

PLATES

We consider thin plates only ( $L/h > 10$ ) where  $L$  is a characteristic length in the plan area.

Kinematics-  
(recall CE 623)

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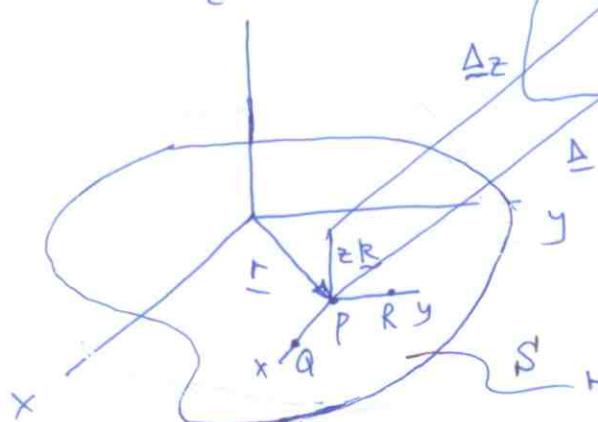


Fig 1

y coord curve  
x coord curve

$S^*$  (deformed ref surface)

$\underline{\Delta}$  = displ vector of point on ref. surface

$\Delta_z$  = displ vector of pt  $z$  above ref surface

reference surface ( $z=0$ , ie midplane,  
 $\frac{h}{2} \geq z \geq -\frac{h}{2}$ ,  $h$  = plate thickness)

Point  $P$  (p.v.  $r$ ) moves to point  $P'$  (p.v.  $r^*$ )

$$\underline{r}_{(xy)}^* = \underline{r} + \underline{\Delta} = x \underline{i} + y \underline{j} + u(x,y) \underline{i} + v(x,y) \underline{j} + w(x,y) \underline{k}$$

Also shown are the displaced neighboring pts  $R \rightarrow R'$  and  $Q \rightarrow Q'$ . Thus, in general

$$\underline{dr}^* = \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial y} dy$$

For  $PQ \rightarrow P'Q'$ ,  $\underline{dr}^* = \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial x} dx$  = tangential to x coordinate curve in  $S^*$

$PR \rightarrow P'R'$ ,  $\underline{dr}^* = \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial y} dy$  = tangential to y coord curve in  $S^*$

Engineering extensional strains are, (recall from CE 623).

$$\epsilon_{Ex} = \epsilon_x = \left( \frac{\partial r^* - \partial r}{\partial r} \right)_{PQ} = \frac{P'Q' - PQ}{PQ} = \sqrt{1 + 2 E_{xx}} - 1, \quad PQ = dx$$

$$\epsilon_{Ey} = \epsilon_y = \left( \frac{\partial r^* - \partial r}{\partial r} \right)_{PR} = \frac{P'R' - PR}{PR} = \sqrt{1 + 2 E_{yy}} - 1, \quad PR = dy$$

and engineering shear strain is,

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\bar{A}}{2} - \delta$$

$$\sin \gamma_{xy} = \frac{2 E_{xy}}{\sqrt{1+2E_{xx}} \sqrt{1+2E_{yy}}} = \frac{2 E_{xy}}{(1+\varepsilon_x)(1+\varepsilon_y)}$$

where  $E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i} + u_{m,i} u_{m,j})$  (cf 623).

For small strains (displ. gradients) retaining only up to quadratic terms,

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_x &= \sqrt{1 + 2u_{xx} + u_{xx}^2 + v_{xx}^2 + w_{xx}^2} - 1 \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(2u_{xx} + u_{xx}^2 + v_{xx}^2 + w_{xx}^2) - \frac{1}{8}(2u_{xx} + u_{xx}^2 + v_{xx}^2 + w_{xx}^2)^2 - 1 \\ &\quad + O(\text{cubic}) \\ &= u_{xx} + \frac{1}{2}(v_{xx}^2 + w_{xx}^2)\end{aligned}$$

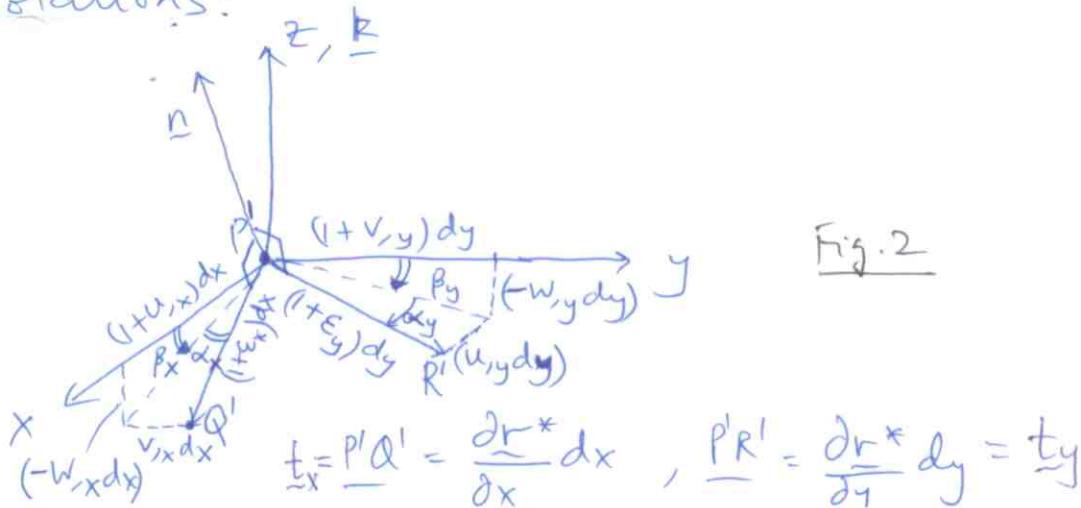
$$\therefore \varepsilon_y = v_{yy} + \frac{1}{2}(u_{yy}^2 + w_{yy}^2)$$

$$\sin \gamma_{xy} \approx \gamma_{xy} = \frac{(u_{xy} + v_{yx} + u_{yx}u_{xy} + v_{xy}v_{yx} + w_{xy}w_{yx})}{(1+u_{xx}+HOT)(1+v_{yy}+HOT)}$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = u_{xy} + v_{yx} - u_{yx}v_{xy} - u_{xy}v_{yx} + w_{xy}w_{yx} + O(\text{cubic})$$

$$\gamma_{xy} = (1-v_{xy})u_{xy} + (1-u_{xy})v_{yx} + w_{xy}w_{yx} + O(\text{cubic}).$$

Rotations:



out of plane rotations ||  $\tan \beta_x = -\frac{w_x}{1+u_x} \approx -w_x$  (Neglected nonlinearities in  $w_x u_x$  &  $w_y v_y$ ).  
 $\tan \beta_y = -\frac{w_y}{1+v_y} \approx -w_y$  (See reason below).

Rotations about z axis, ie in-plane rotations ||  $\tan \alpha_x = \frac{v_x}{1+u_x} \approx v_x (1-u_x)$   
 $\tan \alpha_y = \frac{u_y}{1+v_y} \approx u_y (1-v_y)$

For moderate out-of-plane rotations,  $(w_x, w_y) = O(\epsilon)$

For small strains,  $(u_x, v_y) = O(\epsilon^2)$

For out-of-plane rot larger than in-plane rot,  $(v_x, u_y) = O(\epsilon^3)$

For small displ gradients,  $\tan \beta_x = \beta_x, \tan \beta_y = \beta_y$ .

Thus, neglect  $w_x u_x = O(\epsilon^3)$  compared to  $w_x = O(\epsilon)$ .

Thus, neglect  $v_x u_x = O(\epsilon^4)$  " " "  $v_x = O(\epsilon^2)$

Thus, neglect  $v_x^2 = O(\epsilon^4)$  " " "  $w_x^2 = O(\epsilon^2)$ .

So we get,

$\Sigma_x = u_x + \frac{1}{2} w_x^2 + O(\epsilon^3)$	$\stackrel{\text{neglect.}}{=} u_x + \frac{1}{2} \beta_x^2 + O(\epsilon^3)$	①
$\Sigma_y = v_y + \frac{1}{2} w_y^2 + O(\epsilon^3)$	$= v_y + \frac{1}{2} \beta_y^2 + O(\epsilon^3)$	
$\gamma_{xy} = u_y + v_x + w_x w_y + O(\epsilon^3)$	$= u_y + v_x + \beta_x \beta_y + O(\epsilon^3)$	

For strains away from reference surface ( $z=0$ ) consider,

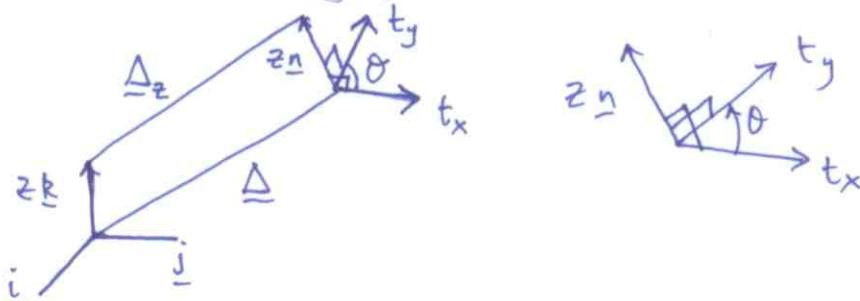


Fig. 3

(over → See p. 3a)

## Kirchhoff Assumptions

- (1) Normals to mid-surface remain normal and inextensible (ie  $\delta_{xx} = \delta_{yy} = \epsilon_x = 0$ ).
- (2) Neglect  $\tau_z$  in Hooke's law. This contradicts  $\epsilon_z = 0$  but we accept it.

$(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$  traction along  $\hat{x}_1$ -axis at boundary  
 $(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$ , traction along  $\hat{x}_2$ -axis  
 $(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$ , traction along  $\hat{x}_3$ -axis

$(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$  is not equal to zero. Hence  $\sigma^{00} = 0$ ,  $\sigma^{01} = 0$  &  $\sigma^{02} = 0$ .  
 $(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$  = zero traction along  $\hat{x}_3$ -axis

$(^0)\sigma = (\sigma^{00}, \sigma^{01}, \sigma^{02})$  = zero traction along  $\hat{x}_2$ -axis

$$(^0)\sigma + \sigma^0 \frac{1}{2} + \omega^0 = (^0)\sigma + \sigma^0 \frac{1}{2} + \omega^0$$

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Addition of (1) & (2) gives zero traction along  $\hat{x}_3$ -axis



$\Delta_z$  = disp of pt z - above ref. surface

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$\Delta_z = -z_k + \Delta + z_n$  (used inextensibility of element normal to ref. surface)

Now  $t_x \times t_y = \underline{P'Q'} \times \underline{P'R'} = (P'Q')(P'R') \sin\theta \approx$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial x} dx \times \frac{\partial r^*}{\partial y} dy = (1+\varepsilon_x) dx (1+\varepsilon_y) dy \sin\theta \approx$$

$$\frac{(1+u_{,x}) \underline{i} + v_{,x} \underline{j} + w_{,x} \underline{k}) \times (u_{,y} \underline{i} + (1+v_{,y}) \underline{j} + w_{,y} \underline{k})}{(1+\varepsilon_x)(1+\varepsilon_y) \cos \delta_{xy}} = n$$

$$n = \frac{\underline{k}(1+u_{,x}+v_{,y}+u_{,x}v_{,y}-v_{,x}u_{,y}) + \underline{j}(-w_{,y}-u_{,x}w_{,y}+u_{,y}w_{,x}) + i(v_{,x}w_{,y}-w_{,x}-w_{,x}v_{,y})}{(1+\varepsilon_x)(1+\varepsilon_y) \cos \delta_{xy}} \approx 1$$

For small displ gradients  $\rightarrow$  drop terms as indicated in  $\underline{k}$ ( ), and denominator.

For small strains & inplane rotations and moderate out of plane rotations, drop terms indicated in  $i()$ ,  $j()$ .

$$\Rightarrow n = -w_{,x} \underline{i} - w_{,y} \underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_z = \Delta + z(n - \underline{k}) = \bar{u} \underline{i} + \bar{v} \underline{j} + \bar{w} \underline{k}$$

$$\bar{u}(x, y, z) = u(x, y) - z w_{,x}(x, y)$$

$$\bar{v}(x, y, z) = v(x, y) - z w_{,y}(x, y)$$

$$\bar{w}(x, y, z) = w(x, y)$$

NOTE: we could have guessed this by considering rot of the normal, but this is the consistent way.)  
Here  $\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{w}$  are displs of pt away from midsurface ref

Strains for pt. away from ref surface can be derived exactly as for a pt on ref. surface. Only change would be over bars on the strains and displ quantities in Eq. ①. Then using ② in the resulting strains we get,

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_x = \bar{U}_{,x} + \frac{\bar{w}_{,x}^2}{2} = u_{,x} + \frac{w_{,x}^2}{2} + z\beta_{x,x}$$

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$$\bar{\varepsilon}_y = v_{,y} + \frac{\bar{w}_{,y}^2}{2} + z\beta_{y,y}$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_{xy} = \bar{u}_{,y} + \bar{v}_{,x} + \bar{w}_{,x}\bar{w}_{,y} = u_{,y} + v_{,x} + w_{,x}w_{,y} + z(\beta_{x,y} + \beta_{y,x})$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\varepsilon}_x = u_{,x} + \frac{w_{,x}^2}{2} + zK_x = \varepsilon_x + zK_x$$

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_y = v_{,y} + \frac{w_{,y}^2}{2} + zK_y = \varepsilon_y + zK_y$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_{xy} = u_{,y} + v_{,x} + w_{,x}w_{,y} + 2zK_{xy} = \gamma_{xy} + 2zK_{xy}$$

$$K_x = \beta_{x,x}, \quad K_y = \beta_{y,y}, \quad K_{xy} = \beta_{x,y} = \beta_{y,x}$$

$$\beta_x = -w_{,x}, \quad \beta_{,y} = -w_{,y}$$

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### Constitutive Equations

Put  $\tau_z = 0$  in constitutive law. (NOTE:  $\sigma_{zz} \rightarrow \sigma_z, \sigma_{xx} \rightarrow \sigma_x, \sigma_{yy} \rightarrow \sigma_y$  notation used).

