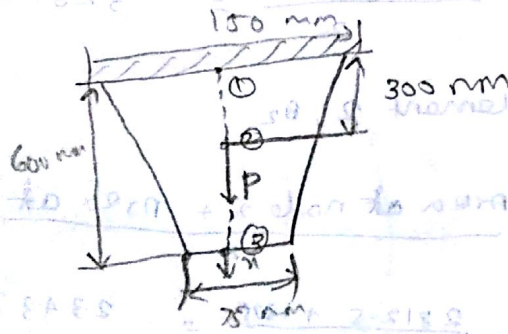


5. Consider a tapered steel plate of uniform thickness  $t = 25 \text{ mm}$  as shown in fig. The young's modulus of the plate  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and weight density  $\rho = 0.82 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^3$ . In addition to its self weight, the plate is subjected to a point load  $P = 100 \text{ N}$  at its mid point. Calculate the following:

- By modelling the plate with 2 finite elements
- Global force vector
- Global stiffness matrix
- Displacement in each element
- Stress in each element
- Reaction force at its support



Sol:

Area at node 1  $A_1 = \text{width} \times \text{thickness}$

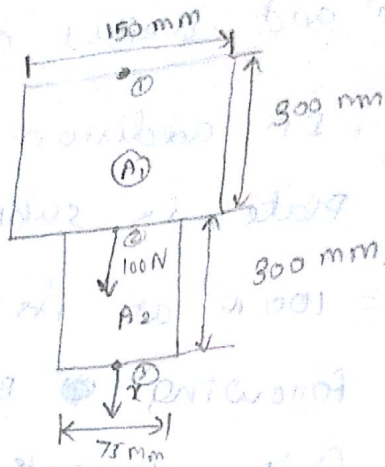
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 150 \times 25 \\
 A_1 &= 3750 \text{ mm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area at node 2 } A_2 = \text{width} \times \frac{w_1 + w_2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{w_1 + w_2}{2} \times \text{thickness}$$

$$= 2812.5 \text{ mm}^2$$

Area at node 3,  $A_3 = \text{width} \times \text{thickness}$   
 $= 75 \times 25$   
 $= 1875 \text{ mm}^2$



Area of the element 1,  $A_1$

$$A_1 = \frac{\text{Area at node 1} + \text{Area at node 2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3750 + 2812.5}{2} = 3281.25 \text{ mm}^2$$

Area of the element 2,  $A_2$

$$A_2 = \frac{\text{Area at node 2} + \text{Area at node 3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2812.5 + 1875}{2} = 2343.75 \text{ mm}^2$$

Body force factor

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} A_1 A_1 \Delta_1 \\ A_2 A_2 \Delta_2 \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{0.82 \times 10^4 \times 3281.25 \times 300}{2} \\ \frac{0.82 \times 10^4 \times 2343.75 \times 300}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 40.359 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 40.359 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{E_2 A_2 L_2}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{0.82 \times 10^9 \times 23.4375 \times 300}{2} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 28.828 \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 28.828 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Assemble

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 40.359 + 28.828 + 100 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 169.187 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

For element 1,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{A_1 E}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{3281.25 \times 2 \times 10^6}{300} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 2.187 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2.187 & -2.187 \\ -2.187 & 2.187 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

For element 2,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{A_2 E}{L_2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{234375 \times 2 \times 10^6}{300} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1.562 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Assembling

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 2.187 & -2.187 & 0 \\ -2.187 & 3.749 & -1.562 \\ 0 & -1.562 & 1.562 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 169.87 \\ 28.828 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix} = 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 3.749 & -1.562 \\ -1.562 & 1.562 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$1 \times 10^6 [3.749 u_2 - 1.562 u_3] = 169.87$$

$$1 \times 10^6 [-1.562 u_2 + 1.562 u_3] = 28.828$$

$$2.187 \times 10^6 u_2 = 198.015$$

$$u_2 = 9.054 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}$$

$$1 \times 10^6 [3.749 (9.054 \times 10^{-5}) - 1.562 u_3] = 169.87$$

$$339.441 - 1.562 \times 10^6 u_3 = 169.87$$

$$1.562 \times 10^6 u_3 = 169.571$$

$$u_3 = 1.085 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm}$$

$$= 10.85 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma_1 = E_1 \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^5 \frac{(u_2 - u_1)}{300}$$

$$\sigma_1 = 0.060 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\sigma_2 = E_1 \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^5 \frac{(u_3 - u_2)}{300}$$

$$= 0.0119 \text{ N/mm}^2 \quad (0.012 \text{ N/mm}^2)$$

$$\{R\} = \{F\} - \{u^*\}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 2.187 & -2.187 & 0 \\ -2.187 & 3.749 & -1.562 \\ 0 & -1.562 & 1.562 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 2.187 & -2.187 & 0 \\ -2.187 & 3.749 & -1.562 \\ 0 & -1.562 & 1.562 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 9.054 \times 10^5 \\ 10.85 \times 10^5 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 169.187 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} 3.749 & -1.562 \\ -1.562 & 1.562 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 9.054 \times 10^5 \\ 10.85 \times 10^5 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} 169.187 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^6 \begin{bmatrix} -1.98 \times 10^{-4} \\ 1.699 \times 10^{-4} \\ 2.805 \times 10^{-5} \end{bmatrix} -$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} 1.98 \times 10^2 \\ 1.699 \times 10^2 \\ 2.805 \times 10^1 \end{Bmatrix} - \begin{Bmatrix} 40.359 \\ 169.187 \\ 28.828 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{Bmatrix} -28.379 \\ 0.778 \\ -0.778 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{R\} = \begin{bmatrix} -238.379 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Force} =$$

$$R_1 + R_2 + R_3 = -238.359 + 0 + 0 \\ = -238.359 \text{ N.}$$

$$F_1 + F_2 + F_3 = 40.359 + 169.187 + 28.82 \\ = 238.37 \text{ N.}$$

Hence verified.