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# Lecture – 14 Mathematical Formulation Plane Stress Plane Strain

Welcome back, in this lecture, we will see the mathematical formulation for plane strain and plane stress. In the last lecture, we discussed how a given 3D problem can be idealized to a 2D cases. And we understood that it is plane strain, plane stress and axisymmetric condition. So, for a simple linear elastic isotropic case, we will see how the mathematical formulation of plane strain and plane stress would look like.

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So, we will start with the general linear elastic equations where  $\varepsilon x$  is related to  $\sigma x$ ,  $\sigma y$  and  $\sigma z$  as given. So,  $\varepsilon_x = \sigma_x / E - \mu / E (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)$  this is where we start with a typical linear elastic problem. Similarly, we have  $\varepsilon_y$ ,  $\varepsilon_z$  the engineering shear strain  $\gamma_{xy}$ ,  $\gamma_{yz}$  and  $\gamma_{zx}$ , one can also represent  $\gamma_{xy}$  in terms of the pure shear strain or tensorial shear strain.

Which is given by  $\varepsilon_{xy}$  the relationship is it is  $2\varepsilon_{xy} = \gamma_{xy}$ . So,  $\gamma_{xy} = 2\varepsilon_{xy}$ . So, one can also replace this by this in that case, you will have this particular side it will change to  $\gamma_{xy} = 2\varepsilon_{xy}$ . So, then it will be  $\varepsilon_{xy} = \tau_{xy} / 2G$ . So that is the difference. So, we will start with this now, for plane strain or plane stress now, in the case of planes train case, the given condition is the strain is equal to 0.

So, we need to have the inverse of this relationship as well that is stress in terms of strain. So, first let us now this is strain in terms of stresses. So, we will try to find the inverse of this that is stress as a function of strain. So that is what we will do first, now, we need to do some mathematical rearrangement and then find out what is the expression for  $\sigma$ . So, we will start this we need to obtain the equations of the form  $\sigma = E\epsilon$ .

So, for that, I strongly suggest all of you to follow these steps and work it out for yourself, because in this it may look a bit abstract. So, when you when we discuss the whole formulation, then it will be easy for you but I strongly suggest all of you work it out on your own. So, first what I will like to do is I will try to eliminate one of these stresses. So, one of these stresses gets eliminated for that what are the different steps to be followed. The first step is multiply equation a by  $\mu$ . So, you will have  $\mu\epsilon_x = \mu\sigma_x / E - \mu^2 / E(\sigma_y + \sigma_z)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} & (g) + (b) \\ & \mu \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y = \frac{\mu \sigma_x}{E} - \frac{\mu^2}{E} \left( \sigma_y + \sigma_z \right) + \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \frac{\mu}{E} (\sigma_x + \sigma_z) \\ & \mu \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \frac{\mu \sigma_z}{E} - \frac{\mu^2}{E} (\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \\ & \mu \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y = (1 - \mu^2) \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \frac{\mu \sigma_z}{E} (1 + \mu) & \dots .....(h) . \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (g) + (c) \\ & \mu \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_z = \frac{\sigma_z}{E} - \frac{\mu \sigma_y}{E} - \frac{\mu^2}{E} (\sigma_y + \sigma_z) \\ & \mu \varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_z = (1 - \mu^2) \frac{\sigma_z}{E} - \frac{\mu \sigma_y}{E} (1 + \mu) & \dots .....(i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (h) \times \frac{(1 - \mu)}{\mu} \\ & (1 - \mu) \varepsilon_x + \frac{(1 - \mu)}{\mu} \varepsilon_y = (1 - \mu^2) \times \frac{(1 - \mu)}{\mu} \times \frac{\sigma_y}{E} + \frac{\sigma_z}{E} (1 - \mu^2) & \dots .....(j) \end{aligned}$$

Then do g + b. So, this equation is g, why should you do g + b? In the process of doing g + b. So, this is g + b we will eliminate  $\sigma_x$ . So that is the whole idea in whatever manner you can eliminate you can do that but this is one particular step g + b will give  $\mu\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y = \mu\sigma_x / E - \mu^2 / E (\sigma_y + \sigma_z) + \sigma_y / E - \mu / E (\sigma_x + \sigma_z)$ . Now, if you simplify this, the left hand side remaining same you will get  $\sigma_y / E - \mu\sigma_z / E - \mu^2 / E (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)$ .

