
FORMULATION AND CALCULATION OF ISOPARAMETRIC MODELS

LECTURE 6

57 MINUTES

LECTURE 6 Formulation and calculation of isoparametric continuum elements

Truss, plane-stress, plane-strain, axisymmetric and three-dimensional elements

Variable-number-nodes elements, curved elements

Derivation of interpolations, displacement and strain interpolation matrices, the Jacobian transformation

Various examples; shifting of internal nodes to achieve stress singularities for fracture mechanics analysis

TEXTBOOK: Sections: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.1, 5.3.3, 5.5.1

Examples: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17

**FORMULATION AND
CALCULATION OF ISO-
PARAMETRIC FINITE
ELEMENTS**

interpolation matrices
and element matrices

- We considered earlier (lecture 4) generalized coordinate finite element models
- We now want to discuss a more general approach to deriving the required



isoparametric
elements

**Isoparametric Elements
Basic Concept: (Continuum Elements)**

Interpolate Geometry

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i x_i ; \quad y = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i y_i ; \quad z = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i z_i$$

Interpolate Displacements

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i u_i \quad v = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i v_i \quad w = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i w_i$$

N = number of nodes

1/D Element	Truss	||| Continuum Elements
2/D Elements	Plane stress Plane strain Axisymmetric Analysis	
3/D Elements	Three-dimensional Thick Shell	

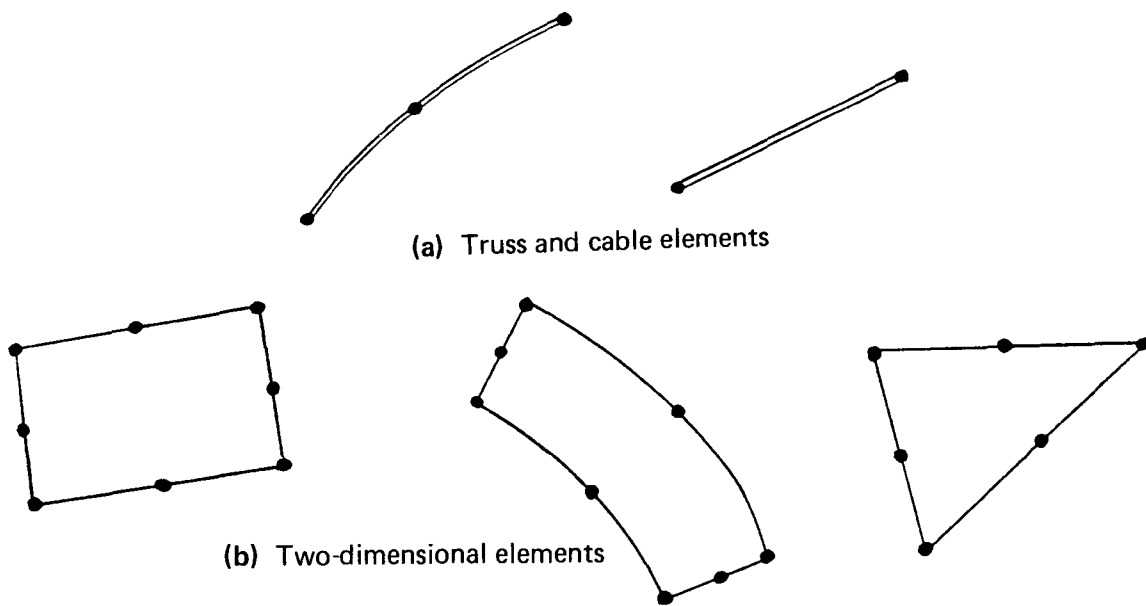
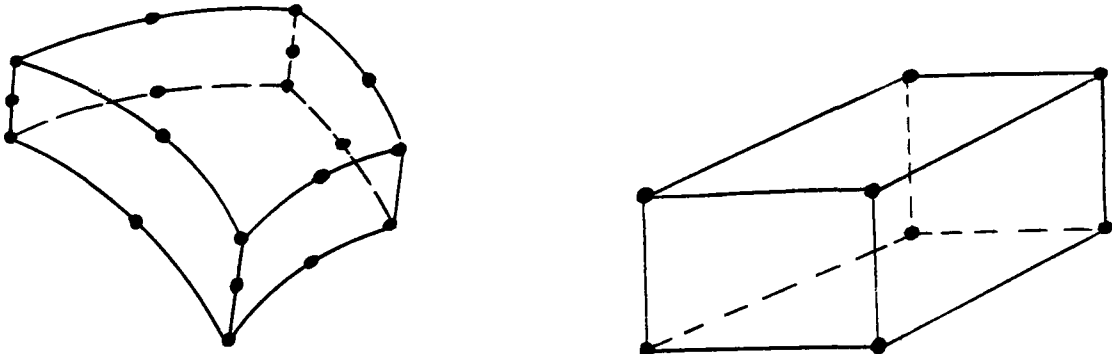


