



$$F=KX$$

How CAESAR II formulates the global stiffness matrix

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Agenda



- Math basics
- Comparing matrix math to CAESAR II
 - Single pipe element
 - Single bend
 - A two pipe system
 - A pipe-bend-pipe system
 - A tee
- Other considerations

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MATH BASICS

To the guided cantilever method


Concept




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- Both anchors see $P = AE\alpha$




- And P is large! (P exceeds 1800kN.)


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- Add spring at one end to drop the load



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- Add spring at one end to drop the load
- Again, what is the load (P) required to return free growth?
- Monitor two positions: δ , Δ
 - $P = K_P \cdot (\Delta - \delta) = K_S \cdot \delta$
 - $\delta = \left(\frac{K_P}{K_P + K_S}\right) \cdot \Delta$
 - $P = K_S \cdot \delta = \left(\frac{K_P \cdot K_S}{K_P + K_S}\right) \cdot \Delta$

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- $P = K_S \cdot \delta = \left(\frac{K_P \cdot K_S}{K_P + K_S}\right) \cdot \Delta$
 - If $K_S \gg K_P$; $K_S / (K_P + K_S) \rightarrow 1$ and $P = K_P \cdot \Delta$ (our original result)
 - If $K_P \gg K_S$; $K_P / (K_P + K_S) \rightarrow 1$ and $P = K_S \cdot \Delta$ (based solely on K_S !)
- You can dial in any load you wish by adjusting support stiffness!

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- Yes, you can dial in any load you wish by adjusting support stiffness
- But seldom is that an option.
- What if that spring was replaced by a cantilever?

$K = ?$

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- Cantilever stiffness is a function of the end conditions:
 - Free end (rotation allowed):

$$K = \frac{3 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3}$$

- Guided end (no rotation):

Assume corner remains square

$$K = \frac{12 \cdot E \cdot I}{L^3}$$

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(Conservative)

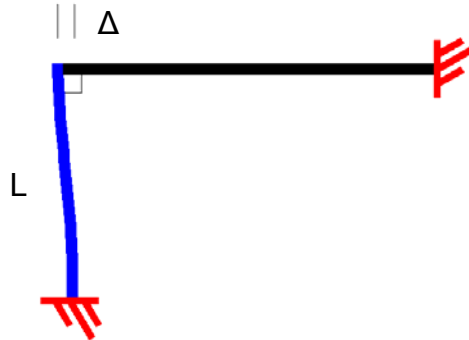
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Math Basics



- But things get a little more complicated...



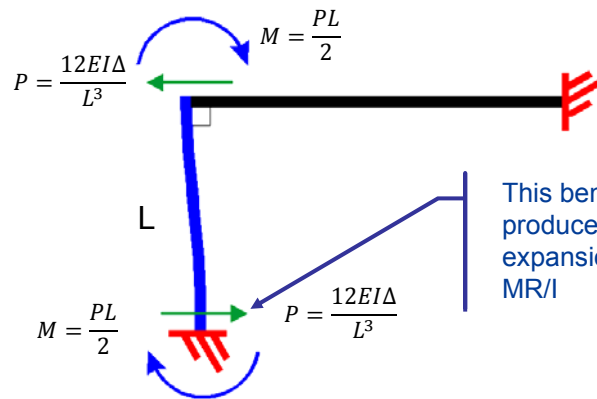
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- But things get a little more complicated...