So, in the process of this, we have got rid of  $\sigma_x$ . So,  $\mu\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y = (1 - \mu^2)2 \sigma_y / E$ , if you combine these 2, this one and this one, you will get this  $-\mu\sigma_z / E (1 + \mu)$ . So, again if you rearrange this and this, you will get this expression. So, now, you are left with 2 stresses, we need to eliminate again 1. So call this as h, then similarly, you do g + c.

So, g + c once you do you will get  $\mu\epsilon_x + \epsilon_z = \sigma_z / E - \mu\sigma_y / E - \mu^2 / E (\sigma_y + \sigma_z)$  and rearranging, you will get  $(1 - \mu^2) \sigma_z / E - \mu\sigma_y / E (1 + \mu)$ , you can see a lot of similarity between h and i. Now, it is very easy for us to again simplify this multiply h \*  $(1 - \mu) / \mu$ , you multiply this particular equation by  $(1 - \mu) / \mu$ . So, we will be left with  $(1 - \mu)$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\mu$  get cancelled off, So, it will be  $(1 + \mu)\epsilon_x + (1 - \mu) / \mu\epsilon_y = (1 - \mu^2)*(1 - \mu) / \mu*\sigma_z / E + \sigma_z / E (1 - \mu^2)$ . So,  $\mu$  again gets cancelled off from this particular expression. So, call this as j.

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(i) + (j)  

$$\varepsilon_{x} + \frac{(1-\mu)}{\mu} \varepsilon_{y} + \varepsilon_{z} = \frac{(1+\mu)}{\mu} \times \frac{\sigma_{y}}{E} [(1-\mu)^{2} - \mu^{2}]$$

$$\frac{\mu(\varepsilon_{x} + \varepsilon_{z}) + (1-\mu)\varepsilon_{y}}{\mu} = \frac{(1+\mu)}{\mu} \times \frac{\sigma_{y}}{E} [1-2\mu]$$

$$\sigma_{y} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [(1-\mu)\varepsilon_{y} + \mu(\varepsilon_{x} + \varepsilon_{z})]......A$$
Similarly,  

$$\sigma_{x} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [(1-\mu)\varepsilon_{x} + \mu(\varepsilon_{y} + \varepsilon_{z})].....B$$

$$\sigma_{z} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [(1-\mu)\varepsilon_{z} + \mu(\varepsilon_{x} + \varepsilon_{y})]......B$$

Now, add i + j because you will have this is j, this is i, one of the stress we will get again eliminated that is why we have multiplied it by  $(1 - \mu) / \mu$ . So, when you do i + j we will get  $\varepsilon_x + (1 - \mu) / \mu \varepsilon_y + \varepsilon_z = (1 + \mu) / \mu * \sigma_y / E [(1 - \mu)^2 - \mu^2]$  simplifying, we will get  $\mu (\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_z)$ . So, you can combine these 2 because this multiplied by  $\mu$ .  $\mu (\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_z) + (1 - \mu) \varepsilon_y$ . The same expression by  $\mu$ , here again you can do the simplification  $(1 + \mu) * \sigma_y / E [(1 - 2\mu)]$ . So, this  $\mu$  and  $\mu$  goes away finally, we will be left with the expression for  $\sigma_y$ . So, in the process  $\sigma_z$  also got eliminated. So, you can see that  $\sigma_y = E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) * [(1 - \mu) / \varepsilon_y + \mu(\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_z)]$ . Now, once you got the expression for  $\sigma_y$  it is more or less the same for  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_z$ . So, this is equation A similarly, you can write  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_z$  the expression which is A, B and C. So, this is the required form for applying the condition for plain strain, you can also do by after applying the condition for plain strain you can simplify. So, we have done it before, so that it becomes very easy to just apply the condition for plain strain. So, you have linear elastic equations in terms of epsilon that is strain in terms of stresses and now, we have inverted this and we have got now stress in terms of strain.

So, these are the equations, you can note that these remains same E/  $(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu)$  and here it is  $[(1 - \mu) / \epsilon_y + \mu(\epsilon_x + \epsilon_z)]$ .

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So, now, it is easy, we know for plane strain conditioned strain in one direction is 0. So,  $\varepsilon_z = 0$ ,  $\gamma_{xz}$ ,  $\gamma_{yz} = 0$ . If we put this in the expression, we will get that is we are substituting in equations A, B, C we will get  $\sigma_x = E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) * [(1 - \mu) \varepsilon_x + \mu \varepsilon_x]$ . So,  $\sigma_z$  the expression is this is slightly different from the earlier one because here the contribution of  $\sigma_z$  goes away.

