

## Mechanics I

Homework Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>; due Apr. 10<sup>rd</sup>

1. Consider the following rectangular 2D geometry of horizontal width  $w$  and vertical height  $h$ ,



where a surface load  $s/d$  is applied in a  $d$  thick region at the center of both sides (denoted  $\partial\Omega_1$ ; there are no body forces). The material has (using linearized elasticity) the stress-strain law  $T = 2\mu\varepsilon(u)$ . We ask ourselves how large the Gibbs free energy of the displacement  $u$ ,

$$E^d[u] = \int_{\Omega} \mu |\varepsilon(u)|^2 dx - \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \frac{s}{d} \cdot u da,$$

is in equilibrium. This is obviously a difficult task, since we cannot directly find a formula for the equilibrium displacement  $u$  (the minimizer of  $E$ ).

- For  $d = h$  we can find the equilibrium displacement  $u^h$  explicitly. State  $u^h$ , show that it is the equilibrium displacement, and compute its energy  $E_{\min}^h = E^h[u^h]$ .

For  $d < h$  we will find a lower bound on the energy via convex duality, which requires a little work.

- Show that any twice weakly differentiable function  $\phi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  induces a stress field  $T$  via

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{,22} & -\phi_{,12} \\ -\phi_{,21} & \phi_{,11} \end{pmatrix}$$

which satisfies  $\operatorname{div}T = 0$  weakly.

In fact, one can show that any statically admissible stress field  $T$  can be expressed via the above formula for some  $\phi$ , which is called the corresponding Airy stress function. The Airy stress function obviously is only determined up to an affine function.

- Compute the Airy stress function  $\phi^h$  for the equilibrium stress in the case  $d = h$ , fixing  $\phi^h(0,0) = 0$ ,  $\nabla\phi^h(0,0) = 0$ .
- Find an Airy stress function  $\hat{\phi}^d$  belonging to a statically admissible stress (not necessarily the equilibrium stress—this is too difficult to obtain) for  $d < h$ , fixing  $\hat{\phi}^d(0,0) = 0$ ,  $\nabla\hat{\phi}^d(0,0) = 0$ .
- We will now find a lower bound of the form

$$E_{\min}^d \leq E_{\min}^h - f(d, w, h, s).$$

First, we construct an Airy stress function  $\phi^d$  which belongs to a statically admissible stress for  $d < h$  (and which probably comes closer to the true equilibrium stress than  $\hat{\phi}^d$ ): We take  $\phi^d = \phi^h + \phi$ , where

- $\phi = \hat{\phi}^d - \phi^h$  at  $x = 0$  and  $x = w$ ,
- $\phi$  is rotationally symmetric on  $\{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 < (\frac{h}{2})^2\}$  around  $(0, 0)$ ,
- $\phi$  is rotationally symmetric on  $\{(x, y) \mid (x - w)^2 + y^2 < (\frac{h}{2})^2\}$  around  $(w, 0)$ ,
- $\phi = \text{const.}$  elsewhere.

Compute the corresponding stress field and use it to find the above-mentioned bound via convex duality.

2. Find the equilibrium displacement from the previous question numerically, e.g. in Matlab, using finite elements and the parameters  $w = 3$ ,  $h = 1$ ,  $d = 1/3$ ,  $s = 1/10$ . Note: You can find the meaning and documentation of all Matlab commands on [www.mathworks.com](http://www.mathworks.com).

- First create a finite element mesh:

```
x=linspace(0,w,37);
y=linspace(0,h,13);
[X,Y]=meshgrid(x,y);
boundaryIndicator=zeros(13,37);
boundaryIndicator(:,[1,end])=1;
boundaryIndicator([1,end],:)=1;
vertices=[X(:),Y(:),boundaryIndicator(:)];
triangles=delaunay(vertices(:,1),vertices(:,2));
boundaryConditionXComponent=zeros(13,37);
boundaryConditionXComponent(5:9,1)=-0.1;
boundaryConditionXComponent(5:9,end)=0.1;
boundaryCondition=[boundaryConditionXComponent(:),zeros(13*37,1)];
```

Each row of `vertices` now represents the  $(x, y)$ -coordinate of a vertex of the mesh; the third entry is 1 on  $\partial\Omega$ . `boundaryCondition` is a matrix whose  $k^{\text{th}}$  entry is the surface load on the  $k^{\text{th}}$  node if this node lies on the boundary.