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{\varepsilon}_x &= \frac{1}{E} (\bar{\tau}_x - \nu \bar{\tau}_y) \\ \bar{\varepsilon}_y &= \frac{1}{E} (\bar{\tau}_y - \nu \bar{\tau}_x) \\ \bar{\gamma}_{xy} &= \frac{2(1+\nu)}{E} \bar{\tau}_{xy} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \bar{\tau}_x &= \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} (\bar{\varepsilon}_x + \nu \bar{\varepsilon}_y) \\ \bar{\tau}_y &= \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} (\bar{\varepsilon}_y + \nu \bar{\varepsilon}_x) \\ \bar{\tau}_{xy} &= \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \bar{\gamma}_{xy} \end{aligned}$$

Defined stress and moment resultants:

$$N_x \triangleq \int_{-h}^{h/2} \bar{\tau}_x dz = \int_{-h}^{h/2} \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} (\bar{\varepsilon}_x + \nu \bar{\varepsilon}_y) dz = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E}{(1-\nu^2)} [\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_y + z(K_x + \nu K_y)] dz$$

$$N_x = \frac{Eh}{(1-\nu^2)} (\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_y)$$

$$N_y = \frac{Eh}{(1-\nu^2)} (\varepsilon_y + \nu \varepsilon_x), \text{ similarly}$$

$$N_{xy} \triangleq \int_h^{\bar{t}_{xy}} dz = \frac{Eh}{2(1+\nu)} \gamma_{xy}$$

(ie  $(N_x, N_y, N_{xy}) \triangleq \int_h^{\bar{t}_x, \bar{t}_y, \bar{t}_{xy}} dz$ ).

$$\& (M_x, M_y, M_{xy}) \triangleq \int_h^{\bar{t}_x, \bar{t}_y, t_{xy}} z dz$$

$$M_x = \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} [\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_y + z(K_x + \nu K_y)] z dz$$

$$M_x = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} (K_x + \nu K_y)$$

$$M_y = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} (K_y + \nu K_x) \text{, similarly.}$$

$$M_{xy} = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1+\nu)} K_{xy}$$

Summary of stress, moment resultants:

$$(N_x, N_y, N_{xy}) \triangleq \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\bar{t}_x, \bar{t}_y, \bar{t}_{xy}) dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= Eh/(1-\nu) \\ D &= Eh^3/12(1-\nu^2) \end{aligned}$$

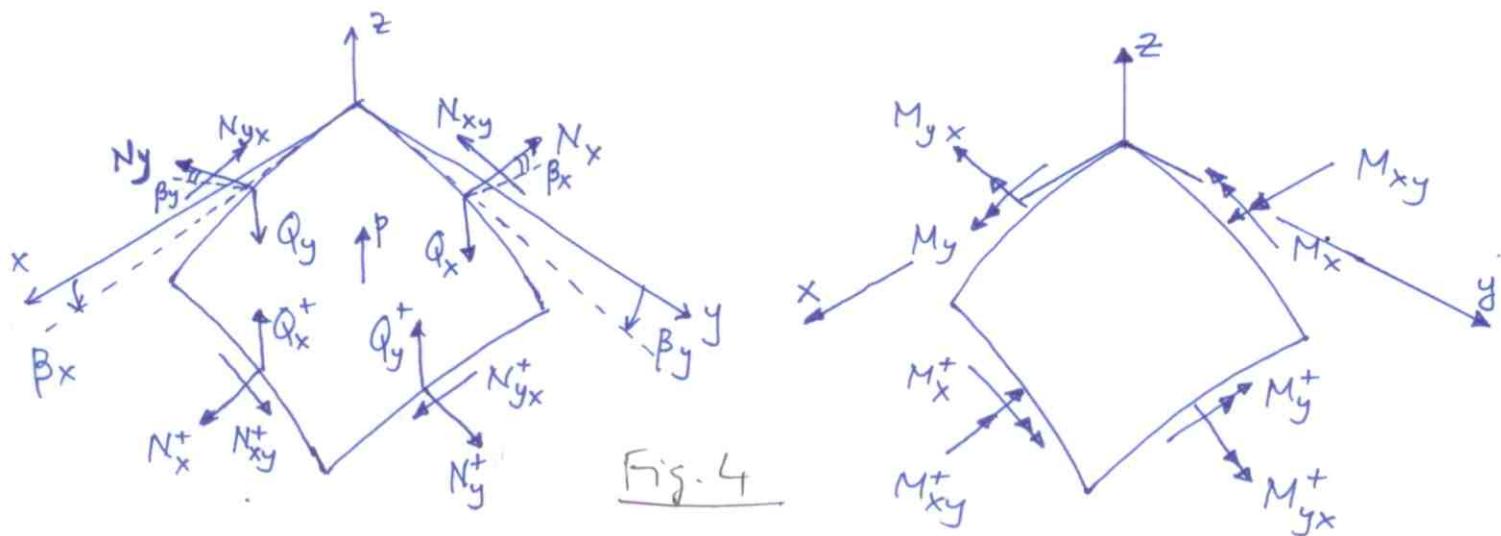
$$(M_x, M_y, M_{xy}) \triangleq \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\bar{t}_x, \bar{t}_y, \bar{t}_{xy}) z dz$$

$$(Q_x, Q_y) \triangleq \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} (\bar{t}_{xz}, \bar{t}_{yz}) dz \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{transverse} \\ \text{shear resultants.} \end{matrix}$$

$$N_x = C(\varepsilon_x + \nu \varepsilon_y), N_y = C(\varepsilon_y + \nu \varepsilon_x), N_{xy} = \frac{C(1-\nu)}{2} \gamma_{xy}$$

$$M_x = D(K_x + \nu K_y), M_y = D(K_y + \nu K_x), M_{xy} = D(1-\nu) K_{xy}$$

NOTE: Although we assume normal remains normal, i.e  $(\gamma_{xz}, \gamma_{yz}) = 0$ , we consider  $Q_x, Q_y$  in equilibrium

Equilibrium.

$\beta_x, \beta_y$  measured w.r.t. upper corner of plate element.

$$( )^+ = ( ) + \frac{\partial( )}{\partial(x \text{ or } y)} dx \text{ or } dy \quad \text{ie quadratic terms involving small } Q_x, Q_y \text{ & not's neglected}$$

$$\cos(\beta_x, \beta_y) = 1; \sin(\beta_x, \beta_y) = (\beta_x, \beta_y); (Q_x, Q_y) * (\beta_x, \beta_y) \approx 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_x : & (N_x + N_{x,x} dx) dy - N_x dy + (N_{yx} + N_{yx,y} dy) dx - N_{yx,x} dx \\ & \text{drops out.} \quad \Rightarrow (Q_x + Q_{x,x} dx) dy (\beta_x + \beta_{x,x} dx) - Q_x dy \beta_x = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow N_{x,x} + N_{yx,y} = 0 \rightarrow ⑤ \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \sum F_y : N_{xy,x} + N_{y,y} = 0 \rightarrow ⑥; N_{xy} = N_{yx} \text{ (recall).}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum F_z : & N_y dx \beta_y - (N_y + N_{y,y} dy) dx (\beta_y + \beta_{y,y} dy) \\ & + N_x dy \beta_x - (N_x + N_{x,x} dx) dy (\beta_x + \beta_{x,x} dx) \\ & + N_{xy} dy \beta_y - (N_{xy} + N_{xy,x} dx) dy (\beta_y + \beta_{y,x} dx) \\ & + N_{yx} dx \beta_x - (N_{yx} + N_{yx,y} dy) dx (\beta_x + \beta_{x,y} dy) \\ & + (Q_y + Q_{y,y} dy) dx - Q_y dx \\ & + (Q_x + Q_{x,x} dx) dy - Q_x dy = -P(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

In the above we have dropped  $Q_x \beta_x, Q_y \beta_y, Q_{x,x} \beta_x, Q_{x,y} \beta_y, \text{ etc}$  (ie all quadratics involving  $Q$ 's &  $\beta$ 's) and also used  $\cos(\beta_x, \beta_y) = 1, \sin(\beta_x, \beta_y) = \beta_x, \beta_y$ .

i.e., quadratics in the small transverse shear forces ( $Q$ 's) and small rotations ( $\beta$ 's) are small compared to in-plane forces ( $N$ 's).

$\sum F_z$  gives,

$$(-N_y \beta_{y,y} - N_{y,y} \beta_y - N_x \beta_{x,x} - N_{x,x} \beta_x - N_{xy} \beta_{y,x} - N_{xy,x} \beta_y \\ - N_{yx} \beta_{x,y} - N_{yx,y} \beta_x + Q_{y,y} + Q_{x,x}) dx dy = -P(x, y) \rightarrow ⑦$$

where we have neglected H.O.T's involving  $dx dy^2$  or  $dx^2 dy$ , and the cancellations indicated by arrows are due to Eqs ⑤, ⑥.

$$\sum M_y : \quad (M_{yx,y} dy + M_{yx}) dx - M_{yx} dx + (M_{x,x} dx + M_x) dy$$

$$- M_x dy - (Q_x + Q_{x,x} + Q_{x,x} dx) dy \left( \frac{dx}{2} \right)$$

$$- (Q_x dy \beta_x + [Q_x + Q_{x,x}] dy [\beta_x + \beta_{x,x} dx]) \left( - \frac{w_x dx}{2} \right)$$

$$- (N_x + N_{x,x} dx + N_x) dy \left( - \frac{w_x dx}{2} \right)$$

$$+ (N_x dy \beta_x + (N_{x,x} dx + N_x) dy (\beta_{x,x} dx + \beta_x)) \frac{dx}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (M_{yx,y} + M_{x,x} - Q_x - N_x \beta_x + N_y \beta_x) dx dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{yx,y} + M_{x,x} - Q_x = 0 \rightarrow ⑧$$

Similarly  $\sum M_x : M_{xy,x} + M_{y,y} - Q_y = 0 \rightarrow ⑨$

$$\sum M_z : \left[ (N_{xy,x} dx + N_{xy}) dy + N_{xy} dy \right] \frac{dx}{2} - \left[ (N_{yx,y} dy + N_{yx}) dx + N_{yx} dx \right] \frac{dy}{2}$$

$$(M_y + M_{y,y} dy) dx (\beta_{x,y} dy + \beta_x) - M_y dx \beta_x - (M_{yx} + M_{yx,y} dy) dx (\beta_y + \beta_{y,y} dy)$$

$$+ M_{yx} dx \beta_y - (M_x + M_{x,x} dx) dy (\beta_y + \beta_{y,x} dx) + M_x dy \beta_y + (M_{xy} + M_{xy,x} dx) dy (\beta_x + \beta_{x,x} dx)$$

$$- M_{xy} dy \beta_x = 0$$

Here all underlined terms are  $1^{\text{st}} \cdot 0 \cdot T$ . (higher order terms or higher order producing terms). TV - ⑨

$$\Rightarrow (N_{xy} - N_{yx}) \underline{dx dy} + M_y \underline{dx} \beta_x - M_y \underline{dx} \beta_x - M_{yx} \underline{dx} \beta_y + M_{yx} \underline{dx} \beta_y - M_x \underline{dy} \beta_y + M_x \underline{dy} \beta_y + M_{xy} \underline{dy} \beta_x - M_{xy} \underline{dy} \beta_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{xy} = N_{yx} \rightarrow \text{which is an identity from definition of } N_{xy} \& N_{yx} (\text{see Eqn ④}).$$

Substitute ⑧, ⑨, in ⑦,

$$M_{y,x,yx} + M_{x,xx} + M_{xy,xy} + M_{y,yy} - N_y \beta_{y,y} - N_x \beta_{x,x} - 2 N_{xy} \beta_{x,y} = -P.$$

Substitute ④, ③ (ie constitutive & strain displ relations),

$$-2D(1-\nu) w_{xy,xy} - D(w_{xx,xx} + \cancel{\nu w_{yy,xx}} + w_{yy,yy} + \cancel{\nu w_{xx,yy}}) + N_x w_{xx} + N_y w_{yy} + 2N_{xy} w_{xy} = -P(x,y)$$

$$\Rightarrow D \nabla^4 w - N_x w_{xx} - N_y w_{yy} - 2N_{xy} w_{xy} = P(x,y) \rightarrow ⑩$$

and  $N_{x,x} + N_{y,x,y} = 0 \rightarrow ⑤$

$N_{xy,x} + N_{y,y} = 0 \rightarrow ⑥$

Uniform plate, ie  $D = \text{const}$   
here.

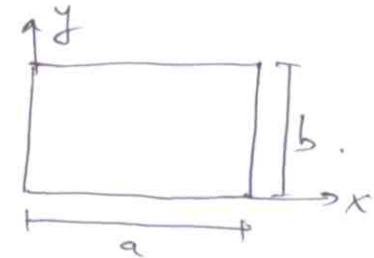
If applied edge loads are constant (say  $\bar{N}_x, \bar{N}_y, \bar{N}_{xy}$ ) then

$N_x = \bar{N}_x, N_y = \bar{N}_y, N_{xy} = \bar{N}_{xy}$  are solutions of ⑤, ⑥ and we insert these solutions in ⑩ and solve ⑩ only.  
Otherwise, ⑤, ⑥, ⑩ have to be solved together.

Boundary Conditions (Rectangular Plates).

(i) Simply supported If edge  $x=0$  is S-S,

$$[w(0,y) = 0], \quad M_x(0,y) = -D(w_{xx}(0,y) + \cancel{\nu w_{yy}(0,y)}) = 0 \\ [w_{xx}(0,y) = 0] \quad \therefore w(0,y) = 0.$$



(ii) Fixed. If edge  $y=b$  is fixed,

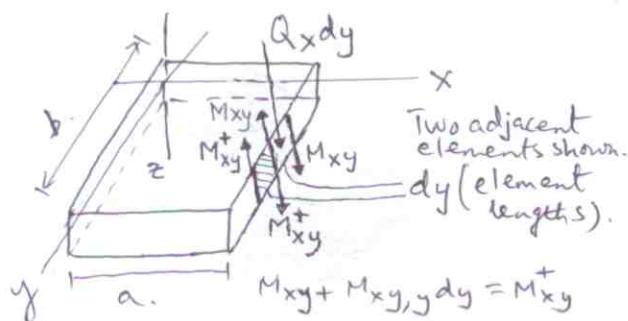
$$w(x, b) = 0, \quad w_{,y}(x, b) = 0$$

(iii) Free. If edge  $x=a$  is free,

$$M_x(a, y) = M_{xy}(a, y) = Q_x(a, y) = 0 \rightarrow \text{for free edge, no resultant forces, moments act.}$$

However, the order of the differential equation is 4<sup>th</sup> order in space (see (10)), hence only 2 BC's per edge can be prescribed.

Thus we consider the following due to Kirchhoff.



All forces / equivalent forces are in  $\pm z$  direction. Positive convention as per Fig 4, p.7

Represent  $M_{xy} dy$  as a couple, i.e.  $M_{xy} \uparrow, M_{xy} \downarrow$  separated by  $dy$ , as shown.

In addition we also have  $Q_x dy \downarrow$  on element.