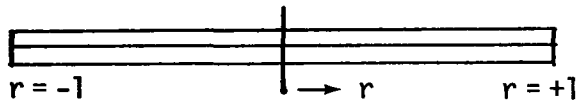
Fig. 5.2. Some typical continuum elements



(c) Three-dimensional elements

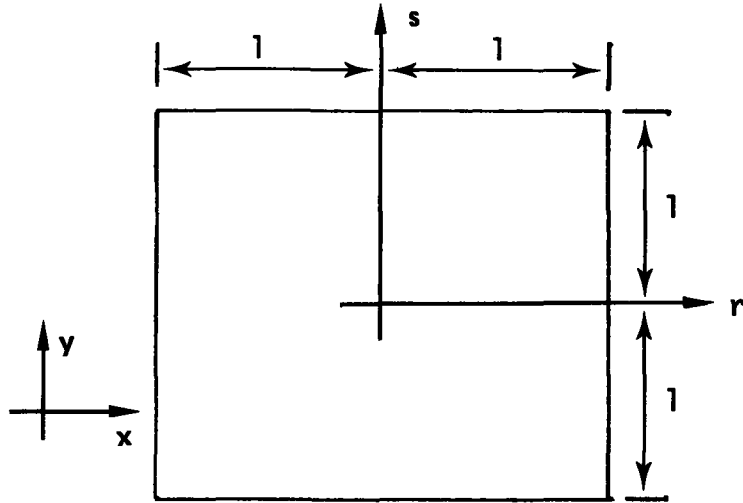
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Consider special geometries first:



Truss, 2 units long

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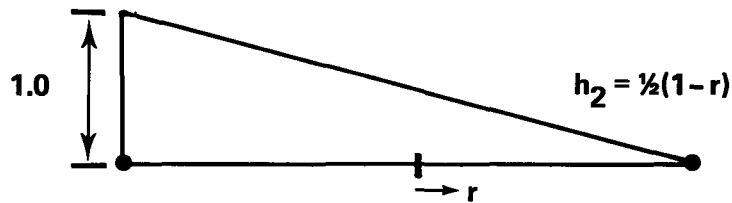


2/D element, 2x2 units

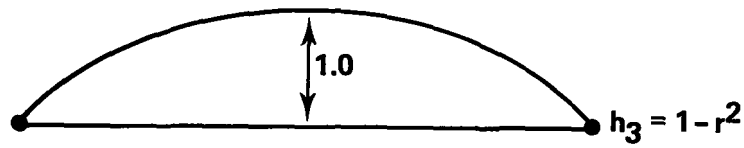
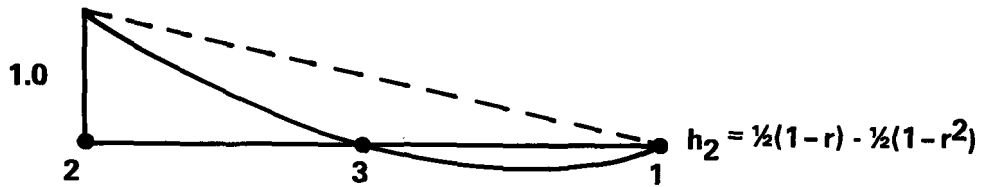
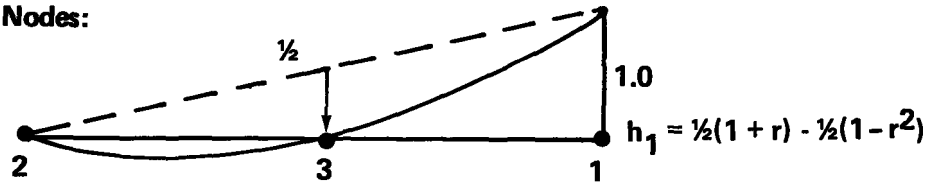
Similarly 3/D element 2x2x2 units
($r-s-t$ axes)

