order iso-parametric element

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Second order iso-parametric element:

$$x = a_1 + a_2s + a_3t + a_4st + a_5s^2 + a_6t^2 + a_7s^2t + a_8st^2$$

$$y = a_9 + a_{10}s + a_{11}t + a_{12}st + a_{13}s^2 + a_{14}t^2 + a_{15}s^2t + a_{16}st^2$$

For the corner node ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )

$$N_1 = \frac{1}{4}(1-s)(1-t)(-s-t-1)$$

$$N_2 = \frac{1}{4}(1+s)(1-t)(s-t-1)$$

$$N_3 = \frac{1}{4}(1+s)(1+t)(s+t-1)$$

$$N_4 = \frac{1}{4}(1-s)(1+t)(-s+t-1)$$

$$N_i = \frac{1}{4}(1+ss_i)(1+tt_i)(ss_i+tt_i-1)$$

or

$$s_i = -1, 1, 1, -1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$t_i = -1, -1, 1, 1 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

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For the middle node ( $i = 5, 6, 7, 8$ ),

$$N_5 = \frac{1}{2}(1-t)(1+s)(1-s)$$

$$N_6 = \frac{1}{2}(1+s)(1+t)(1-t)$$

$$N_7 = \frac{1}{2}(1+t)(1+s)(1-s)$$

$$N_8 = \frac{1}{2}(1-s)(1+t)(1-t)$$

or

$$N_i = \frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)(1+tt_i) \quad t_i = -1, 1 \quad \text{for } i = 5, 7$$

$$N_i = \frac{1}{2}(1-ss_i)(1-t^2) \quad s_i = -1, 1 \quad \text{for } i = 5, 7$$

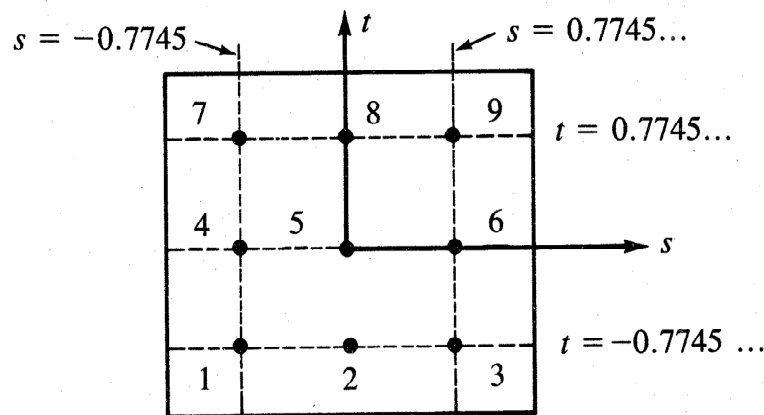
When edge shape and displacement are function of  $s^2$  (if  $t$  is constant) or  $t^2$  (if  $s$  is constant), it satisfies the general shape function conditions.

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Deformation function:

$$\begin{Bmatrix} u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 & N_5 & 0 & N_6 & 0 & N_7 & 0 & N_8 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 & N_4 & 0 & N_5 & 0 & N_6 & 0 & N_7 & 0 & N_8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_8 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Strain matrix:  $\varepsilon = \underline{B}d = \underline{D}'\underline{N}d$

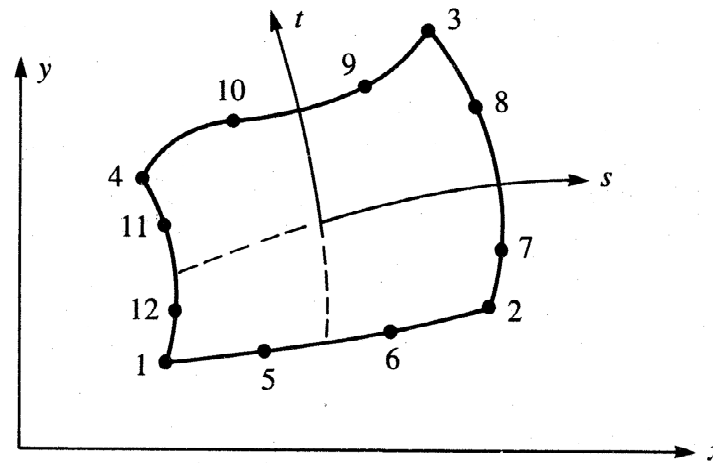


2<sup>nd</sup> order iso-parameter with 8 nodes  
 For the calculation of  $\underline{B}$  and  $\underline{k}$ ,  
 9-points Gaussian rule is used  
 (3×3 rule). There is large difference  
 between 2×2 and 3×3 rule, and 3×3  
 rule is generally recommended.  
 (Bathe and Wilson[7])

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3<sup>rd</sup> order iso-parametric element:



Shape function of a 3<sup>rd</sup> order element is based on incomplete 4<sup>th</sup> order polynomial (see reference [3]).

$$x = a_1 + a_2s + a_3t + a_4st + a_5s^2 + a_6t^2 + a_7s^2t + a_8st^2 \\ + a_9s^3 + a_{10}t^3 + a_{11}s^3t + a_{12}st^3$$

y also has same polynomial equation.

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For the corner nodes ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ): 
$$N_i = \frac{1}{32}(1 + ss_i)(1 + tt_i)[9(s^2 + t^2) - 10]$$

where 
$$\begin{aligned} s_i &= -1, 1, 1, -1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ t_i &= -1, -1, 1, 1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{aligned}$$

For the nodes ( $i = 7, 8, 11, 12$ ) when  $s = \pm 1$ : 
$$N_i = \frac{9}{32}(1 + ss_i)(1 + 9tt_i)(1 - t^2)$$

where 
$$s_i = \pm 1, \quad t_i = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

For the nodes ( $i = 5, 6, 9, 10$ ) when  $t = \pm 1$ : 
$$N_i = \frac{9}{32}(1 + tt_i)(1 + 9ss_i)(1 - s^2)$$

where 
$$t_i = \pm 1, \quad s_i = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$

**When the shape function of coordinates has lower order than that of deformation, it is called Subparametric formulation (For example,  $x$  is linear,  $u$  is 2<sup>nd</sup> order function). The opposite way is called Superparametric formulation.**