Thus,

$$\begin{array}{c} Q_x \\ M_{xy} \\ \hline M_{xy}^+ \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} Q_x dy + M_{xy,y} dy \\ \hline = Q_x^* dy \end{array}$$

Thus we define the equivalent Kirchhoff Transverse shear as,

$$Q_x^* = Q_x + M_{xy,y}$$

$$\text{Similarly } Q_y^* = Q_y + M_{xy,x}$$

and apply the BC's on these.

$$\text{Thus } M_x(a, y) = 0, \quad Q_x^*(a, y) = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_x^* &= M_{y,x,y} + M_{x,x} + M_{xy,y} = M_{x,x} + 2M_{xy,y} \\ &= -D(w_{,xxx} + \nu w_{,yyx}) - 2D(1-\nu)(w_{,xyy}) \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_x^* = -D(w_{,xxx} + (2-\nu)w_{,xyy})$$

similarly  $Q_y^* = -D(w_{,yyy} + (2-\nu)w_{,xxy})$

→ (11)

So BC is,

$$\boxed{-\beta(w_{,xx} + \nu w_{,yy}) \Big|_{(x,y)} = 0, \quad -\beta(w_{,xxx} + (2-\nu)w_{,xyy}) \Big|_{(x,y)} = 0}$$

### STRAIN ENERGY.

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iiint_{Vol} (\bar{\sigma}_x \bar{\varepsilon}_x + \bar{\sigma}_y \bar{\varepsilon}_y + \bar{\sigma}_z \bar{\varepsilon}_z + \bar{\tau}_{yz} \bar{\gamma}_{yz} + \bar{\tau}_{xz} \bar{\gamma}_{xz} + \bar{\tau}_{xy} \bar{\gamma}_{xy}) dV$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$   
 Kirchhoff Assumption.

Insert Eq (3) p. 5, and constitutive relations Eq (4) p. 6,

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iint_S \int [ \bar{\sigma}_x (\varepsilon_x + zK_x) + \bar{\sigma}_y (\varepsilon_y + zK_y) + \bar{\tau}_{xy} (\gamma_{xy} + 2zK_{xy}) ] dz dS$$

midsurface area    S    h  
Thickness

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \iint_S (N_x \varepsilon_x + N_y \varepsilon_y + N_{xy} \gamma_{xy}) dS + \frac{1}{2} \iint_S (M_x K_x + M_y K_y + 2M_{xy} K_{xy}) dS$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{U_M = \text{Membrane strain energy}} \quad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{U_b = \text{Bending strain Energy}}$

$$U = U_M + U_b.$$

$U_M$  = due to work done by in-plane forces ( $N_x, N_y, N_{xy}$ ) during overall deformation.

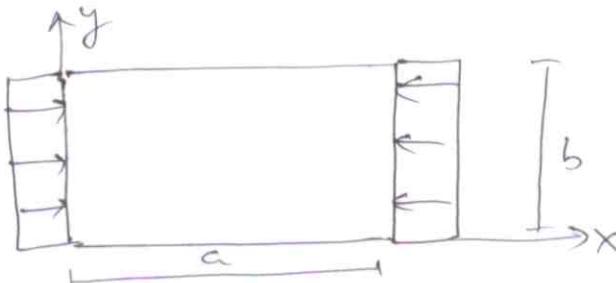
$U_b$  = due to work done (during bending) by moment resultants ( $M_x, M_y, M_{xy}$ ).

→ (12)

## Exact Solutions.

TI - (12)

Ex 1 Simply supported rectangular plate with uniaxial uniform compression.



$$D \nabla^4 w + N_x \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0.$$

aspect ratio

Non-dimensionalize :  $x = a\xi$ ,  $y = b\eta$ ,  $p = a/b$

So we get,

$$D \left( \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \xi^4} + 2p^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + p^4 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \eta^4} \right) + a^2 N_x \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} = 0 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{BC's: } w(0, \eta) = w(1, \eta) = w(\xi, 0) = w(\xi, 1) = 0$$

$$M_x = \frac{D}{q^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} + \nu p^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} \right) = 0, \xi = 0, 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} = 0, \xi = 0, 1$$

$$M_y = \frac{D}{q^2} \left( p^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} \right) = 0, \eta = 0, 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} = 0, \eta = 0, 1$$

Choose double Fourier series solution satisfying BC's, i.e,

$$w(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin m\pi \xi \sin n\pi \eta.$$

Insert in ①, equate coeffs of

$$\sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \sin m\pi \xi \sin n\pi \eta A_{mn} \left[ (m\pi)^4 + 2p^2 (m\pi)^2 (n\pi)^2 + p^4 (n\pi)^4 + \frac{N_x a^2 (m\pi)^2}{D} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_{mn} \left[ \quad \right] = 0, \quad A_{mn} \neq 0 \text{ for buckling (i.e. non-trivial solution).}$$

$$\text{Define } k^2 = \frac{N_x}{D}.$$

$$\Rightarrow [(m\pi)^2 + (pn\pi)^2]^2 - a^2 k^2 (m\pi)^2 = 0$$

$$N_x = \frac{D}{a^2} \pi^2 \left[ m + p^2 \frac{n^2}{m} \right]^2 = \frac{D\pi^2}{b^2} \left[ \frac{m}{p} + \frac{p n^2}{m} \right]^2$$

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It's obvious that lowest  $N_x$  is for  $N=1$ .

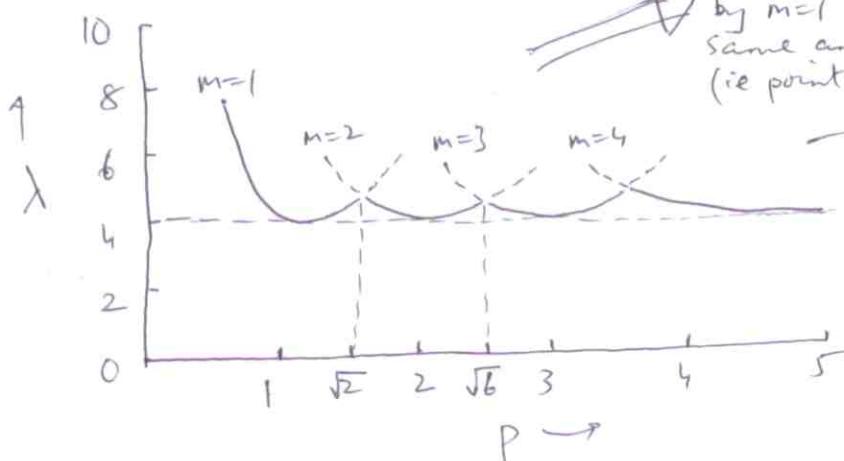
$$\Rightarrow N_x = \frac{D\pi^2}{b^2} \left[ \frac{m}{p} + \frac{p}{m} \right]^2 = \lambda \frac{D\pi^2}{b^2}, \quad \lambda = \left[ \frac{m}{p} + \frac{p}{m} \right]^2$$

To find  $m$  for which  $N_x$  is lowest,

$$\frac{dN_x}{dm} = 0 = \frac{D\pi^2}{b^2} \left[ \frac{m}{p} + \frac{p}{m} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{p} - \frac{p}{m^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow m=p \rightarrow \text{only for integer aspect ratio.}$$

When  $p \neq$  integer, we draw curves of  $\lambda$  v/s  $p$  for various  $m$ .



The  $m+1$  curves can be obtained by  $m=1$  curve by keeping  $\lambda$  value same and multiplying  $p$  by  $m$  (ie point is  $[\lambda, mp]$ )

(Solid line)  
Lowest envelope  
gives  $\lambda_{cr}$  v/s  $p$ .

The transition points from  $m$  to  $m+1$  half sine waves are given by,

$$\left( \frac{m}{p} + \frac{p}{m} \right) = \left( \frac{m+1}{p} + \frac{p}{m+1} \right)$$

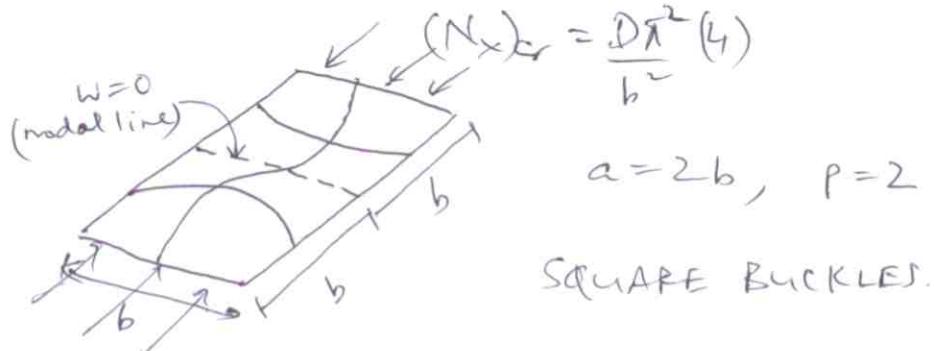
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} = p \left( \frac{1}{m(m+1)} \right) \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{m(m+1)}$$

i.e.  $p=\sqrt{2}$  for transition from  $m=1$  to  $m=2$   
 $=\sqrt{6}$  " " "  $m=2$  "  $m=3$

For  $p > 4$ ,  $\lambda=4$  gives good enough approx of lowest curve. So we can assume that plate buckles in 4 half sine waves in  $x$ -direction.

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{N_x}{D} = k^2 = \frac{\lambda \pi^2}{b^2}, \text{ ie } k b = \sqrt{\lambda} \pi. \quad \text{TI-14}$$

For  $p = \text{integer}$  the plate buckles with  $n=1$  (always) and  $m=p$ . That is it buckles in square <sup>sub-</sup>plates or buckles.



For SS column,  $P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 E I}{L^2}$  versus SS plate where

$$(N_x)_c r = \frac{\pi^2 D}{b^2} \lambda$$

So  $(N_x)_c r$  inversely proportional to width of plate.

Ex 2 Rectangular plate under uniaxial compression ( $N_x$ ), loaded edges simply-supported, unloaded edges elastically restrained (Spring  $\bar{\beta}$  N/mm). for symm BC's on unloaded edges

$$\text{BC's: } w(0, \eta) = w(1, \eta) = 0, w_{,33}(0, \eta) = w_{,33}(1, \eta) = 0$$

At  $\eta = 0, 1$  (or  $\eta = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ ) if we choose origin at mid-width

(i) Clamped Clamped :  $\bar{\beta} = \infty$  at  $\eta = 0, 1$  (or  $\eta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ )

(ii) Simply supported :  $\bar{\beta} = 0$  at  $\eta = 0, 1$ . (or  $\eta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ )

(iii) SS at  $\eta = 0$ , clamped at  $\eta = 1$ .

Choose  $w(\xi, \eta) = F(\eta) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (\sin m \pi \xi) A_m \rightarrow \text{satisfies BC's at } \xi = 0, 1.$

Substitute in equilibrium eqn,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [(m\pi)^4 F'''' - 2p^2 (m\pi)^2 F'' + p^4 F^{IV} - a^2 k^2 m^2 \pi^2 F] (\sin m \pi \xi) A_m = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F^{IV} - \frac{2}{p^2} m^2 \pi^2 F'' + \frac{m^4 \pi^4}{p^4} F - \frac{a^2 k^2 m^2 \pi^2}{p^4} F = 0$$

$$\text{put } F = e^{s\eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow s^4 - \frac{2m^2\pi^2}{p^2}s^2 + \frac{m^4\pi^4}{p^4} - (ak)^2 \frac{m^2\pi^2}{p^2} = 0$$

$$\left(s^2 - \frac{m^2\pi^2}{p^2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{akm\pi}{p^2}\right)^2$$

$$s^2 = \frac{m^2\pi^2}{p^2} \pm \frac{akm\pi}{p^2} \rightarrow ①$$

For a wide-column (i.e., unloaded edges free), from column analogy, we have

$$\frac{N_x}{D} = k^2 = \frac{m^2\pi^2}{a^2}$$

Thus for plate with restraints on one or both of the unloaded edges we have

$$\frac{N_x}{D} > \frac{m^2\pi^2}{a^2}, \text{ i.e. } k > \frac{m\pi}{a}, \text{ i.e. } ak > m\pi$$

Hence  $s^2$  in ① is  $< 0$  when considering the -ve sign.

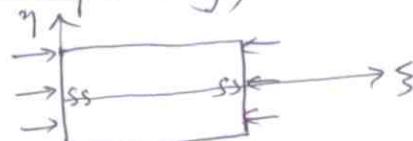
$$\Rightarrow s_1 = +\alpha, s_2 = -\alpha, s_3 = +i\beta, s_4 = -i\beta$$

where,  $\alpha = \left\{ \frac{m^2\pi^2}{p^2} + \frac{akm\pi}{p^2} \right\}^{1/2}$

$$\beta = \left\{ -\frac{m^2\pi^2}{p^2} + \frac{akm\pi}{p^2} \right\}^{1/2} \rightarrow ① \quad \rightarrow ②$$

$$f(\eta) = A_1 \cosh \alpha \eta + A_2 \sinh \alpha \eta + A_3 \cos \beta \eta + A_4 \sin \beta \eta$$

Case (i), (ii) Here BC's on unloaded edges are symmetric, so easier (not compulsory) to keep origin as shown below



Due to symmetry we loose the  $\sinh \alpha \eta$  and  $\sinh \beta \eta$  terms. The BC's are,

$$w(\xi, \frac{1}{2}) = w(\xi, -\frac{1}{2}) = 0 \rightarrow (a, b)$$

$$M_y = -\frac{D}{a^2} \left( p^2 w_{,\eta\eta} + \nu w_{,\xi\xi} \right) \Big|_{\eta=\pm\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\bar{B}}{b} w_{,\eta} \Big|_{\eta=\pm\frac{1}{2}} \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{from } M_y - \bar{B} w_{,\eta} = 0 \text{ at } \eta = \frac{1}{2}) \\ \cdot \rightarrow (c) \end{matrix}$$

$\stackrel{=0}{\downarrow}$   
along  $\eta = \frac{1}{2}$

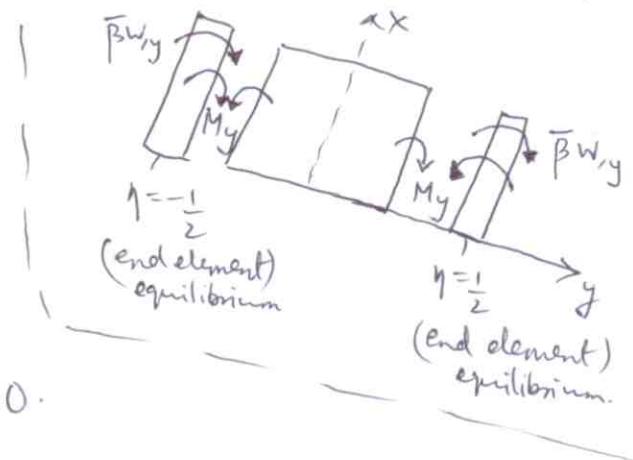
$$M_y = -\frac{D}{a^2} \left( p^2 w_{,\eta\eta} + \nu w_{,\xi\xi} \right) \Big|_{\eta=-\frac{1}{2}} = -\frac{\bar{B}}{b} w_{,\eta} \Big|_{\eta=-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \begin{matrix} (\text{from } M_y + \bar{B} w_{,\eta} = 0 \\ \text{at } \eta = -\frac{1}{2}) \end{matrix}$$

$\stackrel{=0}{\downarrow}$   
along  $\eta = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{BC's (a,b) give, } A_1 \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} + A_3 \cos \frac{\beta}{2} = 0$$

(c,d) give,

$$\begin{aligned} -\beta_0 \left( \alpha^2 \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} A_1 - \beta^2 \cos \frac{\beta}{2} A_3 \right) \\ - \left( \alpha \sinh \frac{\alpha}{2} A_1 - \beta \sin \frac{\beta}{2} A_3 \right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$



where  $\boxed{\beta_0 \triangleq \frac{D}{\bar{B}b}}$   
(defined as)

thus 
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} & \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \\ -\beta_0 \alpha^2 \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} - \alpha \sinh \frac{\alpha}{2} & \beta_0 \beta^2 \cos \frac{\beta}{2} + \beta \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\downarrow$   
gives CE.