1 - D Element

2 Nodes:

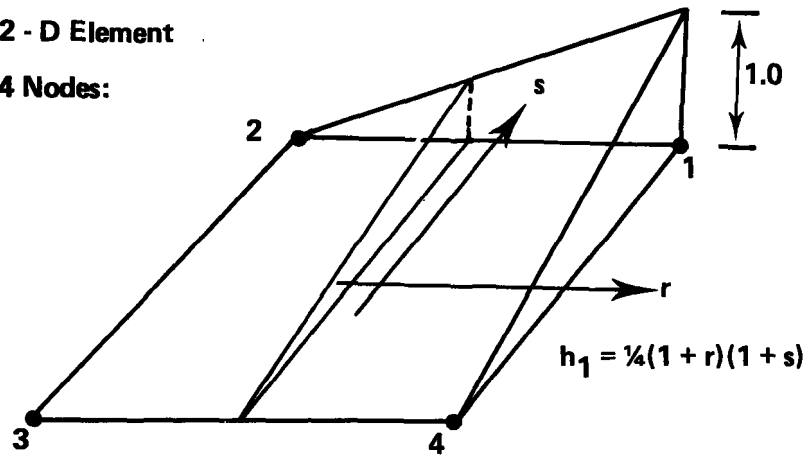


3 Nodes:



2 - D Element

4 Nodes:



Similarly

$$h_2 = \frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1+s)$$

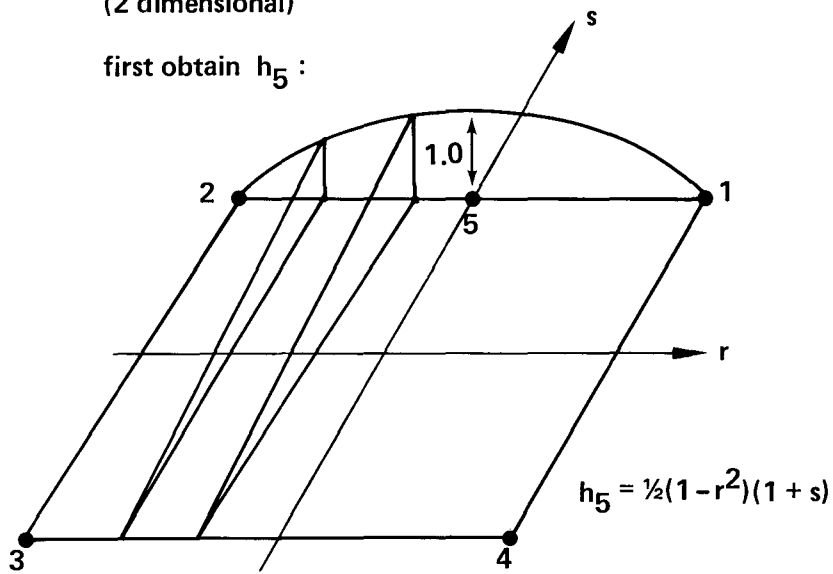
$$h_3 = \frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1-s)$$