- Assemble the stiffness matrix  $L$  and the right-hand side  $B$  of the system, using the procedure from the lecture.

In detail: First we assemble the stiffness matrix

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} L^{11} & L^{12} \\ L^{21} & L^{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For this purpose, you have to run over all the triangles. Say the  $k^{\text{th}}$  triangle  $T_k$  has nodes  $\hat{x}_{i_1}, \hat{x}_{i_2}, \hat{x}_{i_3}$  (ordered counterclockwise), where  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  are just indices in  $\{1, \dots, N\}$ . Only the basis functions  $\varphi_i^j$

with  $i \in \{i_1, i_2, i_3\}$  will be non-zero on  $T_k$ . First compute the affine transformation matrix  $A_k = (\hat{x}_{i_2} - \hat{x}_{i_1} | \hat{x}_{i_3} - \hat{x}_{i_1})$  that transforms  $T_k$  onto the reference triangle  $T$ . Next compute

$$\tilde{L}_{mn}^{jl} := \int_{T_k} C \epsilon(\varphi_{i_m}^j) : \epsilon(\varphi_{i_n}^l) dx \text{ for } j, l \in \{1, 2\}, m, n \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

which via a pullback onto  $T$  can be written as

$$\tilde{L}^{jl} := \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{L}_{11}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{12}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{13}^{jl} \\ \tilde{L}_{21}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{22}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{23}^{jl} \\ \tilde{L}_{31}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{32}^{jl} & \tilde{L}_{33}^{jl} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left[ \frac{\det A_k}{2} A_k^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} C_{1j1l} & C_{1j2l} \\ C_{2j1l} & C_{2j2l} \end{pmatrix} A_k^{-T} \right] \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } j, l \in \{1, 2\}.$$

Now add the  $(m, n)$ -entry of  $\tilde{L}^{jl}$  onto the  $(i_m, i_n)$ -entry of  $L^{jl}$ . After running over all triangles, the assembly of  $L$  is finished. An implementation trick: Instead of initializing the  $L^{jl}$  as  $N \times N$ -matrices full of zeros and then adding up entries in this matrix, one can use the command `sparse(i, j, s, m, n)` which you can look up online. It creates an empty  $m \times n$ -matrix and then goes through the entries of  $i, j, s$ , adding  $s(k)$  onto the  $(m(k), n(k))$ -entry of the matrix, so you only have to produce the vectors  $i, j, s$ .

Next, we assemble the vector  $B = \begin{pmatrix} B^1 \\ B^2 \end{pmatrix}$  which contains the surface loads. Again, you have to run over all triangles. If triangle  $T_k$  with nodes  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  has one side on  $\partial\Omega$  (i. e. two of its nodes have a nonzero third entry in `vertices`, say  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ ), then we have to compute

$$\tilde{B}_m^j := \int_{T_k \cap \partial\Omega} s \cdot \varphi_{i_m}^j da \text{ for } j \in \{1, 2\}, m \in \{1, 2\}.$$

Writing  $s = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^2 s_n^l \phi_n^l$  (note that  $(s_n^1, s_n^2)$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row of `boundaryCondition`), this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{B} &:= \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{B}_1^1 & \tilde{B}_1^2 \\ \tilde{B}_2^1 & \tilde{B}_2^2 \end{pmatrix} = (\tilde{B}_m^j)_{mj} \\ &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^2 \sum_{l=1}^2 s_{i_n}^l \int_{T_k \cap \partial\Omega} \varphi_{i_n}^l \cdot \varphi_{i_m}^j da \right)_{mj} \\ &= \frac{|\hat{x}_{i_1} - \hat{x}_{i_2}|}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_{i_1}^1 & s_{i_1}^2 \\ s_{i_2}^1 & s_{i_2}^2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\tilde{B}_m^j$  has to be added onto the  $i_m^{\text{th}}$  entry of  $B^j$ .

- Solve for the vector of the displacement:

`U=B\L`

- Visualize the displacement:

```
subplot(2,1,1);
trimesh(triangles,vertices(:,1),vertices(:,2));
hold on;
quiver(X,Y,reshape(U(1:(13*37)),13,37),reshape(U(13*37+1:end),13,37));
subplot(2,1,2);
trimesh(triangles,vertices(:,1)+U(1:(13*37)),vertices(:,2)+U(13*37+1:end));
```

- Compute the equilibrium displacement for a refined mesh and attach the total code as well as a printout of the result to your homework.