Note that the CE contains the load  $N_x$  thru the parameter  $R$  which is term appears in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . (i.e, the solution involves solution of a transcendental equation).

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \beta_0 \beta^2 \cos \frac{\beta}{2} + \beta \sin \frac{\beta}{2} \right) \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} + \cos \frac{\beta}{2} \left( \beta_0 \alpha^2 \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} + \alpha \sinh \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) = 0 \\ & \left( \beta_0 \beta^2 + \beta \tan \frac{\beta}{2} \right) + \left( \beta_0 \alpha^2 + \alpha \tanh \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) = 0 \quad \left( \begin{matrix} \because \cosh \frac{\alpha}{2} \neq 0 \\ \cos \beta/2 \neq 0 \end{matrix} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\beta_0 \left( \frac{2ak\pi}{px} \right) + \frac{m\pi}{p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 \right)^{1/2} \tan \left[ \frac{m\pi}{2p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right] + \frac{m\pi}{p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k + 1 \right)^{1/2} \tanh \left[ \frac{m\pi}{2p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k + 1 \right)^{1/2} \right] = 0} \quad (17)$$

where  $k = \frac{N_x}{D}$

SCE (transcendental eqn for  $k$ ).

Case (i): Simply supported at  $\eta=0 \Rightarrow \bar{\beta}=0 \Rightarrow \beta_0 \rightarrow \infty$   
tanh function varies between -1 to +1.

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 \right)^{1/2} \tan \left[ \frac{m\pi}{2p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 \right)^{1/2} \right] = -\infty.$$

Finite, cancels out

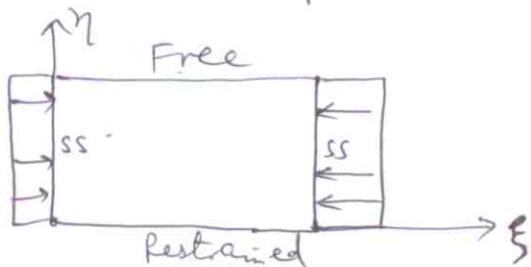
$$\Rightarrow \frac{m\pi}{2p} \left( \frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 \right)^{1/2} = \frac{\pi}{2} (2n+1) \quad (\text{taken } n=0 \text{ for } k \text{ smallest})$$

$$\frac{a}{m\pi} k - 1 = \frac{p^2}{m^2} \Rightarrow \frac{N_x}{D} = \left( 1 + \frac{p^2}{m^2} \right)^2 \frac{m^2 \pi^2}{a^2}$$

$$N_x = \frac{D\pi^2}{b^2} \left( \frac{m}{p} + \frac{f}{m} \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{same result as before.}$$

Case (ii): Fixed at  $\eta=1 \Rightarrow \bar{\beta}=\infty \Rightarrow \beta_0=0 \rightarrow \text{put in (3)} \text{ and solve numerically}$

Ex 3. Rectangular Plate SS on loaded edges, elastically restrained on one edge, free on other edge, uniaxial compression.



origin fixed at lower left corner  
( $\therefore$  no symmetry in BC's).

BC's:  $\eta=0: w=0, \beta_0 w_{,\eta\eta} = w_{,\eta}$

$$\eta=1: \begin{cases} p^2 w_{,\eta\eta} + \nu w_{,\eta\zeta} = 0 \\ p^2 w_{,\eta\eta\eta} + (2-\nu) w_{,\eta\zeta\zeta} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$w = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m \sin m\pi \xi f(\eta) .$$

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$$w(\xi, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow A_1 + A_3 = 0$$

$$\beta_0 w_{,\eta\eta}(\xi, 0) = w_{,\eta}(\xi, 0) \Rightarrow \beta_0 f''(0) = f'(0) \Rightarrow \beta_0 (\alpha^2 A_1 - \beta^2 A_3) = \alpha A_2 + \beta A_4$$

$$\left. \left( p^2 w_{,\eta\eta} + v w_{,\xi\xi} \right) \right|_{(\xi, 1)} = 0 \Rightarrow p^2 f'''(1) - v(m\pi)^2 f'(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 (p^2 \alpha^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \cosh \alpha + A_2 (p^2 \alpha^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \sinh \alpha$$

$$+ A_3 (-p^2 \beta^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \cos \beta + A_4 (-p^2 \beta^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \sin \beta$$

$$p^2 \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial \eta^3} + (2-v) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta \partial \xi^2} = 0 \Rightarrow p^2 f'''(1) - (2-v)(m\pi)^2 f'(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1 (p^2 \alpha^3 - (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \alpha) \sinh \alpha + A_2 (p^2 \alpha^3 - (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \alpha) \cosh \alpha$$

$$+ A_3 (p^2 \beta^3 + (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \beta) \sin \beta + A_4 (p^2 \beta^3 + (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \beta) \cos \beta = 0$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \beta_0 \alpha^2 & -\alpha & -\beta_0 \beta^2 & -\beta \\ (p^2 \alpha^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \cosh \alpha & (p^2 \alpha^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \sinh \alpha & (-p^2 \beta^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \cos \beta & (p^2 \beta^2 - v m^2 \pi^2) \sin \beta \\ (p^2 \alpha^3 - (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \alpha) \sinh \alpha & (p^2 \alpha^3 - (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \alpha) \cosh \alpha & (p^2 \beta^3 + (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \beta) \sin \beta & (p^2 \beta^3 + (2-v) m^2 \pi^2 \beta) \cos \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0 .$$

$$\text{Now define } \tilde{\alpha} \triangleq p^2 \alpha^2 - v m^2 \pi^2 = p^2 \beta^2 + (2-v) m^2 \pi^2$$

$$\tilde{\beta} \triangleq p^2 \beta^2 + v m^2 \pi^2 = p^2 \alpha^2 - (2-v) m^2 \pi^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\alpha \left( \tilde{\beta} \tilde{\alpha} \beta [\cos^2 \beta + \sin^2 \beta] \right) + \beta_0 \beta^2 \left( -\tilde{\alpha} \tilde{\beta} \sinh \alpha \cos \beta + \tilde{\beta}^2 \alpha \cosh \alpha \sin \beta \right)$$

$$- \beta \left( \beta \tilde{\alpha}^2 \sinh \alpha \sin \beta + \alpha \tilde{\beta}^2 \cosh \alpha \cos \beta \right)$$

$$+ \beta_0 \alpha^2 \left( -\tilde{\alpha}^2 \beta \sinh \alpha \cos \beta + \tilde{\beta}^2 \alpha \cosh \alpha \sin \beta \right)$$

$$+ \alpha \left( -\tilde{\alpha}^2 \beta \cosh \alpha \cos \beta + \tilde{\beta}^2 \alpha \sinh \alpha \sin \beta \right) - \beta \left( \tilde{\alpha} \tilde{\beta} \alpha [\cosh^2 \alpha - \sinh^2 \alpha] \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -2 \alpha \beta \tilde{\alpha} \tilde{\beta} - \alpha \beta (\tilde{\alpha}^2 + \tilde{\beta}^2) \cosh \alpha \cos \beta - (\beta^2 \tilde{\alpha}^2 - \alpha^2 \tilde{\beta}^2) \sinh \alpha \sin \beta \\ \beta_0 (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) (-\beta \tilde{\alpha}^2 \sinh \alpha \cos \beta + \alpha \tilde{\beta}^2 \cosh \alpha \sin \beta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

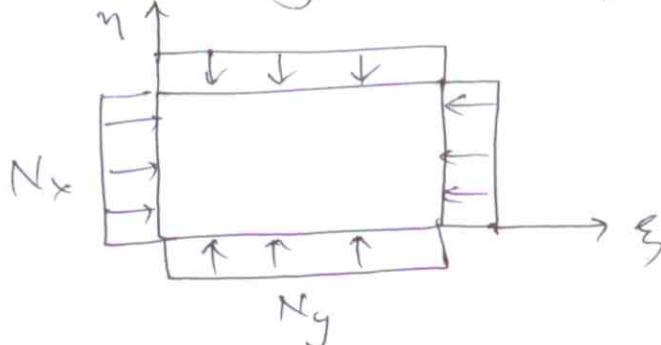
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Ex 4

Uniformly bi-axially loaded S-S plate :

TEx - (19)



$$D\Delta^4 w + N_x w_{xx} + N_y w_{yy} = 0.$$

$$w = \sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin m\pi\xi \sin n\pi\eta \quad (\text{satisfies BC's})$$

$$D \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^4 + \frac{2m^2n^2\pi^4}{a^2b^2} + \left( \frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^4 \right] - N_x \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 - N_y \left( \frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D \left[ \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^2 \right]^2 - N_x \left( \frac{m\pi}{a} \right)^2 - N_y \left( \frac{n\pi}{b} \right)^2 = 0 \quad \text{for } A_{mn} \neq 0, \text{ ie buckling.} \rightarrow ①$$

(i) If  $N_x/N_y = r$

$$\Rightarrow N_y = \frac{D\pi^2 \left[ (m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2 \right]^2}{r(m/a)^2 + (n/b)^2} = \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2} \frac{(m^2 + p^2 n^2)^2}{(rm^2 + n^2)}$$

For square plate with  $N_x = N_y$ ,  $p=1$ ,  $r=1$ ,

$$N_y = \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2} (m^2 + n^2) \rightarrow \text{lowest for } m=n=1, (N_x)_{cr} = 2 \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2}$$

For square plate,  $p=1$ ,

$$N_y = \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2} \frac{(m^2 + n^2)^2}{(rm^2 + n^2)} \rightarrow (m^2 + n^2)^2 \text{ grows faster than } (rm^2 + n^2) \text{ as either term increase. So min } N_y \text{ for } m=n=1,$$

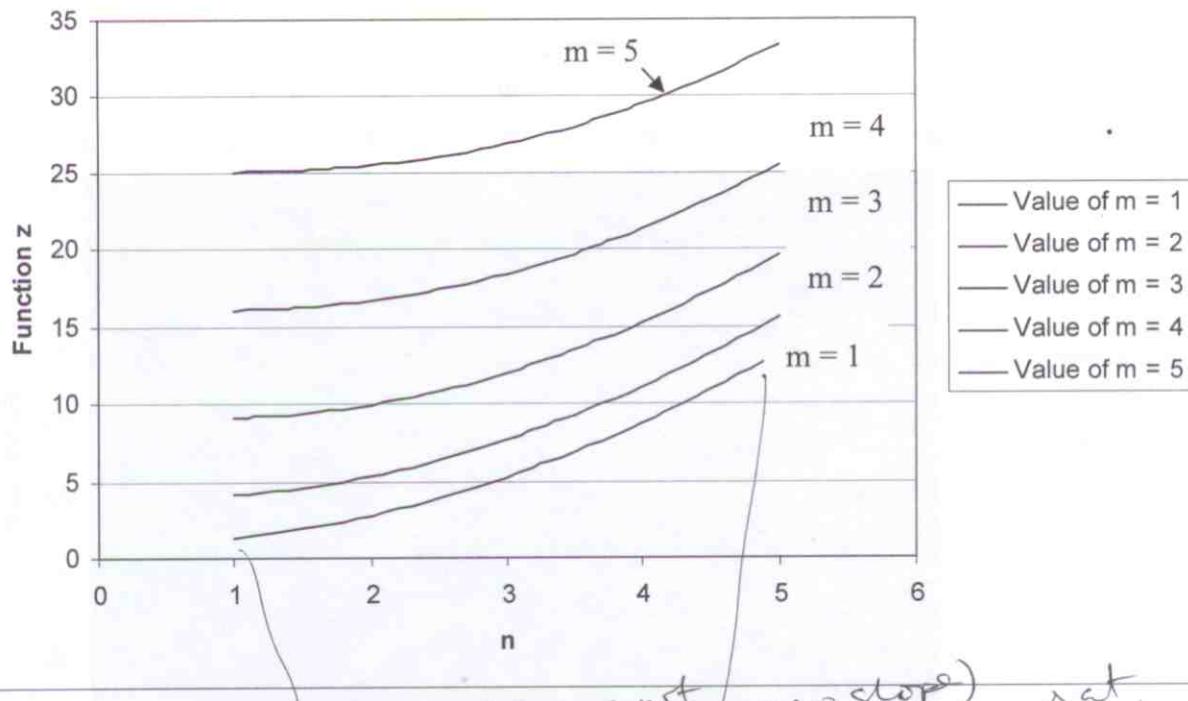
$$(N_y)_{cr} = \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2} \frac{4}{(r+1)} \quad (\text{see graph p. 19 a.)})$$

(ii)  $N_x = \text{fixed}$ , compute  $(N_y)_{cr}$ .  $\rightarrow$  Use ①.

Note that even if  $N_x < 0$  (or  $N_y < 0$ ), ie one load tensile, we can still have buckling (ie the other one comes out +ve according to ①, ie compressive). However, it is obvious that if, say  $N_x = \text{fixed} = \text{tensile}$ , then  $(N_y)_{cr}$  increases (see ①), ie buckling load increases since the tensile load has a stabilizing effect.

$$r=2, \quad \frac{(m^2 + n^2)^2}{(m^2 + rn^2)}$$

**m constant n variable**



extremities don't exist (i.e. zero slope)  
stationary values (i.e. min occurs at lower most point.)