So, you are left with  $\mu E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) * [\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y]$  and  $\tau_{xy} = G \gamma_{xy}$ , earlier we have written  $\gamma_{xy} = \tau_{xy} / G$  or it is 2G  $\varepsilon_{xy}$  where you are replacing  $\gamma_{xy} / 2$ ,  $\varepsilon_{xy}$ . Now, one important point is like even though  $\sigma_z = 0$ ,  $\sigma_z$  is not equal to 0 for plane strain condition. So, these equations are known as the constitutive relationship for plane strain for linear isotropic elastic material.

So, constitutive relationship, we know that is the relationship between stress and strain. And it represents the material characteristics as well. Here, this is specific to plane strain condition, we have derived or we have formulated equation the constitutive relationship for plane strain corresponding to a simple linear elastic isotropic material.

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So, we are just rearranging that the whatever expression that we got for plane strain in matrix form. So, you have  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ ,  $\tau_{xy}$  these are the 3 stresses which are present whatever we have got in the previous slide, we are just rearranging it and you have E  $(1 - \mu)/(1 + \mu)(1 - 2\mu)$ , E  $\mu/(1 + \mu)(1 - 2\mu)$ . So, these are symmetric the other components are 0 and there is 2G corresponding to  $\tau_{xy}$ . In addition, we also know  $\sigma_z = \mu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$ .

So, if you substitute this in the expression you will get this particular value as well. So,  $\sigma_z$  is not an independent stress. So, if you just insist on this particular matrix that is sufficient for solving the plane strain problem, because  $\sigma_z$  is again a function of  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  it is not an independent stress. Hence, the above matrix formulation is sufficient for plane strain condition.

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Constitutive relationship for plane strain in terms of principal stresses  

$$\varepsilon_{2} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{1} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [(1-\mu)\varepsilon_{1} + \mu\varepsilon_{3}]$$

$$\sigma_{3} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [(1-\mu)\varepsilon_{3} + \mu\varepsilon_{1}]$$

$$\sigma_{2} = \frac{\mu E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [\varepsilon_{1} + \varepsilon_{3}]$$

$$\sigma_{1} + \sigma_{3} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \times [\varepsilon_{1} + \varepsilon_{3}]$$

$$\sigma_{2} = \mu(\sigma_{1} + \sigma_{3})$$

Now, constitutive relationship for plane strain in terms of principle stresses. So, some more will go away. So, you have  $\sigma_1 = E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) *[(1 + \mu) \epsilon_1 + \mu \epsilon_3]$  what is the difference in earlier formulation and planes principle stresses, the shear stress component goes away that is the only difference replace  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$ ,  $\sigma_z$  by  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\sigma_3$ .

So, here  $\sigma_3 = E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) *[(1 + \mu) \epsilon_3 + \mu \epsilon_1]$  and  $\sigma_2 = \mu E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) *[\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3]$ . And  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_3$  if you take  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_3$  you will be left with  $E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) *[\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3]$ . Now, you please compare this equation with  $\sigma_2$  it is same. So that is how you can very well replace  $\sigma_2$  equal to only this  $\mu$  is additional here remaining  $E/(1 + \mu) (1 - 2\mu) *[\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_3]$  is  $\sigma_1 + \sigma_3$ .

So, one can always write  $\sigma_2 = \mu (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)$ . Earlier we have returned the same kind of expression. So, it is similar to  $\sigma_z = \mu (\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$ . So, here in terms of principle stresses one can write  $\sigma_2 = \mu (\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)$ .

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Constitutive relationship for plane strain in matrix form  

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_3 \end{cases} = \frac{E}{(1+\mu)(1-2\mu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\mu & \mu \\ \mu & 1-\mu \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_3 \end{cases}$$

So, constitutive relationship for plane strain in matrix form one can write this is exactly in terms of 2D, see the effect of  $\sigma_2$  is not considered here, you can write

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_3 \end{cases} = \frac{E}{(1 + \mu)(1 - 2\mu)} \left[ \frac{1 - \mu}{\mu} + \frac{\mu}{1 - \mu} \right] \begin{cases} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_3 \end{cases}$$

here we have considered only 2 dimensional stresses. So, what we have done is the mathematical formulation for plane strain.