This bending moment, M, produces a calculated expansion stress range, MR/I

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- This leads to the guided cantilever approach
 - With load known, bending can be calculated ($M = \frac{PL}{2} = \frac{6EI\Delta}{L^2}$)
 - With bending known, stress can be calculated ($\sigma = \frac{MR}{I} = \frac{6ER\Delta}{L^2}$)
- For many years, engineers could estimate the magnitude of stress with this simple equation
- Compare this formula with the B31.3 “no formal analysis” equation:

Our stress equation here:

$$\sigma = \frac{6ER\Delta}{L^2}$$

Eqn. (16) para. 319.4.1(c):

$$\frac{Dy}{(L-U)^2} \leq K_1 \quad ; \quad K_1 = \frac{\text{constant} \cdot S_A}{E_a}$$

$$\frac{DyE_a}{\text{constant} \cdot (L-U)^2} \leq S_A$$

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Introduction



- Similar to these quick hand calculations, a computer program takes user input describing system layout, restraints and applied load and solves for the position of each point identified in the system
- With final position known, the loads on the distorted element can be calculated
- Pipe stress, then, can be calculated based on these internal forces and moments
- This session will develop the major steps in creating and evaluating this stiffness method for piping system analysis

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Flexibility Method – life before the PC



- Beyond the guided cantilever method, larger systems were analyzed using the flexibility method
 - The US Navy's Mare Island program (MEC 21) was one of the first
 - CAESAR II still references the bend formula found in MEC 21
- Flexibility Method – $X=AF$: position equals flexibility times load
 - Direct solution – know A & F, find X
 - Piping codes continue to offer flexibility factor for elbows
 - Limited to static analysis
 - Dynamic solution works with stiffness (e.g. $\sqrt{K/M}$), not flexibility
 - Auton Computing's conversion from Autoflex to Dynaflex in 1970's
- Stiffness Method – $F=KX$: load equals stiffness times position
 - Know F & K, find X
 - n equations with n unknowns


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COMPARING MATRIX MATH TO CAESAR II

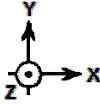
A Series of Examples

Session Format




- Concepts in $F=KX$ will first be developed.
- These concepts will be expressed in Mathcad
- Followed with a CAESAR II analysis.
- Results will be compared.


- To keep it simple, all models are planar (2-D)
 - Rather than dealing with 6 degrees of freedom for every node, we will be using X, Y & RZ




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#1 The simple beam element (in 2-D)




- Build and load the stiffness matrix for a single straight pipe
 - Set stiffness terms in Mathcad
 - Build a 2D (planar) beam stiffness matrix for a 4"Std pipe
 - Add anchor at near end
 - Compare with CAESAR II
 - Displace far end
 - Apply loads at far end



CAESAR II Models: 1 ELEMENT PLANAR
1 ELEMENT PLANAR - FORCES

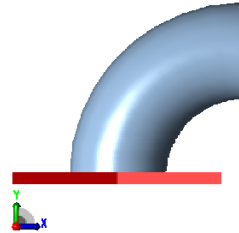
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#2 The bend element



- Build and load a 2D bend element
 - What is a flexibility factor



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What of this Flexibility Factor?



- Except for elbows, bends and miters, the component flexibility factor is 1.
- For an elbow this factor is $1.65/h$:

APPENDIX D FLEXIBILITY AND STRESS INTENSIFICATION FACTORS

TABLE D300¹
FLEXIBILITY FACTOR, k AND STRESS INTENSIFICATION FACTOR, i

Description	Flexibility Factor, k	Stress Intensification Factor (Notes (2), (3))		Flexibility Characteristic, h	Sketch
		Out-of-Plane, i_o	In-Plane, i_i		
Welding elbow or pipe bend (Notes (2), (4)-(7))	$\frac{1.65}{h}$	0.75	0.9	$\frac{7.6}{r_i^2}$	

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Flexibility Factor



- Here's a definition from Companion Guide to the ASME Boiler & Pressure Vessel Code Volume One:

“The flexibility factor is the length of straight pipe having the same flexibility as the component divided by the centerline length of the component.”

- Flexibility, here, refers to the angle of rotation for a given bending moment (with no control of lateral deflection)

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Flexibility Factor for an Elbow



- B31.3 Appendix D provides an elbow flexibility characteristic as:

$$h = \frac{\bar{T} \cdot R_1}{r_2^2}$$

- The flexibility factor for this elbow is:

$$k = 1.65/h$$

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Flexibility Factor Example



- A 4 inch, standard wall, long radius elbow will have the following terms:

$$\bar{T} = 6.0198mm, R_1 = 152.4mm, r_2 = 54.14mm$$

- Therefore flexibility factor for this elbow is:

$$k = 5.272$$

- The arc length of this elbow is:

$$L = \pi/2 \cdot R_1 = 239.4mm$$

- So a straight pipe that is $k \cdot L = 1262mm$ long should have the same end rotation as this elbow.