**m variable n constant**

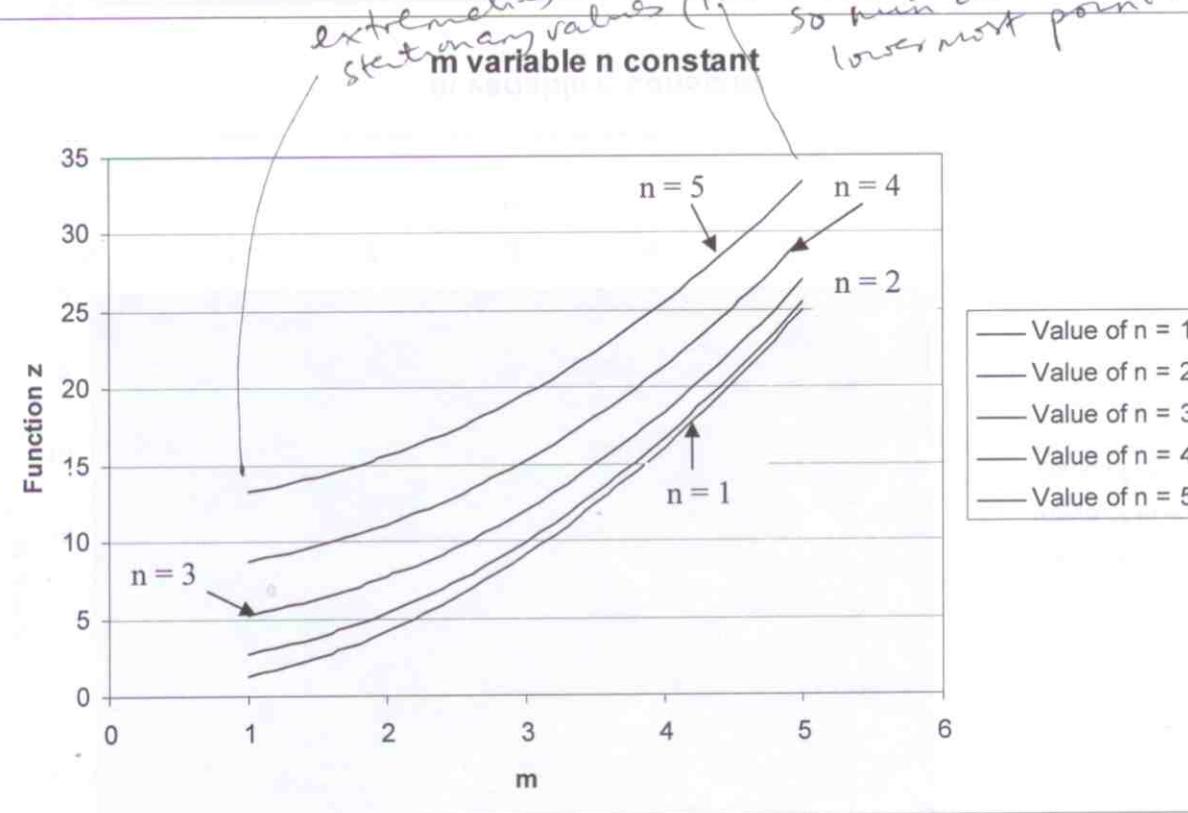
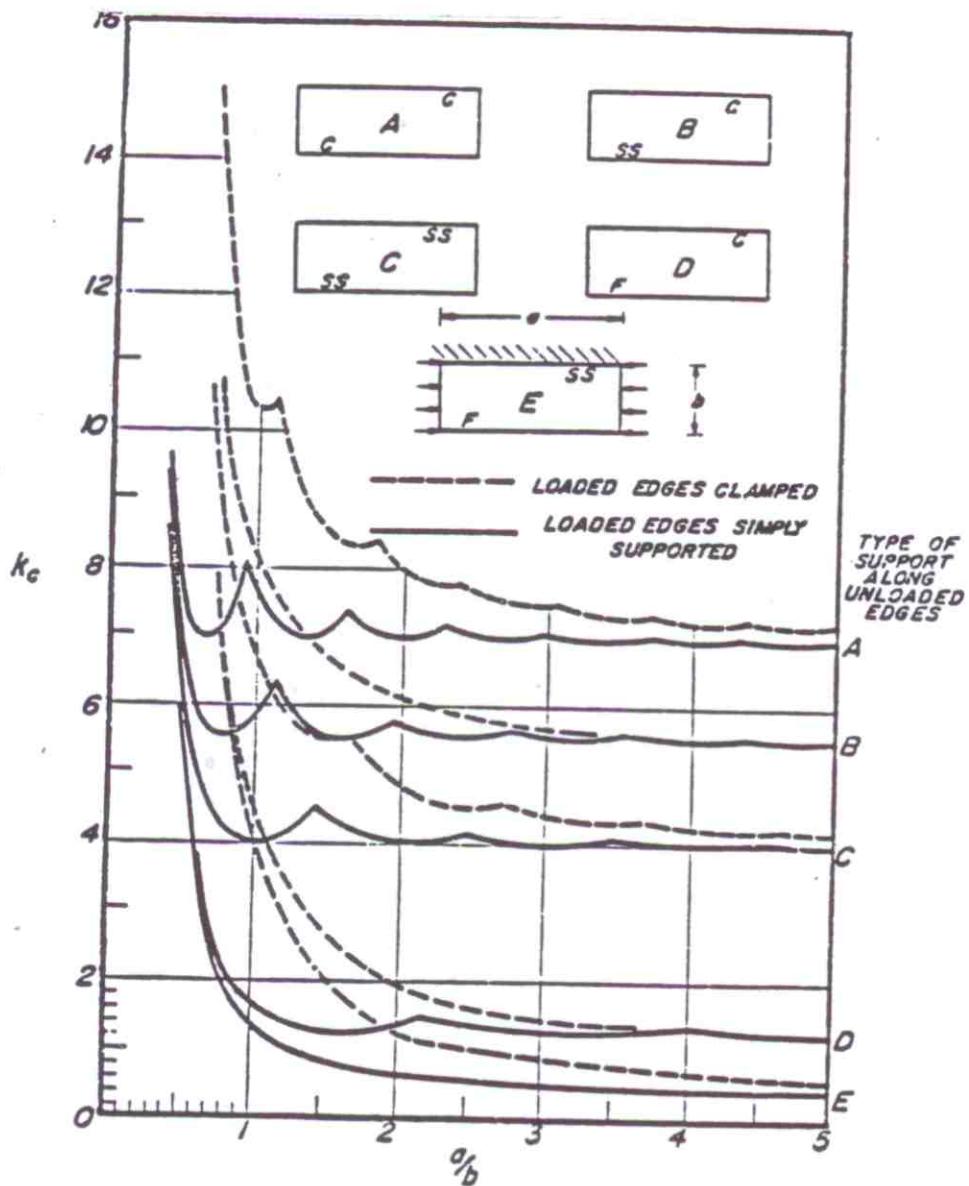


Fig shows lowermost envelope curves for various boundary conditions on unloaded edges (cases A - E as shown) for loaded edges clamped (dashed curve) & loaded edges simply supported (solid curve).

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$P_{cr} \propto k_c$



# ENERGY METHODS. — APPROXIMATE SOLUTIONS

TII - (20)

## Ritz Method.

$$U_b = \frac{1}{2} \iint_S (M_x K_x + M_y K_y + M_{xy} 2 K_{xy}) dS \quad (\text{from Eq (12) p. 11}).$$

(Surface of undeformed mid surface)

$$\begin{aligned} U_b &= \frac{1}{2} \iint_S [D(K_x^2 + K_y^2 + 2\nu K_x K_y) + 2D(1-\nu) K_{xy}^2] dS \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \iint_S [D(K_x + K_y)^2 + 2D(1-\nu)(K_{xy}^2 - K_x K_y)] dS \\ \text{if } D = \text{const} \quad (\text{ie uniform plate}) \rightarrow &= \frac{D}{2} \iint_S [(w_{xx} + w_{yy})^2 + 2 \underbrace{(1-\nu)(w_{xy}^2 - w_{xx} w_{yy})}_{\text{2nd Term.}}] dS. \end{aligned}$$

Now if  $w(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$  and plate is supported on all boundaries, ie  $w=0$  on all boundaries, then

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_0^b \iint_0^a (w_{xy}^2 - w_{xx} w_{yy}) dx dy &= \iint_0^b \iint_0^a [(f'g')^2 - (f''g)(fg'')] dx dy \\ &= \iint_0^b \iint_0^a (f'g')^2 dx dy - \int_0^a f''f dx * \int_0^b g''g dy \\ &= \iint_0^b \iint_0^a (f'g')^2 dx dy - \left( \int_0^a f'f dx - \int_0^a f'f' dx \right) \left( \int_0^b g'g dy - \int_0^b g'g' dy \right) \\ &\quad \text{at } 0, a \qquad \qquad \qquad = 0 \text{ at } 0, b \\ &\therefore w(0, y) = w(a, y) = w(x, 0) = w(x, b) = 0 \\ &\quad \text{ie } f(0) = f(a) = g(0) = g(b) = 0 \\ &= \iint_0^b \iint_0^a [(f'g')^2 - (f'g')^2] dx dy = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $D = \text{const}$  for 2nd term to vanish.  
 We have shown this for a rectangular plate but it can be shown for an arbitrary shaped plate (using Gauss Divergence theorem), so the conclusion is general:

ie if  $w=0$  on boundaries &  $w(x, y) = f(x)g(y)$ , (ie separable solution) then 2nd Term in  $U_b$  is zero.

$(W_p)_b$  = work done by  $N_x, N_y, N_{xy}$  during bending part of deformation (ie after inplane extension/compression has occurred).

work done is not so with  $N_x, N_y, N_{xy}$

$$(W_p)_b = \iint_S \left( N_x \frac{w_x^2}{2} + N_y \frac{w_y^2}{2} + N_{xy} w_x w_y \right) dS$$

So,  $\bar{\Pi} = U_b - (W_p)_b = \frac{D}{2} \iint_S (w_{xx}^2 + w_{yy}^2) dS - \frac{1}{2} \iint_S (N_x w_x^2 + N_y w_y^2 + 2 N_{xy} w_x w_y) dS$

(not 'pi')  
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$$\boxed{\bar{\Pi} = \frac{1}{pa^2} \frac{D}{2} \iint_0^1 (w_{\xi\xi}^2 + p^2 w_{\eta\eta}^2) d\xi d\eta - \frac{1}{2P} \iint_0^1 (N_x w_{\xi\xi}^2 + p^2 N_y w_{\eta\eta}^2 + p^2 N_{xy} w_{\xi\xi} w_{\eta\eta}) d\xi d\eta}$$

The procedure is same as for columns, i.e.

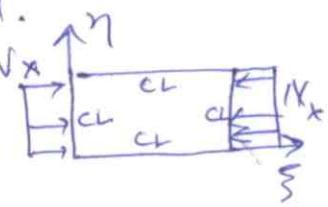
$$W_a = \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} f(x) g(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Pi}}{\partial A_{uv}} = 0 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} u=1, \dots, r \\ v=1, \dots, s \end{matrix} \text{ gives equations from which} \\ \det(\text{coeff matrix}) = 0 \text{ gives CE}$$

Ex1 All edges clamped, only  $N_x$  applied.

$$\text{BC's } w(0, \eta) = w(1, \eta) = w(\xi, 0) = w(\xi, 1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi}(0, \eta) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi}(1, \eta) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta}(\xi, 0) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta}(\xi, 1) = 0$$



$$w_a = \sum_{m=1}^p \sum_{n=1}^q A_{mn} (1 - \cos 2m\pi\xi)(1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta)$$

$$m=1, \dots, p \\ n=1, \dots, q$$

$$\text{Can also use } w_a = \sum_{m=0}^p \sum_{n=0}^q A_{mn} \xi^2 (1 - \xi)^2 \eta^2 (1 - \eta)^2 \xi^m \eta^n$$

Both these satisfy the geometric BC's.

We will use the trigonometric series. For a single-term series, we can call it  $A$  ( $\because$  single term series considered)

$$w = w_a = A_{mn} (1 - \cos 2m\pi\xi)(1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta).$$

$$\boxed{\Pi} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{D}{pa^2} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} + p^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} \right)^2 d\xi d\eta - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{N_x \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi} \right)^2}{p} d\xi d\eta$$

~~not pi~~

$$w_{,\xi} = A_{mn} 2m\pi \sin 2m\pi\xi (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta)$$

$$w_{,\xi\xi} = A_{mn} 4m^2\pi^2 \cos 2m\pi\xi (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta)$$

$$w_{,\eta} = A_{mn} 2n\pi \sin 2n\pi\eta (1 - \cos 2m\pi\xi)$$

$$w_{,\eta\eta} = A_{mn} 4n^2\pi^2 \cos 2n\pi\eta (1 - \cos 2m\pi\xi)$$

$$w_{,\xi\xi}^2 = A_{mn}^2 16m^4\pi^4 \frac{(1 + \cos 4m\pi\xi)}{2} (1 - 2 \cos 2n\pi\eta + \frac{1 + \cos 4n\pi\eta}{2})$$

$$= A_{mn}^2 \frac{16m^4\pi^4}{4} \left[ 2 - 4 \cos 2n\pi\eta + 1 + \cos 4n\pi\eta + 2 \cos 4m\pi\xi - 4 \cos 4m\pi\xi \cos 2n\pi\eta + \cos 4m\pi\xi + \cos 4m\pi\xi \cos 4n\pi\eta \right]$$

$$w_{,\eta\eta}^2 = A_{mn}^2 \frac{16n^4\pi^4}{4} \left[ 3 - 4 \cos 2m\pi\xi + \cos 4m\pi\xi + 3 \cos 4n\pi\eta - 4 \cos 4n\pi\eta \cos 2m\pi\xi + \cos 4m\pi\xi \cos 4n\pi\eta \right].$$

$$w_{,\xi\xi} w_{,\eta\eta} = A_{mn}^2 \frac{16m^2n^2\pi^4}{4} \left[ \cos 2m\pi\xi \cos 2n\pi\eta (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta - \cos 2m\pi\xi) + \cos 2m\pi\xi \cos 2n\pi\eta \right]$$

$$\omega_{mn}^2 = \frac{A_{mn}^2}{4} \frac{16m^2n^2\pi^4}{4} \left[ \cos 2m\pi\zeta \cos 2n\pi\eta - \cos 2m\pi\zeta \left\{ \frac{1 + \cos 4n\pi\eta}{2} \right\} \right. \\ \left. - \cos 2n\pi\eta \left\{ \frac{1 + \cos 4m\pi\zeta}{2} \right\} \right] \\ + \frac{1}{4} ((1 + \cos 4m\pi\zeta)(1 + \cos 4n\pi\eta))$$

$$\omega_{mn}^2 = A_{mn}^2 4\pi^2 m^2 \left( \frac{1 - \cos 4m\pi\zeta}{2} \right) \left( 1 - 2 \cos 2n\pi\eta + \left\{ \frac{1 + \cos 4n\pi\eta}{2} \right\} \right)$$

Now  $\int_0^1 \cos 2k\pi\zeta d\zeta = \int_0^1 \cos 2k\pi\eta d\eta = 0$ ,  $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 d\zeta d\eta = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \pi = \frac{1}{2} \frac{D}{pa^2} \left[ m^4 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) + p^4 n^4 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) + 2p^2 m^2 n^2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \right] 16\pi^4 A_{mn}^2 \\ - \frac{1}{2} \frac{N_x}{P} 4m^2 \pi^2 A_{mn} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial A_{mn}} = A_{mn} \left[ \frac{16\pi^4 D}{pa^2} \left( \frac{3m^4 + 2p^2 m^2 n^2 + 3p^4 n^4}{4} \right) - \frac{N_x}{P} \frac{12m^2 \pi^2}{4} \right]$$

$$\because A_{mn} \neq 0, (N_x)_{cr} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D}{a^2} \frac{1}{m^2} (3m^4 + 2p^2 m^2 n^2 + 3p^4 n^4)$$

$(N_x)_{cr}$  min for  $n=1$  (obvious).

$$(N_x)_{cr} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D}{a^2} \frac{(3m^4 + 2p^2 m^2 + 3p^4)}{m^2}$$

↓ Plot  $(N_x)_{cr}$  versus  $p$  for various  $m$  and choose the lowermost envelope. (like in SS plate).