$$h_4 = \frac{1}{4}(1+r)(1-s)$$

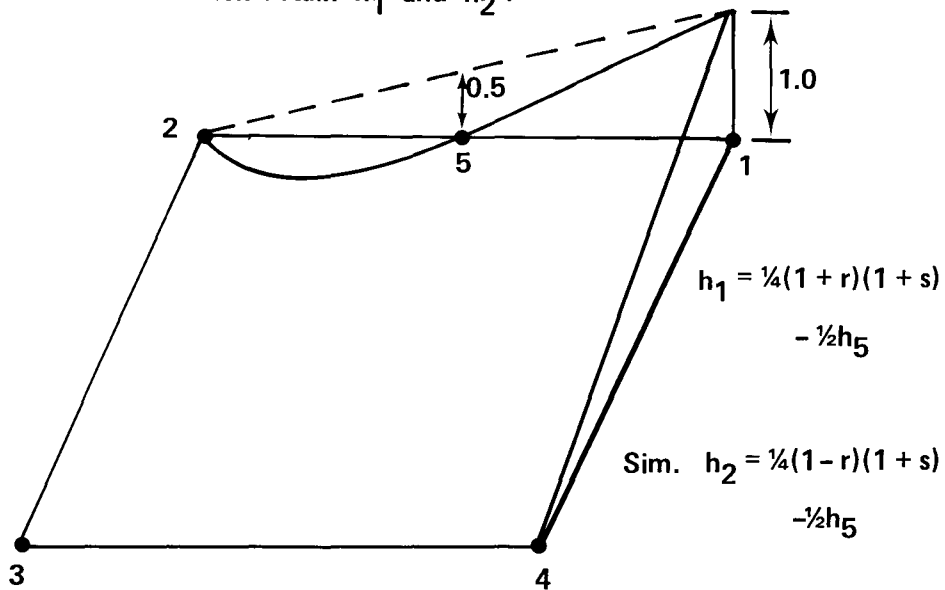
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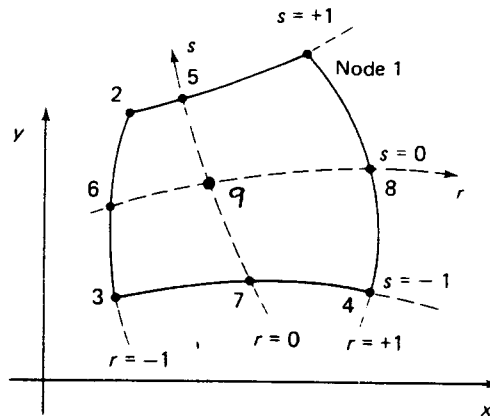
Construction of 5 node element
(2 dimensional)

first obtain h_5 :



Then obtain h_1 and h_2 :





(a) Four to 9 variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element

Fig. 5.5. Interpolation functions of four to nine variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element.

Include only if node i is defined

	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$	$i = 8$	$i = 9$
$h_1 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1+r)(1+s)$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_5$	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_8$	$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_2 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1+s)$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_5$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_6$		$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_3 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1-r)(1-s)$	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_6$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_7$	$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_4 =$	$\frac{1}{4}(1+r)(1-s)$	.....	$-\frac{1}{2}h_7$	$-\frac{1}{2}h_8$	$-\frac{1}{4}h_9$
$h_5 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-r^2)(1+s)$	-----	-----	-----	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_6 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)(1-r)$	-----	-----	-----	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_7 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-r^2)(1-s)$	-----	-----	-----	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_8 =$	$\frac{1}{2}(1-s^2)(1+r)$	-----	-----	-----	$-\frac{1}{2}h_9$
$h_9 =$	$(1-r^2)(1-s^2)$	-----	-----	-----	

(b) Interpolation functions

Fig. 5.5. Interpolation functions of four to nine variable-number-nodes two-dimensional element.

