Penalty-Based Solution for the Interval Finite Element Methods

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- Element-By-Element
- Penalty Approach
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Interval Calculator





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Interval Finite Elements

- Follows conventional FEM
- Loads, nodal geometry and element materials are expressed as interval quantities
- Element-by-element method to avoid element stiffness coupling
- Lagrange Multiplier and Penalty function to impose compatibility
- Iterative approach to get enclosure
- Non-iterative approach to get exact hull for statically determinate structure





Interval Finite Elements



Interval Finite Elements

K U = F

- $K = \int B^T C B dV$ = Interval element stiffness matrix
- \boldsymbol{B} = Interval strain-displacement matrix
- *C* = Interval elasticity matrix

 $\boldsymbol{F} = [F_1, \dots, F_n] = \text{Interval element load vector (traction)}$

- $F_i = \int N_i t \, dA$
- N_i = Shape function corresponding to the *i-th* DOF
- *t* = Surface traction



Finite Element

- 1. Load Dependency
- 2. Stiffness Dependency





Finite Element – Load Dependency

1. Load Dependency

$$P_b = \sum L^T \int_l N^T b(x) \, dx$$

The global load vector P_b can be written as

$P_b = M q$

where q is the vector of interval coefficients of the load approximating polynomial



Finite Element – Load Dependency

Sharp solution for the interval displacement can be written as:

 $U = (K^{-1} M) q$

Thus all non-interval values are multiplied first, the last multiplication involves the interval quantities

If this order is not maintained, the resulting interval solution will not be sharp



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Stiffness Dependency

Coupling (assemblage process)







Element by Element to construct global stiffness
 Element level

$$K_{1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E_{1}A_{1}}{L_{1}} & -\frac{E_{1}A_{1}}{L_{1}} \\ -\frac{E_{1}A_{1}}{L_{1}} & \frac{E_{1}A_{1}}{L_{1}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & E_{1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{A_{1}}{L_{1}} & -\frac{A_{1}}{L_{1}} \\ -\frac{A_{1}}{L_{1}} & \frac{A_{1}}{L_{1}} \end{pmatrix} = D_{1}S_{1} = S_{1}D_{1}$$



K: block-diagonal matrix





Element-by-Element



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Finite Element – Present Formulation

> In steady-state analysis-variational formulation

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{U}^T \boldsymbol{K} \boldsymbol{U} - \boldsymbol{U}^T \boldsymbol{P}$$

- > With the constraints t = CU = 0
- $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } U^T = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & U_2 & U_3 & U_4 \end{pmatrix}$ > Adding the penalty function $\frac{1}{2}t^T \alpha t$ α : a diagonal matrix of penalty numbers

$$\Pi^{*} = \frac{1}{2} U^{T} K U - U^{T} P + \frac{1}{2} t^{T} \alpha t$$



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Finite Element – Present Formulation

> Invoking the stationarity of Π^* , that is $\delta \Pi^* = 0$ $(K + C^T \alpha C)U = P$

(K+Q)U=P



The physical meaning of Q is an addition of a large spring stiffness



Interval system of equations

(K + Q)U = P or AU = P> where

$$A = \{ \widetilde{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \widetilde{A}_{ik} \in A_{ik} \text{ for } i, k = 1, \dots, n \}$$
$$P = \{ \widetilde{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \mid \widetilde{P}_i \in P_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \}$$

> and

 $D = \{ \widetilde{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid \widetilde{D}_{ii} \in D_{ii} \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \}$ K = DS = SDGeorgia

> The solution will have the following form

 $RP - (I - RA)U \subseteq int(U)$

➢ where R = inverse mid (A) and $U = U^* + U_0$ ➢ or

$$RP - RAU_o + (I - RA)U^* \subseteq \operatorname{int}(U^*)$$
$$z + CU^* \subseteq \operatorname{int}(U^*)$$



$$z = RP - RAU_0 = RP - R(K + Q)U_0$$
$$z = RP - RQU_0 - RSDU_0 = RP - RQU_0 - RSM\delta$$

$$\triangleright \quad R = (S + Q)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad U_0 = RP$$

$$C = I - RA = I - RK - RQ = I - RQ - RSD$$

> Algorithm converges if and only if $\rho(|C|) < 1$



 \succ Rewrite $DU_0 = M\delta$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & E_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_{01} \\ U_{02} \\ U_{03} \\ U_{04} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{01} & 0 \\ U_{02} & 0 \\ 0 & U_{03} \\ 0 & U_{04} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 U_{01} \\ E_1 U_{02} \\ E_2 U_{03} \\ E_2 U_{04} \end{pmatrix}$$



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Examples

Statically indeterminate (general case)

- > Two-bay truss
- > Three-bay truss
- Four-bay truss
- Statically indeterminate beam
- Statically determinate
 - > Three-step bar



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty

- > Two-bay truss
- Three-bay truss
 A = 0.01 m²
 - $A = 0.01 m^{-1}$
 - E (nominal) = 200 GPa





Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty

> Four-bay truss



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Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 1%

> Two-bay truss

Two bay truss (11 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.00326	- 1.98333	0.38978	0.40041
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 2.00338	- 1.98302	0.38965	0.40050
error	- 0.006%	0.015%	0.033%	- 0.023%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 1%

> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U5(LB)(m)	U5(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 5.84628	- 5.78663	1.54129	1.56726
Present \times 10 ⁻⁴	- 5.84694	- 5.78542	1.5409	1.5675
error	- 0.011%	0.021%	0.025%	- 0.015%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 1%

> Four-bay truss

Four-bay truss (21 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U6(LB)(m)	U6(UB)(m)	V6(LB)(m)	V6(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 17.7729	- 17.5942	3.83417	3.88972	- 0.226165	- 0.220082
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 17.7752	- 17.5902	3.83268	3.89085	- 0.226255	- 0.21995
error	- 0.013%	0.023%	0.039%	- 0.029%	- 0.040%	0.060%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 5%

> Two-bay truss

Two bay truss (11 elements) with 5% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [195, 205] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.04435	- 1.94463	0.36866	0.42188
Present \times 10 ⁻⁴	- 2.04761	- 1.93640	0.36520	0.42448
error	- 0.159%	0.423%	0.939%	- 0.616%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 5%

> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 5% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [195, 205] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U5(LB)(m)	U5(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 5.9692233	- 5.6708065	1.4906613	1.6195115
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 5.98838	- 5.63699	1.47675	1.62978
error	- 0.321%	0.596%	0.933%	- 0.634%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 10%

> Two-bay truss

Two bay truss (11 elements) with 10% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [190, 210] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.09815	- 1.89833	0.34248	0.44917
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 2.11418	- 1.86233	0.32704	0.46116
error	- 0.764%	1.896%	4.508%	- 2.669%



Examples – Stiffness Uncertainty 10%

> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 10% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [190, 210] GPa

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U5(LB)(m)	U5(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 6.13014	- 5.53218	1.42856	1.68687
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 6.22965	- 5.37385	1.36236	1.7383
error	- 1.623%	2.862%	4.634%	- 3.049%



Statically indeterminate beam



A = 0.086 m^2 I = 10⁻⁴ m^4 E (nominal) = 200 GPa



Statically indeterminate beam

Statically indeterminate beam (2 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 10% uncertainty in Load, P=[9.5, 10.5]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	θ 2(LB)(rad)	θ 2(UB)(rad)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-3}$	- 4.80902	- 4.307888	1.47699	1.648869
Present $\times 10^{-3}$	- 4.80949	- 4.30487	1.47565	1.64928
error	- 0.00977%	0.07006%	0.09073%	- 0.02493%



Statically indeterminate beam

Statically indeterminate beam (2 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 20% uncertainty in Load, P=[9, 11]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	θ 2(LB)(rad)	θ 2(UB)(rad)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-3}$	- 5.03821	- 4.081157	1.399254	1.727387
Present $\times 10^{-3}$	- 5.03884	- 4.07552	1.39672	1.7282
error	- 0.01250%	0.13812%	0.18110%	- 0.04707%



Statically indeterminate beam

Statically indeterminate beam (2 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 40% uncertainty in Load, P=[8, 12]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	θ 2(LB)(rad)	θ 2(UB)(rad)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-3}$	- 5.49623	- 3.62769	1.234378	1.8844221
Present $\times 10^{-3}$	- 5.49751	- 3.61684	1.23888	1.88604
error	- 0.02329%	0.29909%	- 0.36472%	- 0.08586%



> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 5% uncertainty in Load, P = [19.5,20.5]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.05334	- 1.93374	0.38003	0.41042
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 2.05381	- 1.93259	0.37953	0.41062
error	- 0.023%	0.060%	0.132%	- 0.050%



> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 10% uncertainty in Load, P = [19,21]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.10342	- 1.88416	0.37029	0.42043
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 2.10425	- 1.88215	0.36941	0.42074
error	- 0.039%	0.107%	0.237%	- 0.075%



> Three-bay truss

Three bay truss (16 elements) with 1% uncertainty in Modulus of Elasticity, E = [199, 201] GPa, 20% uncertainty in Load, P = [18,22]kN

	V2(LB)(m)	V2(UB)(m)	U4(LB)(m)	U4(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-4}$	- 2.20359	- 1.78499	0.35080	0.44045
Present $\times 10^{-4}$	- 2.20511	- 1.78129	0.34917	0.44098
error	- 0.069%	0.207%	0.465%	-0.121%



Examples – Statically determinate

> Three-step bar

E1 = [18.5, 21.5]MPa (15% uncertainty)

E2 = [21.875,28.125]MPa (25% uncertainty)

E3 = [24, 36]MPa (40% uncertainty)

P1 = [-9, 9]kN P2 = [-15, 15]kN P3 = [2, 18]kN





Examples – Statically determinate

Statically determinate 3-step bar

	U1(LB)(m)	U1(UB)(m)	U2(LB)(m)	U2(UB)(m)	U3(LB)(m)	U3(UB)(m)
$\text{Comb} \times 10^{-3}$	- 4.756756	9.081081	- 7.72818	16.62393	- 7.39485	21.1239
Present $\times 10^{-3}$	- 4.756756	9.081081	- 7.72818	16.62393	- 7.39485	21.1239



Conclusions

- Formulation of interval finite element methods (IFEM) is introduced
- EBE approach was used to avoid overestimation
- Penalty approach for IFEM
- Enclosure was obtained with few iterations
- Problem size does not affect results accuracy
- For small *stiffness* uncertainty, the accuracy does not deteriorate with the increase of *load* uncertainty
- In statically determinate case, exact hull was obtained by non-iterative approach