However, doing  $\frac{d(N_x)_{cr}}{dm} = 0$  gives,  $6m - (2)(3p^4) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow m = p.$$

So for integer  $p$ , this one term approx solution gives  $(N_x)_{cr}$  for  $m=p$ .

$$\text{For } p=1 (a=b), (N_x)_{cr} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D}{a^2} (3+2+3) = 10.67 \frac{\pi^2 D}{a^2}$$

Exact solution obtained by Levy is  $(N_x)_{cr} = \frac{10.07 \pi^2 D}{a^2}$   
 for  $a=b$ . Thus the approx solution (one-term)  
 is an upper bound with 6% error.

A two term approximation would be

$$w_a = A(1 - \cos 2m\pi\xi)(1 - \cos 2\pi\eta) + B(1 - \cos 4m\pi\xi)(1 - \cos 2\pi\eta)$$

where we have used the intuition from the exact soln of SS plate & the Ritz solution of clamped-clamped plate that in  $\eta$  (ie  $y$ ) direction we will have only a single half-sine wave ( $n=1$ ) for the buckled configuration when only  $N_x$  applied.

We still leave 'm' as unknown and will plot  $(N_x)_{cr}$  for various m and take the lowest envelope. In this case we will

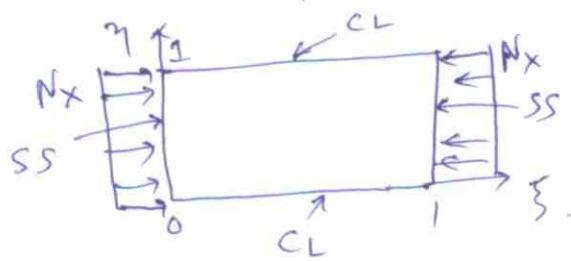
$$\text{get } \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial B} = 0, \quad \therefore \begin{cases} A \neq 0 \\ B \end{cases} \text{ so determinant}$$

of coefficient matrix is zero (ie CE). This gives a quadratic in  $(N_x)_{cr}$ , plot both roots versus p for various m, take lowest envelope.

The problem with such approx solutions is that we don't know whether to take the lower few terms in the m-sequence (ie  $m=1, 2, \dots$ ) since  $(N_x)_{cr}$  depends on m and p. So the "complete" set of trial functions may not contain a high enough m-number for the <sup>domain</sup> aspect ratio of our interest. YET IT IS BEST TO TAKE A COMPLETE SET

STARTING FROM  $m=1$  onwards (same for  $n$  also, in general).

Ex 2  $N_x$  applied, loaded edges SS, other two clamped



can guess  $n=1$  (see below).

Choose  $w_a = A \sin m\pi \xi (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta) \rightarrow$  one-term approx.  
↳ satisfies kinematic BC's.

$$w_{13} = A m \pi \cos m\pi \xi (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta)$$

$$w_{133} = -A m^2 \pi^2 \sin m\pi \xi (1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta)$$

$$w_{1m} = A 2n \pi \sin m\pi \xi \sin 2n\pi\eta$$

$$w_{1mn} = A 4n^2 \pi^2 \sin m\pi \xi \cos 2n\pi\eta$$

$$\Pi = \frac{D \pi^4}{2pa^2} A^2 \left[ m^4 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) + p^4 16n^4 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) + 4m^2 n^2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 p^2 \right]$$

$$-\frac{N_x}{2p} \left( \frac{3}{4} \right) A^2 m^2 \pi^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A} = 0 = 2A \left[ \frac{D \pi^4}{2pa^2} \left\{ 3m^4 + 16p^4 n^4 + 8p^2 m^2 n^2 \right\} - \frac{N_x}{2p} \frac{3}{4} m^2 \pi^2 \right]$$

$$N_x = \frac{D \pi^2}{a^2} \frac{1}{3m^2} \left\{ 3m^4 + 16p^4 n^4 + 8p^2 m^2 n^2 \right\}$$

$(N_x)_{cr}$  lowest for  $n=1$ . This was expected since it gives critical load intuitively & from exact soln of SS plate,  $n=1$  when only  $N_x$  applied.

$$\Rightarrow (N_x)_{cr} = \frac{D \pi^2}{a^2} \frac{1}{3} \left[ 3m^2 + \frac{16p^4}{m^2} + 8p^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{d(N_x)_{cr}}{dm} = 0 = 6m - \frac{32p^4}{m^3} \Rightarrow m = \sqrt[4]{\frac{32}{6}} p \Rightarrow \text{only integer.}$$

Otherwise plot  $(N_x)_{cr}$  v/s  $p$  for various  $m$  and find envelope.

For  $p=1$  ( $a=b$ ), we have

$$\text{for } m=1 \rightarrow (N_x)_{cr} = 9 \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2}$$

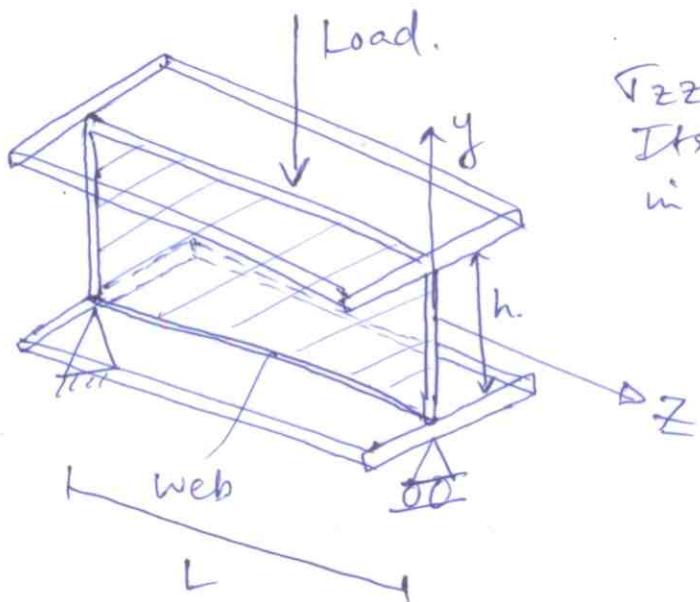
$$m=2 \rightarrow (N_x)_{cr} = 8 \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2} \rightarrow \underline{\text{critical}}$$

$$m=3 \rightarrow (N_x)_{cr} = \left(\frac{35+16/9}{3}\right) \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2} > 8 \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2}$$

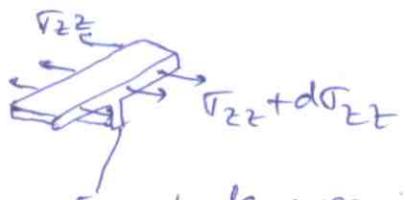
$$m>3 \rightarrow (N_x)_{cr} > 8 \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2}$$

$$\text{Exact solution gives } (N_x)_{cr} = 7.69 \frac{D\bar{\pi}^2}{a^2}$$

### Ex 3. Web Plate in Plate Girder.



$\tau_{zz}$  varies along length.  
Its distribution is linear  
in  $y$ .

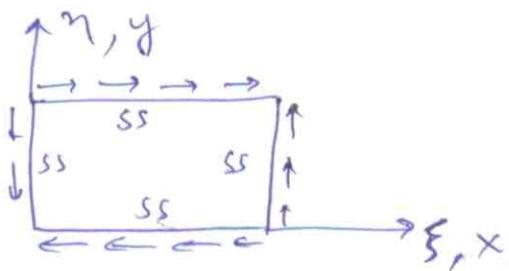


Force balance requires  
shear  $\tau_{yz}$  here

Hence  $\tau_{yz}$  acts on  $y=\pm\frac{h}{2}$   
edges of web, and also  
on  $z=0, L$  on web due  
to shear force.

On  $z=0, L$ ,  $\tau_{yz}$  is parabolic in  $y$ . On  $y=\pm\frac{h}{2}$   $\tau_{yz}$   
distribution in  $z$ -direction depends on  $V(z)$  (ie shear  
force distribution), eg if  $V(z)=\text{const}$ , ie  $M(z)$  is linear,  
 $d\tau_{zz}/dz = \text{const} \Rightarrow \tau_{yz}$  is const in  $z$ -direction  
at  $y=\pm h/2$ .

For simplicity we assume some average  $\tau_{yz}$   
acts uniformly at  $z=0, L$ ,  $y=\pm\frac{h}{2}$ . Also assume  
ss edges.



Governing eqn is,

$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \xi^4} + 2p^2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \xi^2 \partial \eta^2} + p^4 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial \eta^4} + \frac{N_x a^2}{D} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{N_y p^2 a^2}{D} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} - 2 \frac{N_{xy} a^2 p}{D} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi \partial \eta}$$

where  $N_x, N_y$  are due to compression and  $N_{xy}$  is positive as shown in Fig above. For exact solution, take

$$w = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \sin m \pi \xi \sin n \pi \eta$$

get by subst in gov. eqn, ( $= N_{xy}/D$ )

$$\sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} \left[ (m^4 \pi^4 + 2p^2 m^2 n^2 \pi^4 + p^4 n^4 \pi^4) \sin m \pi \xi \sin n \pi \eta - k^2 a^2 p m n \pi^2 \cos m \pi \xi \cos n \pi \eta \right] = 0.$$

So we see that solution not possible due to cosine terms from the mixed-second-partial, ie if you multiply & integrate  $\int_0^a f(\xi) d\xi$  you get,

$$0 = \operatorname{Arg} (r^4 \pi^4 + 2p^2 r^2 q^2 \pi^4 + p^4 q^4 \pi^4) \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$-\sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} A_{mn} k^2 a^2 p m n \pi^2 \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{r+m} \left( (-1)^{r+m} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{r-m} \left( (-1)^{r-m} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{q+r} \left( (-1)^{q+r} - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{q-r} \left( (-1)^{q-r} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow = 0, \quad r \pm m \text{ even} \\ &= \frac{2m}{r^2 - m^2}, \quad r \pm m \text{ odd.} \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^r \sin r\pi\xi \cos m\pi\xi d\xi &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^r (\sin(r+m)\pi\xi + \sin(r-m)\pi\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{r+m} (-1)^{r+m} - 1 \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{r-m} (-1)^{r-m} - 1 \right] \\ \Rightarrow &\begin{cases} = 0, & r+m = \text{even} \\ = \frac{(-1)^r}{2\pi} \frac{2r}{(r^2-m^2)}, & r+m = \text{odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

So the exact analytical solution is not possible. We do approx soln by Ritz method.

$$W_a = \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} \sin m\pi\xi \sin n\pi\eta.$$

$$\Pi = \frac{D}{2} \frac{1}{pa^2} \underbrace{\iint_{0,0}^r \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} + p^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} \right) d\xi d\eta}_{U_b} - \iint_{0,0}^r N_{xy} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \eta} d\xi d\eta.$$

$( )_b$   
work done by ext loads  
during bending  
only.

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} \right)^2 = \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{n=1}^s (A_{mi} A_{ij} \sin m\pi\xi \sin i\pi\xi * \sin n\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta) m^2 i^2 \pi^4$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial \eta^2} \right) = \sum_{m,i=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s \pi^4 m_j^2 (A_{mj} A_{ij} \sin m\pi\xi \sin i\pi\xi \sin n\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta)$$

$$U_b = \frac{D}{2} \frac{\pi^4}{pa^2} \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s \left[ \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) m^4 + \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) p^4 n^4 + \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) m^2 n^2 p^2 \right] A_{mn}^2$$

$$= \frac{D}{8} \frac{\pi^4}{pa^2} \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s (m^2 + p^2 n^2)^2 A_{mn}^2$$

$$(W_p)_b = N_{xy} \iint_{0,0}^r \sum_{m,i=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s m_j \pi^2 (\cos m\pi\xi \sin i\pi\xi \sin n\pi\eta \cos j\pi\eta) d\xi d\eta * A_{mn} A_{ij}$$

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$$(W_p)_b = -N_{xy} \sum_{m,i=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s \left( \frac{-2i}{m^2-i^2} \right) \left( \frac{-2n}{j^2-n^2} \right) \frac{1}{\pi^2} m n i j \frac{\pi^2}{\pi^2} = -4N_{xy} \sum_{m,i=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s \frac{m n i j * A_{mn} A_{ij}}{(m^2-i^2)(j^2-n^2)}$$

where  $m, n, i, j$  are such that  $m+i+n+j$  are odd only.