Having obtained the h_i we can construct the matrices \underline{H} and \underline{B} :

- The elements of \underline{H} are the h_i (or zero)
- The elements of \underline{B} are the derivatives of the h_i (or zero),

Because for the 2x2x2 elements we can use

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv r \\ y &\equiv s \\ z &\equiv t \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 4 node 2 dim. element

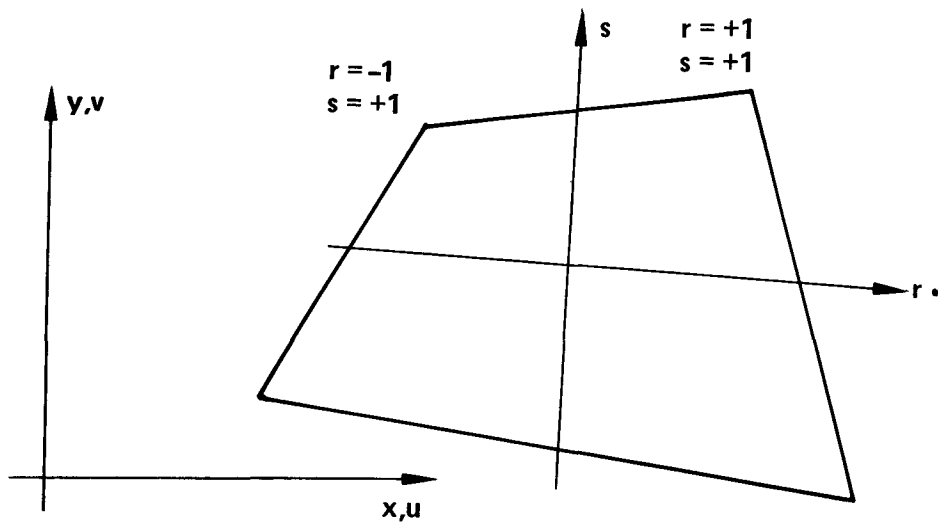
$$\begin{bmatrix} u(r,s) \\ v(r,s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & 0 & h_2 & 0 & h_3 & 0 & h_4 & 0 \\ 0 & h_1 & 0 & h_2 & 0 & h_3 & 0 & h_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\underline{H}}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{rr} \\ \epsilon_{ss} \\ \gamma_{rs} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} & 0 & \dots & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial r} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s} & \dots & 0 & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial r} & \dots & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix}}_{\underline{B}} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \\ u_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We note again $r \equiv x$
 $s \equiv y$

GENERAL ELEMENTS



Displacement and geometry interpolation as before, but

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{r}} = \underline{J} \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \quad (\text{in general})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} = \underline{J}^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{r}} \quad (5.25)$$

Aside:
cannot use

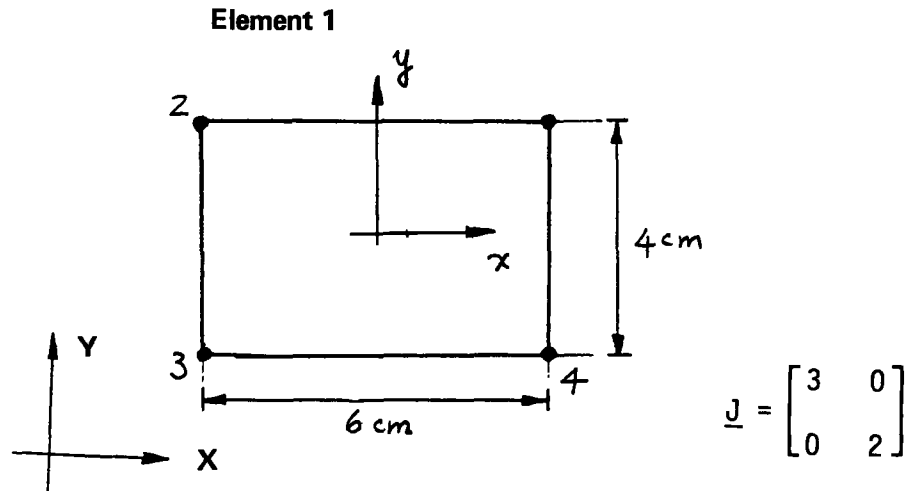
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \dots$$