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For plane stress  

$$\sigma_{z} = \tau_{zx} = \tau_{zy} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{x} = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_{x} - \mu\sigma_{y})$$

$$\varepsilon_{y} = \frac{1}{E}(\sigma_{y} - \mu\sigma_{x})$$

$$\varepsilon_{z} = -\frac{\mu}{E}(\sigma_{x} + \sigma_{y})$$

$$\varphi_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\frac{c}{5}} \text{ or } \gamma_{xy} = \frac{2(1+\mu)\tau_{xy}}{\frac{E}{5}} \text{ or } \varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{(1+\mu)\tau_{xy}}{E}$$
Even though  $\sigma_{z} = 0, \varepsilon_{z} \neq 0$   
There are four strain components and 3 stress components

Now, let us see for plane stress, it is the condition of one Stress. Stress in one direction is 0. So, we will have to use the very first equation of strain in terms of stresses and substitute this

particular condition. So, we will see how it will look like. So, you will have  $\varepsilon_x = 1 / E^*(\sigma_x - \mu \sigma_y)$ ,  $\varepsilon_y$ ,  $\varepsilon_z$  and  $\gamma_{xy}$  which is equal to  $\tau_{xy} / G$  or  $\gamma_x = 2 (1 + \mu) \tau_{xy} / E$ .

Because you have replaced G by this expression we have the expression  $E = G (1 + \mu)$ . So, by substituting that you have obtained in terms of E. So, here is a mere substitution of  $\sigma_z$ ,  $\tau_{zx}$ ,  $\tau_{zy} = 0$ . So, we are left with these equations. So, here also we have to note that even those  $\sigma_z = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_z$  not equal to 0, we know this, because we have the contribution of  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  in the other lateral direction that strictly It will also influence the string. So, hence  $\varepsilon_z$  is not equal to 0. So, there are 4 strain components and 3 stress components altogether.

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So, strain tensor for plane stress is denoted in this particular manner,  $\varepsilon_x \varepsilon_{xy}$  and we have  $\varepsilon_z$  as well. Stress equations for plane stress, by inverting the previous expression, we can get  $\sigma_x = E/(1 - \mu^2)^* \varepsilon_x + E \mu/(1 - \mu^2)^* \varepsilon_y$ , we are doing the inversion, it is a simple rearrangement. So, one can always try this, you will get  $\sigma_x = E/(1 - \mu^2)^* \varepsilon_x + E \mu/(1 - \mu^2)^* \varepsilon_y$  and you have  $\sigma_y$  and  $\tau_{xy}$ .

So, this is stress in terms of strain. So, to write the stress tensor, you will have = E/  $(1 - \mu^2)$ , E  $\mu/(1 - \mu^2)$  to 0. So, E  $\mu/(1 - \mu^2)$ . So, this is the expression for this is the matrix representation of stress for plane stress condition.

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$$\varepsilon_{z} = -\frac{\mu}{E} (\sigma'_{x} + \sigma_{y})$$
Substituting the expression for stresses,
$$\varepsilon_{z} = -\frac{\mu}{1-\mu} (\varepsilon_{x} + \varepsilon_{y})$$

And  $\varepsilon_z = -\mu / E^*(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$  substituting the expression for stresses that a  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  we have seen in the previous slide, if you substitute it, one can get  $\varepsilon_z = -\mu / (1 - \mu)^*(\varepsilon_x + \varepsilon_y)$ .

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So, in this lecture, we have done the mathematical formulation for plane stress and plane strain condition. So, plane strain 2D idealization is more prominent in geo mechanics than plane stress. Constitutive relationship for both plane strain and plane stress discussed for a simple case of linear elastic isotropic material. Plane strain has strain in one direction to be negligible. That is this particular expression,  $\varepsilon_z$ ,  $\gamma_{xz}$ ,  $\gamma_{yz} = 0$ .

And also even though  $\varepsilon_z = 0$ ,  $\sigma_z$  is not equal to 0 in the plane strain condition. Similarly, we have even though  $\sigma_z = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_z$  not equal to 0 in the plane stress condition. So, this is all about the mathematical formulation of plane strain and plane stress. In the next lecture, we will see the mathematical formulation for again for the simple case with respect to axisymmetric condition. Thank you.