Restricting to 2 terms in each direction, i.e  $r=s=2$ , the series in  $(W_p)_b$  contains only the following combinations of  $(m, n, i, j) = (1, 1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 2, 1), (2, 1, 1, 2), (2, 2, 1, 1)$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{11}} = 0 = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (1+p^2)^2 A_{11} - 4N_x \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) A_{22} * 2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{12}} = 0 = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (1+4p^2)^2 A_{12} - 4N_x \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) A_{21} * 2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{21}} = 0 = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (4+p^2)^2 A_{21} - 4N_x \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) A_{12} * 2$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{22}} = 0 = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (4+4p^2)^2 A_{22} - 4N_x \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) A_{11} * 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (1+p^2)^2 & 0 & 0 & \frac{32}{9} N_x \\ 0 & \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (1+4p^2)^2 & -\frac{32}{9} N_x & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{32}{9} N_x & \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (4+p^2)^2 & 0 \\ \frac{32}{9} N_x & 0 & 0 & \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (4+4p^2)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{12} \\ A_{21} \\ A_{22} \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } \det[C] = 0 \text{ gives } N_x.$$

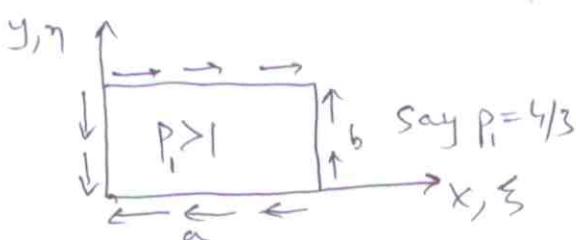
$$\left(\frac{D\pi^4}{4pc^2}\right)^2 (1+p^2)^2 (4+4p^2)^2 \left[ \left(\frac{D\pi^4 p^2}{4pc^2}\right) (1+p^2)^2 (4+p^2)^2 - \left(\frac{32}{9} N_x^2\right) \right] - \left(\frac{32}{9} N_x^2\right) [ ] = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{let } \delta = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pc^2}$$

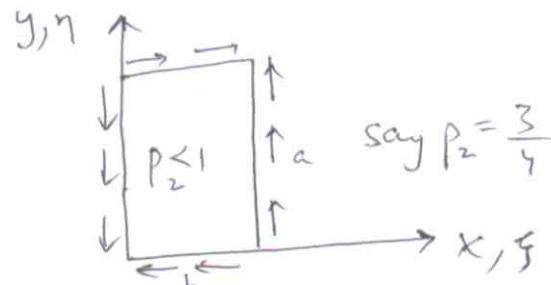
$$N_{xy} = \pm \frac{9}{32} \delta (1+p^2) (4+4p^2) \xrightarrow{\text{lower root.}} \text{(obvious)}$$

$$\text{or } N_{xy} = \pm \frac{9}{32} \delta (1+4p^2) (4+p^2). \xrightarrow{\textcircled{*}}$$

This shows that the <sup>direction</sup><sub>(sign)</sub> of  $N_{xy}$  does not affect its critical value, i.e.,



$$(N_{xy})_1 = \pm \frac{9}{32} \frac{D\pi^4}{4pc^2} 4(1+p_1^2)^2$$



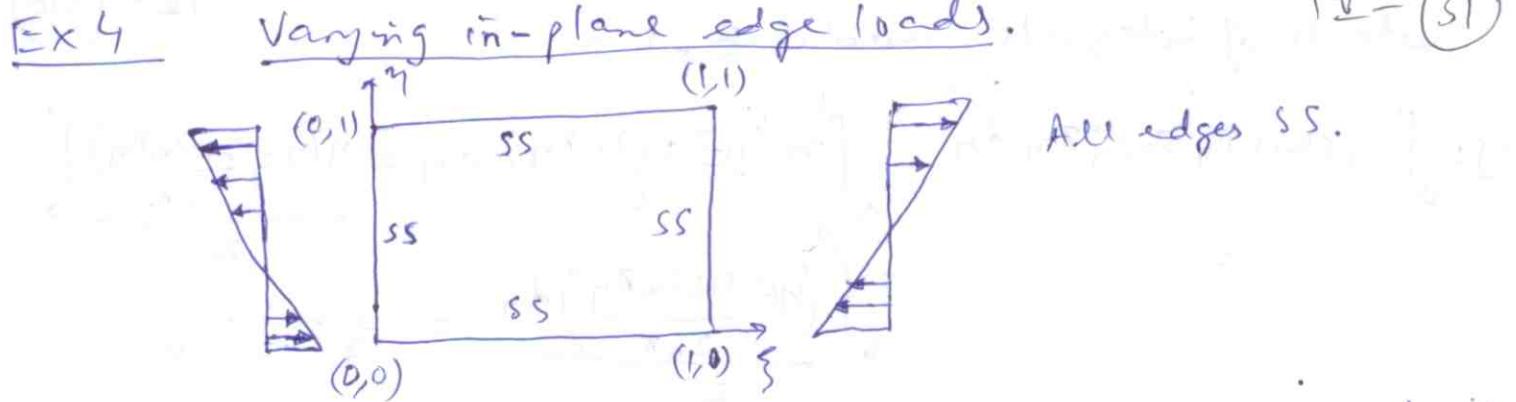
$$(N_{xy})_2 = \pm \frac{9}{32} \frac{D\pi^4}{4 \frac{1}{P_1} b^2} 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{P_1^2}\right)^2$$

$$= \pm \frac{9}{32} \frac{D\pi^4}{4 \frac{1}{P_1} b^2} \frac{4(P_1^2 + 1)}{P_1^2}$$

$$\therefore p_1 a^2 = p_1^3 b^2, (N_{xy})_1 = (N_{xy})_2 \text{ as expected.}$$

This also holds true for  $N_{xy}$  given by  $\textcircled{*}$  above, but that is not the lowest critical load.

For a square plate,  $(N_{xy})_{cr} \xrightarrow{\text{from } \textcircled{*} \text{ above}} = 11.1\pi^2 D^2 / b^2$  which is around 16% higher than the exact solution, i.e.,  $(N_{xy})_{cr} = 9.34 \frac{\pi^2 D}{b^2}$



All edges SS.

Let  $N_x = N_0(1-\alpha\eta)$  be variation of in-plane edge loads.

$$w_a = \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} \sin m\pi\zeta \sin n\pi\eta$$

$$U_b = \frac{D\pi^4}{8pa^2} \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s (m^2 + p^2 n^2)^2 A_{mn}^2 \quad (\text{as in Ex 3, i.e. for all edges SS}).$$

$$-(W_p)_b = -\frac{1}{2} \iint_{0,0}^{a,b} N_x w_{,x}^2 dx dy = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{P} \iint_{0,0}^1 N_0(1-\alpha\eta) w_{,\zeta}^2 d\zeta d\eta$$

$$w_{,\zeta}^2 = \sum_{m,i=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s A_{mi} A_{nj} m i \pi^2 \cos m\pi\zeta \cos n\pi\zeta \sin i\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta$$

We use the following results for integrals (details on reverse)

$$\int_0^1 \eta \sin n\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta d\eta = \frac{1}{4}, \quad n=j$$

$$= 0, \quad n \neq j = \text{even}$$

$$= -\frac{4nj}{(n-j)^2(n+j)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi^2}, \quad n \neq j = \text{odd}.$$

$$-(W_p)_b = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{N_0}{P} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s \left\{ A_{mn}^2 \pi^2 m^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \alpha A_{mn}^2 \pi^2 m^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \right\} \right]$$

$$- \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^s \alpha A_{mn} A_{mj} \pi^2 m^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-4nj}{(n-j)^2(n+j)^2}\right)$$

Subject to  $n+j = \text{odd}$

$$= F_{mnj}$$

$$- \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s \sum_{j=\text{only}}^s 2 F_{mnj}$$

just a simplification of  
those values  
such that  $n+j = \text{odd}$  } the way to write the limits in the  $\sum$ .

Details of integrals used in Ex 5:

$$n=j: \int_0^1 \eta \sin n\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta d\eta = \int_0^1 \eta \left( \frac{1 - \cos 2n\pi\eta}{2} \right) d\eta = \frac{\eta (1 - \sin 2n\pi\eta)}{2} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n \neq j: \int_0^1 \underbrace{\eta \sin n\pi\eta \sin j\pi\eta}_{f(\eta)} d\eta = \int_0^1 \eta \left( \frac{\cos(n-j)\pi\eta - \cos(n+j)\pi\eta}{2} \right) d\eta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \eta \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{n-j} \sin(n-j)\pi\eta \ominus \frac{1}{n+j} \sin(n+j)\pi\eta \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{n-j} \sin(n-j)\pi\eta \ominus \frac{1}{n+j} \sin(n+j)\pi\eta \right) d\eta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{(n-j)^2} \cos(n-j)\pi\eta \ominus \frac{1}{(n+j)^2} \cos(n+j)\pi\eta \right) \Big|_0^1$$

So for  $n+j = \text{even}$ ,  $\int_0^1 f(\eta) d\eta = 0$ .

$$n+j = \text{odd}, \int_0^1 f(\eta) d\eta = + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left[ \frac{(-1)}{(n-j)^2} \ominus \frac{(-1)}{(n+j)^2} \right] = \frac{-4nj}{\pi^2 (n-j)^2 (n+j)^2}$$

For  $\int_0^1 \eta \cos n\pi\eta \cos j\pi\eta d\eta$  only the "-" sign (circled) becomes +, so,

$$n=j: \int_0^1 \eta \cos n\pi\eta \cos j\pi\eta d\eta = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n \neq j, n+j \text{ even}, \int_0^1 \eta \cos n\pi\eta \cos j\pi\eta d\eta = 0$$

$$n+j \text{ odd}, \int_0^1 \eta \cos n\pi\eta \cos j\pi\eta d\eta = - \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{(n^2 + j^2)}{(n-j)^2 (n+j)^2}$$

$$\Pi = U - (W_p)_b$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{uv}} = \left[ \frac{D\pi^2}{4\mu a^2} (u^2 + \rho^2 v^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{N_o}{\pi} \sqrt{u^2 + \alpha^2} \frac{1}{8} \frac{N_o}{\pi} \sqrt{u^2} \right] A_{uv}$$

$$+ \alpha 2 \frac{N_o}{\pi} \sqrt{u^2} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \text{ restricted} \\ \text{to only those} \\ \text{values so that} \\ u+j = \text{odd}}}^r A_{uj} \left( \frac{-v_j}{(v-j)^2(v+j)^2} \right) = 0, \quad u=1, \dots, r$$

$v=1, \dots, s.$

Written in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{C}_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \underline{C}_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \underline{C}_3 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \underline{C}_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \underline{A}_1 \\ \underline{A}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \underline{A}_r \end{Bmatrix} = 0$$

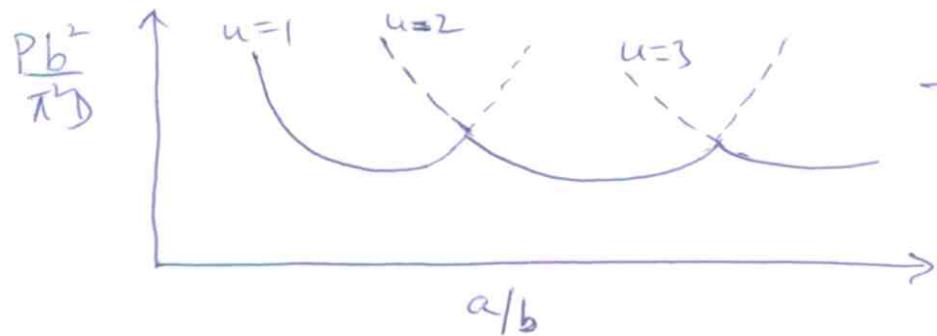
For better understanding  
Compare with Ex 3  
where it is not  
block-diagonal !!  
The reason being that here  
 $u$  is the common index, i.e.  $A_{uv}, A_{uj}$

where  $\underline{C}$  is a block-diagonal matrix, i.e. a matrix with blocks (or sub-matrices) of size  $s \times s$  along its diagonals. Thus  $\underline{C}_i$  is a  $s \times s$  submatrix corresponding to the equations for  $u=i$  and  $v=1, \dots, s$ . Similarly  $\underline{A}_i$  is a block of size  $s \times 1$  (i.e. a sub-vector) corresponding to the equations for  $u=i, v=1, \dots, s$ . Thus  $\det |\underline{C}| = 0$  if  $\det |\underline{C}_i| = 0$  for any one (or more)  $i=1, \dots, r$  ( $\because \det |\underline{C}| = \det |\underline{C}_1| \det |\underline{C}_2| \cdots \det |\underline{C}_r|$ ).

Physically this represents finding the critical load for each sub-system, i.e.,  $\underline{C}_i \underline{A}_i = 0$  where each sub-system assumes the buckled shape to be  $i$ -half sine wave in  $x$ -direction.

So the procedure is to solve each subsystem, i.e.  $\det |\underline{C}_i| = 0$  by increasing  $v$  from 1 to  $s$  until convergence is achieved for that subsystem. Then increase  $u$ , i.e. solve the next subsystem until convergence achieved.

This way we generate curves similar to the uniformly loaded & simply supported plate, i.e,



→ converged values  
(i.e. for convergence in  
y-direction, i.e. v=1, 2, ...)  
plotted for each  
subsystem (i.e. 4)

The lowest envelope is the  $P_{cr}$  for corresponding  $a/b$ . As  $a/b$  increases we need higher wave number in x-direction (i.e. u) to get lowest  $P_{cr}$ . As  $\alpha$  (i.e. non-uniformity of loading) increases we need higher wave number in y-direction (i.e. v) to get lowest  $P_{cr}$ .

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If we consider ① with  $u=1, v=1, \dots, s$  (ie by increasing  $s$  only until we get convergence) we have,

For  $s=1$ , (ie one-term approx) we have,

$$\left( \frac{D\pi^2}{4a^2} (1+p^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} N_0 + \frac{\alpha}{8} N_0 \right) A_{11} = 0.$$

$$(N_0)_{cr} = \frac{D\pi^2}{a^2} \frac{(1+p^2)^2}{1-\alpha/2}$$

For  $s=2$  (ie two-term approx) we have,

$$\left( \frac{D\pi^2}{4a^2} (1+p^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} N_0 + \alpha \frac{1}{8} N_0 \right) A_{11} - \alpha \frac{2N_0}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{-1*2}{(1-2)^2(1+2)^2} \right) A_{12} \leq 0$$

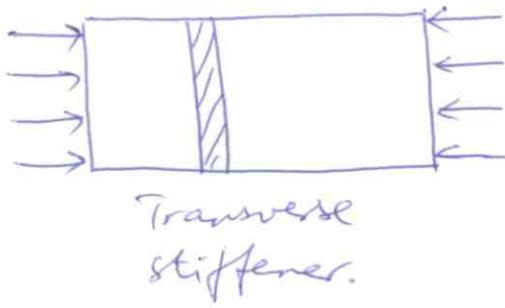
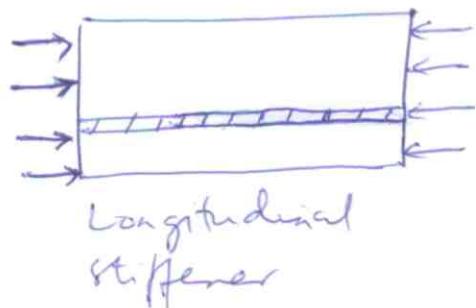
$$- \alpha \frac{2N_0}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{-2*1}{(2-1)^2(2+1)^2} \right) A_{11} + \left( \frac{D\pi^2}{4a^2} (1+4p^2)^2 - \frac{N_0}{4} + \alpha \frac{1}{8} N_0 \right) A_{12} = 0$$

As  $\alpha$  increases, ie loading gets more and more non-uniform (ie farther away from constant  $N_0$  value) we need to go to higher value of  $s$  (ie more terms in the series) for convergence. As  $a/b$  increases we need to go to higher values of  $u$  (ie  $u=2, u=3$  and solve those sub-systems until convergence in  $\eta$ -direction).