Using (5.25) we can find the matrix B of general elements

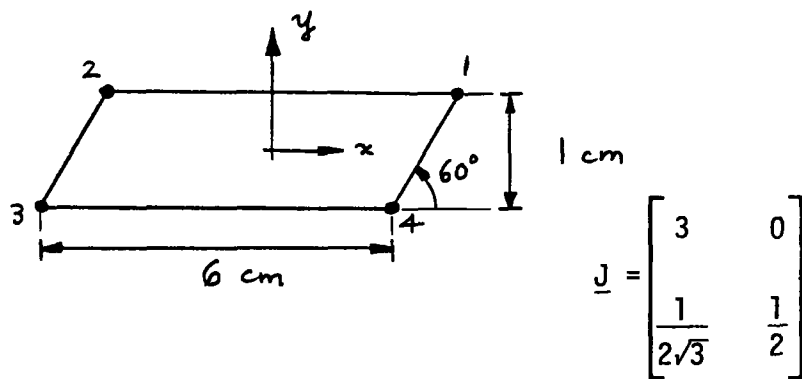
The H and B matrices are a function of r, s, t ; for the integration thus use

$$dv = \det \underline{J} \, dr \, ds \, dt$$

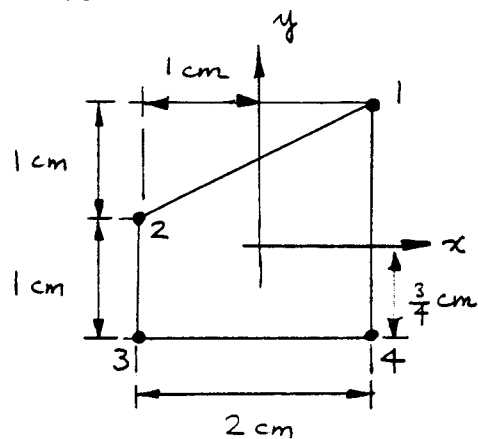
Fig. 5.9. Some two-dimensional elements



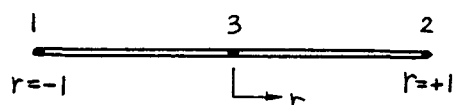
Element 2



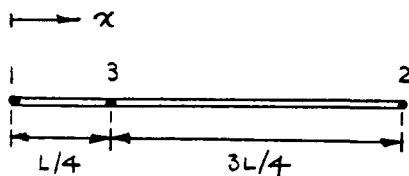
Element 3



$$\underline{J} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & (1+s) \\ 0 & (3+r) \end{bmatrix}$$



Natural space



Actual physical space

Fig. 5.23. Quarter-point one-dimensional element.

Here we have

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^3 h_i x_i \Rightarrow x = \frac{L}{4}(1+r)^2$$

hence

$$\underline{J} = \left[\frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2}L \right]$$

and

$$\underline{B} = \frac{1}{\frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2}L} [h_{1,r} \quad h_{2,r} \quad h_{3,r}]$$

or

$$\underline{B} = \frac{1}{\frac{L}{2} + \frac{r}{2}L} [(-\frac{1}{2} + r) \quad (\frac{1}{2} + r) \quad -2r]$$

Since

$$r = 2\sqrt{\frac{x}{L}} - 1$$

$$\underline{B} = \left[\left(\frac{2}{L} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{L}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \quad \left(\frac{2}{L} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) \quad \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{L}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{4}{L} \right) \right]$$

We note

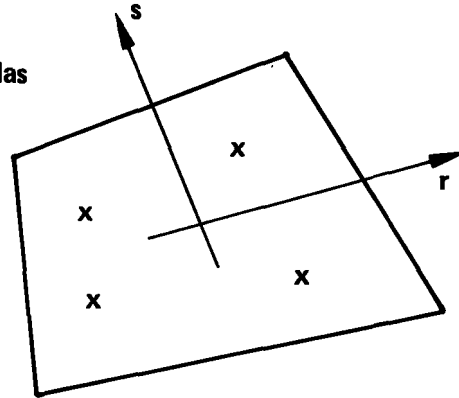
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \text{ singularity at } X = 0!$$

Numerical Integration

Gauss Integration
Newton-Cotes Formulas

$$\underline{K} = \sum_{i,j,k} \alpha_{ijk} \underline{F}_{ijk}$$

$$\underline{F} = \underline{B}^T \underline{C} \underline{B} \det \underline{J}$$



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