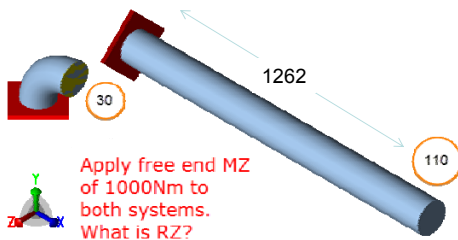
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Flexibility Factor Example



- A 4"STD straight pipe that is 1262mm long should have the same end rotation as its long radius elbow:



Apply free end MZ of 1000Nm to both systems.
What is RZ?

Node	UX mm.	UY mm.	RZ deg.
10	-0.000	-0.000	0.0000
19	-0.053	0.031	0.0600
20	-0.116	0.203	0.1201
30	-0.116	0.203	0.1201
100	0.000	0.000	0.0000
110	0.000	1.323	0.1201

Elbow

Straight

Q.E.D.

CAESAR II Model: FLEX CHECK

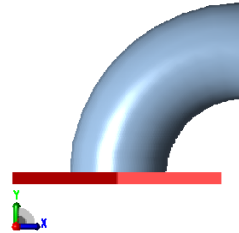
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The bend element



- Build and load a 2D bend element
 - Build a (local) flexibility matrix
 - Check flexibility matrix in CAESAR II
 - Generate a stiffness matrix from the flexibility matrix
 - Add anchor
 - Compare with CAESAR II
 - Displace far end ($F=KX$)
 - Apply loads on far end ($X=AF$)



CAESAR II Model: BEND ●

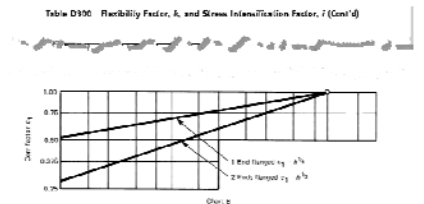
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 - Displace far end ($F=KX$)
 - Apply loads on far end ($X=AF$)
 - Other discussion
 - B31.3 Appx. D provides an adjustment for stiffeners (flanges) that restrict ovalization
 - CAESAR II provides a scratchpad to review these values



(1) When flanges are attached to one or both ends, the values of k and i in the table should be multiplied by the factor k_2 , which can be read directly from the table, or from the scratchpad.

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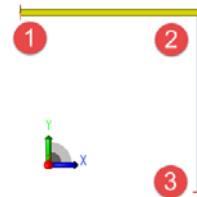


#3 Assembling elements



■ Build a two element system; apply thermal strain

- Rotate a second beam (local to global)
 - The transformation matrix
- Assemble global element stiffness matrix
- Add anchors at both ends
- Calculate “self-load” due to thermal strain
- Assemble global load vector
- Compare with CAESAR II
 - Use $X=AF$ to solve for corner position
 - Solve for internal forces and moments



CAESAR II Model: 2 ELEMENT PLANAR ○

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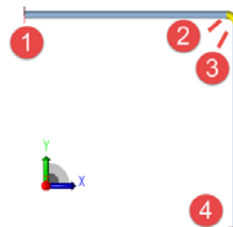


More elements in series



■ Build a straight-bend-straight “system”

- Build element stiffness matrices for beams and bend
- Rotate bend and second beam
- Assemble global stiffness matrix from elements
- Add anchors as boundary conditions
- Calculate/set thermal load for each element
- Assemble global load vector
- Compare with CAESAR II
 - Use $X=AF$ to find position of internal nodes
 - Calculate element forces and moments using thermal position