### STIFFENED PLATES.

Used in Civil & Aerospace structures (slab over beams intersecting at right angles; stringers-in aircraft fuselage and wings-over which we place the thin sheets on either side to make up the structure which will not buckle). Note that buckling load is proportional to  $t^2/b^2$ . Either increase  $t$  or decrease  $b$ . Both these are impractical - former increases weight and latter alters design requirement/dimension. So we use stiffeners. Longitudinal stiffeners are more effective than transverse stiffeners in raising the buckling load. This

is obvious, since the stiffeners deform due to direct action of the load when placed longitudinally. (35)



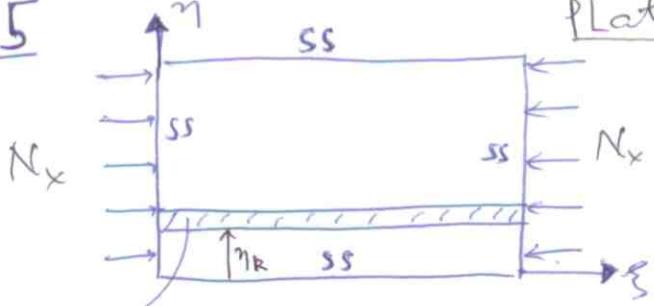
Ex 5

Plate with Longitudinal Stiffeners

All sides SS.

Uniform load.

Use Ritz method.



$k^{\text{th}}$  stiffener

$$w_a = \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} \sin m\pi \xi \sin n\pi \eta.$$

Strain energy in bending for plate is, (Ex 3, 4),

$$\underbrace{(U)_{bp}}_{\text{bending plate}} = \frac{D\pi^4}{8pa^2} \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} (m^2 + p^2 n^2)^2$$

Bending strain energy for the stiffeners is,

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{(U_b)_s}_{\text{bending stiffener}} &= \sum_{k=1}^c \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \frac{(EI_s)_k}{a^3} w_{,\xi\xi}^2 \Big|_{\eta=\eta_k} d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2a^3} \sum_{k=1}^c (EI_s)_k \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{n=1}^s A_{mn} A_{ij} m^2 \right)^2 \pi^4 \sin m\pi \xi \sin i\pi \xi \\ &\quad \sin n\pi \eta_k \sin j\pi \eta_k d\xi \\ &= \frac{\pi^4}{2a^3} \sum_{k=1}^c (EI_s)_k \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^s A_{mn} A_{nj} m^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sin m\pi \eta_k \sin j\pi \eta_k \end{aligned}$$

$$-(W_p)_{b, \text{plate}} = -\frac{1}{2p} \iint_0^1 N_x w_{,\xi}^2 d\eta d\xi = -\frac{N_x \pi^2}{2p} \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n=1}^s m^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) A_{mn}^2$$

$$-(W_p)_{b, \text{stiffener}} = \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{k=1}^c \int_0^1 (P_s)_k w_{,\xi}^2 \Big|_{\eta=\eta_k} d\xi$$

Where  $(P_s)_k$  is the axial load on the  $k^{\text{th}}$  stiffener, i.e.

$$\frac{(P_s)_k}{N_x b} = \frac{(a_s)_k}{bt} \quad (\text{ie load is proportioned in ratio of areas of cross section of stiffener \& plate, where } (a_s)_k = \text{area of } k^{\text{th}} \text{ stiffener, } t=h=\text{plate thickness}).$$

$$-(W_p)_{b, \text{stiffener}} = -\frac{N_x}{t} \frac{\pi^2}{2a} \sum_{k=1}^c (a_s)_k \sum_{m=1}^r \sum_{n,j=1}^s A_{mn} A_{mj} m^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sin n \bar{\eta}_k \sin j \bar{\eta}_k$$

$$\bar{\Pi} = (U_b)_p + (U_b)_s - (W_p)_{b, \text{plate}} - (W_p)_{b, \text{stiffener}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \bar{\Pi}}{\partial A_{uv}} &= \frac{D \frac{\pi^2}{4p a^2}}{4p a^2} (u^2 + p^2 v^2)^2 A_{uv} + \frac{\pi^2}{2 \frac{4a^3}{4at}} \sum_{k=1}^c (E I_s)_k u^4 \sin v \bar{\eta}_k \times \sum_{j=1}^s A_{uj} \sin j \bar{\eta}_k \\ &\quad - \frac{N_x \frac{\pi^2}{4p}}{4p} u^2 A_{uv} - \frac{N_x \frac{\pi^2}{4at}}{4at} \sum_{k=1}^c (a_s)_k u^2 \sin v \bar{\eta}_k \times \sum_{j=1}^s A_{uj} \sin j \bar{\eta}_k \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Defining the ratios,

$$\delta_k = \frac{(E I_s)_k}{D b}, \quad \gamma_k = \frac{(P_s)_k}{N_x b} = \frac{(a_s)_k}{bt},$$

and introducing in the above, get,

$$\boxed{\frac{D \frac{\pi^2}{4p b^2}}{p^2 b^2} \left[ (u^2 + p^2 v^2)^2 A_{uv} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^c \delta_k u^4 \sin v \bar{\eta}_k \sum_{j=1}^s A_{uj} \sin j \bar{\eta}_k \right] - N_x \left[ u^2 A_{uv} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^c \gamma_k u^2 \sin v \bar{\eta}_k \sum_{j=1}^s A_{uj} \sin j \bar{\eta}_k \right] = 0}$$

Here also we get block diagonal form since  $u$  appears in each term i.e.  $A_{uv}, A_{uj}$ .

$u=1, \dots, r$
$v=1, \dots, s$

# If we place a single stiffener at  $\eta_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  (i.e.  $y = b/2$ ), then the antisymmetric modes in  $y$ -direction (i.e.  $v=2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) imply that stiffener does not deform and hence it does not contribute to increase in buckling load. Thus for  $v=2, 4, 6, \dots$ , the solution with or without stiffener will be same.

This is evident from the equations for  $v = \text{even}$ , where  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} \eta_1 = \sin \sqrt{\lambda} \frac{1}{2} = 0$  ( $\because v = \text{even}$ ) so the stiffener contribution does not appear in those equations.

Moreover here also we have a block diagonal form, like in  $Ex 4$ , so we solve each subsystem,  $\det [\underline{C}_i] = 0$ , until it converges in the  $\eta$ -direction (ie  $v = 1, \dots, s$ , with some large enough  $s$  until convergence achieved). Then change  $u$  (ie  $u=2, 4=3$ ), solve subsystem, and choose lowest  $p_i$  from lowest envelope as always.

Now for each subsystem  $\underline{C}_i$ , we have, after re-arranging,

$$\underline{C}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{C}_{i,\text{odd}} & & & \\ & \circlearrowleft & & \\ & c_{i2} & & \\ & & \circlearrowleft & \\ & & c_{i4} & & \\ & & & \circlearrowleft & \\ & & & c_{i6} & \dots \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Block diagonal.}$$

We have moved the equations for  $v = \text{odd}$  to the top & the ones for  $v = \text{even}$  to the bottom.

$$\det [\underline{C}_i] = \det [\underline{C}_{i,\text{odd}}] * c_{i2} * c_{i4} * c_{i6} * \dots = 0$$

So obtain roots of,

$$\det [C_{i,\text{odd}}] = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} C_{i2} = \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 4p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0 \rightarrow \\ C_{i4} = \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 16p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0 \rightarrow \\ C_{i6} = \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 36p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0 \rightarrow \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{choose lowest} \\ \text{of these roots} \\ \text{as converged value} \\ \text{for that particular } i. \\ \text{Then re-do by} \\ \text{increasing } i \text{ (ie } u=i). \end{array}$$

*Annotations:*

- $C_{i2}$  =  $\frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 4p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0$   $\rightarrow$   $i=1, v=2$  equation, coeff of  $A_{12}$
- $C_{i4}$  =  $\frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 16p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0$   $\rightarrow$   $i=1, v=4$  equation, coeff of  $A_{14}$
- $C_{i6}$  =  $\frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} (i^2 + 36p^2)^2 - N_x i^2 = 0$   $\rightarrow$   $i=1, v=6$  equation, coeff of  $A_{16}$

For example for  $u=i=1, v=1, \dots, 6$ ,

$$C_{i,\text{odd}} = \left[ \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [(1+p^2)^2 + 2\delta_1] - N_x [1+2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [-2\delta_1] - N_x [-2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [2\delta_1] - N_x [2\gamma_1] \right]$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u=1, v=1 \text{ equation} \\ u=1, v=3 \text{ equation} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [-2\delta_1] - N_x [-2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [(1+9p^2)^2 + 2\delta_1] - N_x [1+2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [-2\delta_1] - N_x [-2\gamma_1] \right]$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u=1, v=5 \text{ equation} \end{array} \right\} \left[ \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [2\delta_1] - N_x [2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [-2\delta_1] - N_x [-2\gamma_1], \frac{D\bar{\lambda}^2}{p^2 b^2} [(1+25p^2)^2 + 2\delta_1] - N_x [1+2\gamma_1] \right]$$

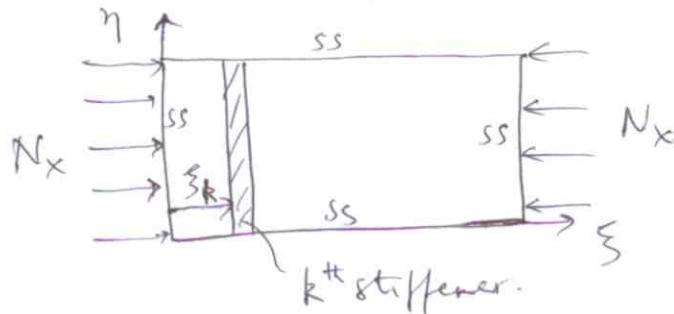
$A_{11}$  coeff column

$A_{13}$  coeff column

$A_{15}$  coeff column

Ex 6 Plate with Transverse Stiffeners

The only change is that stiffeners don't contribute to work done by applied load.



$(U_b)_p$  and  $(W_p)_b$ , plate remain same as in EX5.

$$(U_b)_s = \sum_{k=1}^c \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} (EI_s)_k \frac{1}{b^3} w_{mn}^2 \Big|_{\xi=\xi_k} d\xi$$

$$= \frac{\pi^4}{2b^3} \sum_{k=1}^c (EI_s)_k \sum_{n=1}^s \sum_{m,i=1}^r A_{mn} A_{in} n^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sin m\pi \xi_k \sin i\pi \xi_k$$

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial A_{uv}} = \frac{D\pi^4}{4pa^2} (u^2 + p^2 v^2)^2 A_{uv} + \frac{\pi^4}{4b^3} \sum_{k=1}^c (EI_s)_k v^4 \sin u\pi \xi_k \sum_{i=1}^r A_{iv} \sin i\pi \xi_k$$

$$-\frac{N_x \bar{\lambda} u^2 A_{uv}}{4p} = 0 \quad , \quad u=1, \dots, r \\ v=1, \dots, s$$

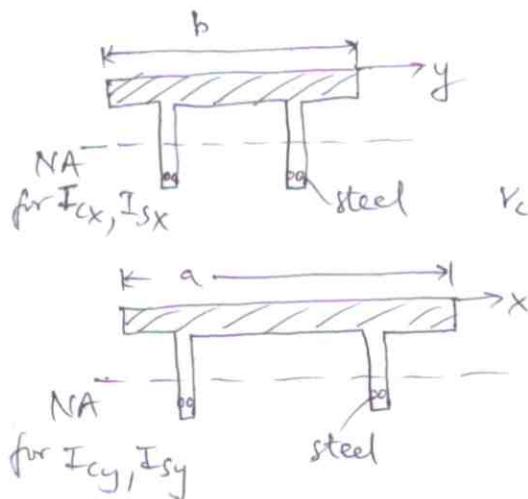
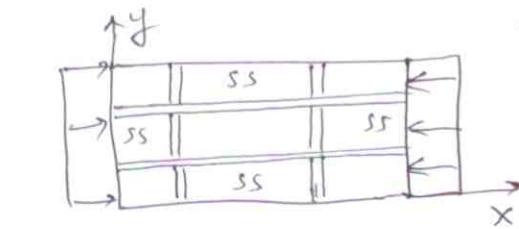
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{D\pi^2}{b^2} \left[ (u^2 + p^2 v^2)^2 A_{uv} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^c \delta_k^3 p^3 v^4 \sin u\pi \xi_k \sum_{i=1}^r A_{iv} \sin i\pi \xi_k \right]}$$

$$-N_x p^2 u^2 A_{uv} = 0 \quad , \quad u=1, \dots, r \\ v=1, \dots, s$$

Here also it is block diagonal. Each block is for a fixed value of  $v=j$ , i.e.  $\xi_j$ . For each block solve  $\det |C_j| = 0$  by increasing terms in  $x$ -direction series, i.e.  $u=1, \dots, r$ . We get converged critical load. Then take lowest envelope of all such converged critical loads obtained from solution of all blocks  $\det |C_j| = 0$ ,  $j=1, \dots, s$ . (i.e. same procedure as before).

### Ex 7 Orthotropic Plates (Summary only).

$$D_x \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2H \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + D_y \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} + N_x \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0$$



For reinforced concrete slab,

$$D_x = \frac{E_c}{1-\nu_c^2} [I_{cx} + (n-1) I_{sx}]$$

$$D_y = \frac{E_c}{1-\nu_c^2} [I_{cy} + (n-1) I_{sy}]$$

$$H = 2 \sqrt{D_x D_y}$$

Poisson's ratio,  
 $E_c$  = Young's modulus of concrete  
 $n = E_s/E_c$  = modular ratio

$I_{cx}$  = Moment of inertia of slab material  
 taken about N.A of section  $x = \text{const}$

$I_{sx}$  = MI of reinforcement about NA of  
 section  $x = \text{const}$ .

$I_{cy}$ ,  $I_{sy}$  → likewise for section  $y = \text{const}$ .

For Fiber reinforced composite plates we also get orthotropic structure.

In general an orthotropic plate has different Young's moduli and Poisson's ratio in the  $x, y$  directions.