CAESAR II Model: STRAIGHT-BEND-STRAIGHT ○

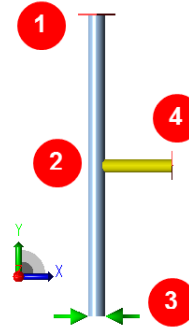
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#4 Branches



- Build a branched “system”
 - Build local stiffness matrices for beams
 - Rotate run pipe to global system
 - Assemble stiffness matrix from elements – focus on offset applied to branch
 - Add boundary conditions (anchors and restraint)
 - Calculate/set thermal load for each element
 - Build load vector – offset vector position
 - Compare with CAESAR II
 - Use $X=AF$ to find position of internal nodes
 - Calculate element forces and moments using thermal position
 - Other points
 - Bandwidth



CAESAR II Model: TEE

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Additional boundary conditions



- Displacements

- Add rigid stiffness for each displacement direction
- Update the load vector to include enough force to produce the required displacement/rotation
 - $F = (\text{restraint stiffness}) \cdot (\text{displacement})$
 - Here:

$$K_{\text{rigid_trans}} = 1.75 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ N/mm}$$

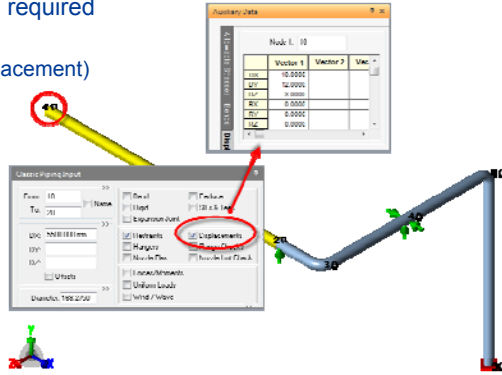
$$K_{\text{rigid_rot}} = 1.13 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m/deg}$$

$$F_{10x} = K_{\text{trans}} \cdot d_{10x}$$

$$F_{10y} = K_{\text{trans}} \cdot d_{10y}$$

$$F_{10z} = K_{\text{trans}} \cdot d_{10z}$$

(with enough load, you can move an anchor anywhere)



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Additional boundary conditions



- Displacements


- Nonlinear restraints

- Initially, include stiffness of all nonlinear restraints (double-acting)
- Calculate position of pipe and loads on these restraints
- If load on the nonlinear restraint is in the correct direction, OK – for that restraint – it is “active” for the load case
 - For example, a -Y load is calculated on a +Y restraint
- If load on the nonlinear restraint is improper – it is “inactive” for this case
 - Remove that restraint stiffness and now monitor position
- If any nonlinear stiffness assumption proves wrong, reanalyze with the update stiffness matrix and updated load vector (if required)
- Continue testing all nonlinear conditions until results are consistent for the input:
 - Monitor load on active restraints
 - Monitor displacement on inactive restraints


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Additional boundary conditions



- Displacements
- Nonlinear restraints
- Friction (stick/slip)
 - Initial condition (assume stick) – Add translational restraints perpendicular to the restraint vector with coefficient of friction (μ) specified
 - If restraint load on that pair of added restraints is less than the resisting force, μN , model is valid
 - If restraint load on that pair of added restraints is greater than the resisting force, μN , model is updated – remove restraints and provide a friction force, μN , opposite the vector loading those remove restraints


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Additional boundary conditions



- Displacements
- Nonlinear restraints
- Friction (stick/slip)
- CNodes
 - Consider as a “partial” element with connection based on restraint type
 - For example:
 - Matrix at right shows the planar (X,Y,RZ) stiffness matrix for a 4 node system
 - If Node 1 was rigidly connected to Node 4 in the X direction, then
 - Add rigid stiffness in X between 1 & 4
 - (Other cells in 1:4 and 4:1 remain empty)

1:1	1:2	1:3	1:4
2:1	2:2	2:3	2:4
3:1	3:2	3:3	3:4
4:1	4:2	4:3	4:4

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A note on load vectors



- Primitive loads are used to build CAESAR II load cases
- Each primitive provides a load vector component
- Load cases combine these primitive loads
- For example: Load Case 1: W+P1+T1+D1 (OPE)
 - Individual load vectors are assembled (here, w1 is the x,y,z,rx,ry,rz weight load assigned to node 1)

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w1 \\ w2 \\ w3 \\ \dots \\ wn \end{bmatrix} \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} p1 \\ p2 \\ p3 \\ \dots \\ pn \end{bmatrix} \quad T = \begin{bmatrix} t1 \\ t2 \\ t3 \\ \dots \\ tn \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} d1 \\ d2 \\ d3 \\ \dots \\ dn \end{bmatrix}$$

- The load vector used with the global stiffness matrix, then, is:

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} w1 \\ w2 \\ w3 \\ \dots \\ wn \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} p1 \\ p2 \\ p3 \\ \dots \\ pn \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t1 \\ t2 \\ t3 \\ \dots \\ tn \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} d1 \\ d2 \\ d3 \\ \dots \\ dn \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{OR} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} w1 + p1 + t1 + d1 \\ w2 + p2 + t2 + d2 \\ w3 + p3 + t3 + d3 \\ \dots \\ wn + pn + tn + dn \end{bmatrix}$$

- Solve for X in F=KX

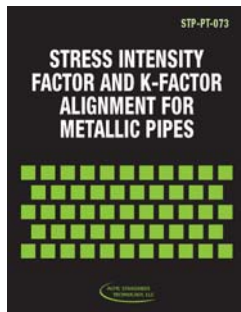
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Flexibility at branch connections



- STP-PT-073: Stress Intensity Factor and k-Factor Alignment for Metallic Pipes
 - Table 1 – Flexibility and Stress Intensification Factors (Sketch No. 2+)
 - [Nonmandatory Appendix D](#) – Calculating Flexibility Factors for Branch Connection Models in



Term	Equation
Run In-plane Flexibility Factor, k_x	$0.18 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.5}$
Run Out-of-plane Flexibility Factor, k_{or}	1
Run Torsional Flexibility Factor, k_{tr}	$0.08 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.5}$
Branch In-plane Flexibility Factor, k_b	$(1.91(d/D) - 4.52(d/D)^2 + 2.7(d/D)^3) (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.5} (t/T)$
Branch Out-of-plane Flexibility Factor, k_{bo}	$(0.34 (d/D) - 0.49(d/D)^2 + 0.18(d/D)^3) (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.5} (t/T)$
Branch Torsional Flexibility Factor, k_{bt}	$(1.08(d/D) - 2.44(d/D)^2 + 1.52(d/D)^3) (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.5} (t/T)$
Run SIF In-plane, i_x	$0.98 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{-0.5}$
Run SIF Out-of-plane, i_{or}	$0.61 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{-0.5}$
Run SIF Torsional, i_{tr}	$0.34 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{-0.5}$
Branch SIF In-plane, i_b	$0.33 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{0.7}$
Branch SIF Out-of-plane, i_{bo}	$0.42 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{0.7}$
Branch SIF Torsional, i_{bt}	$0.42 (R/T)^{0.25} (d/D)^{0.25} (t/T)^{1.1}$

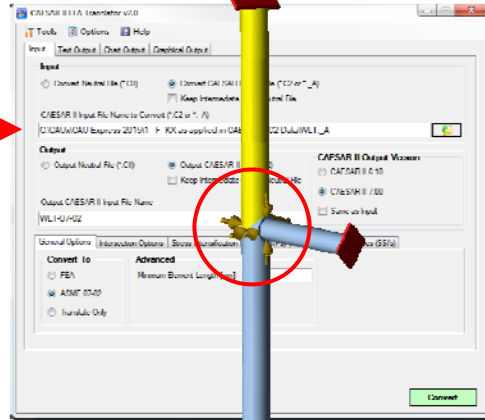
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