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Finite element method (FEM)

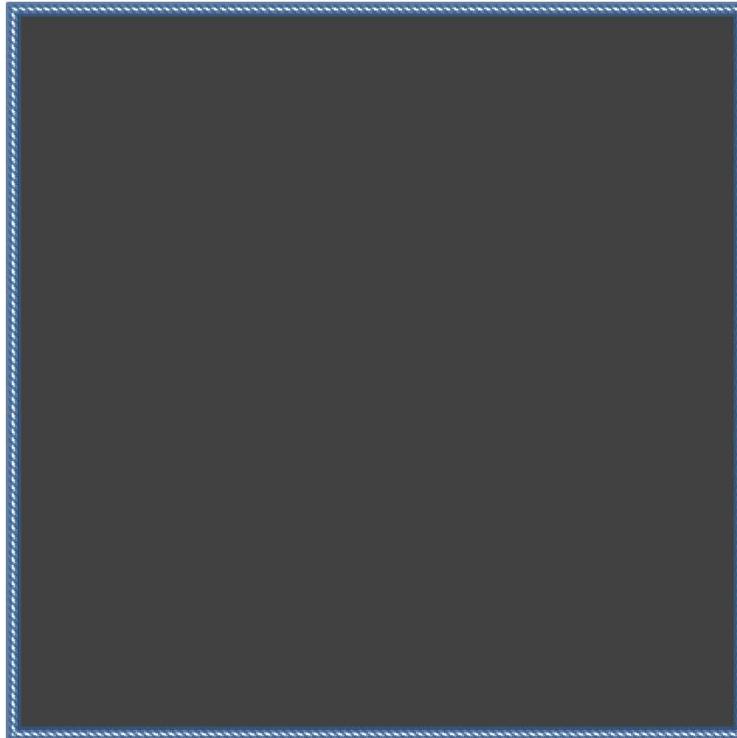
Finite Difference Method. A square plate

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Square plate

Young's modulus: $E = 2 \cdot 10^5 \text{ MPa}$
thickness: $t = 2 \text{ mm}$

$L = 100 \text{ mm}$

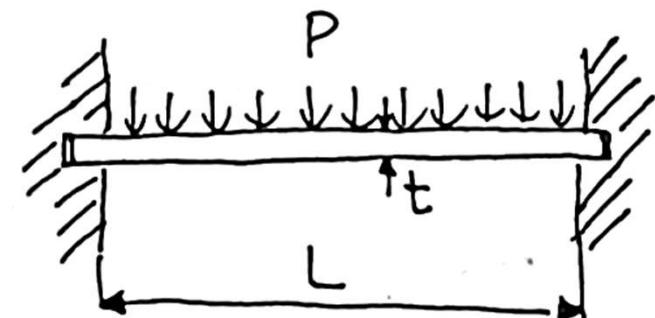


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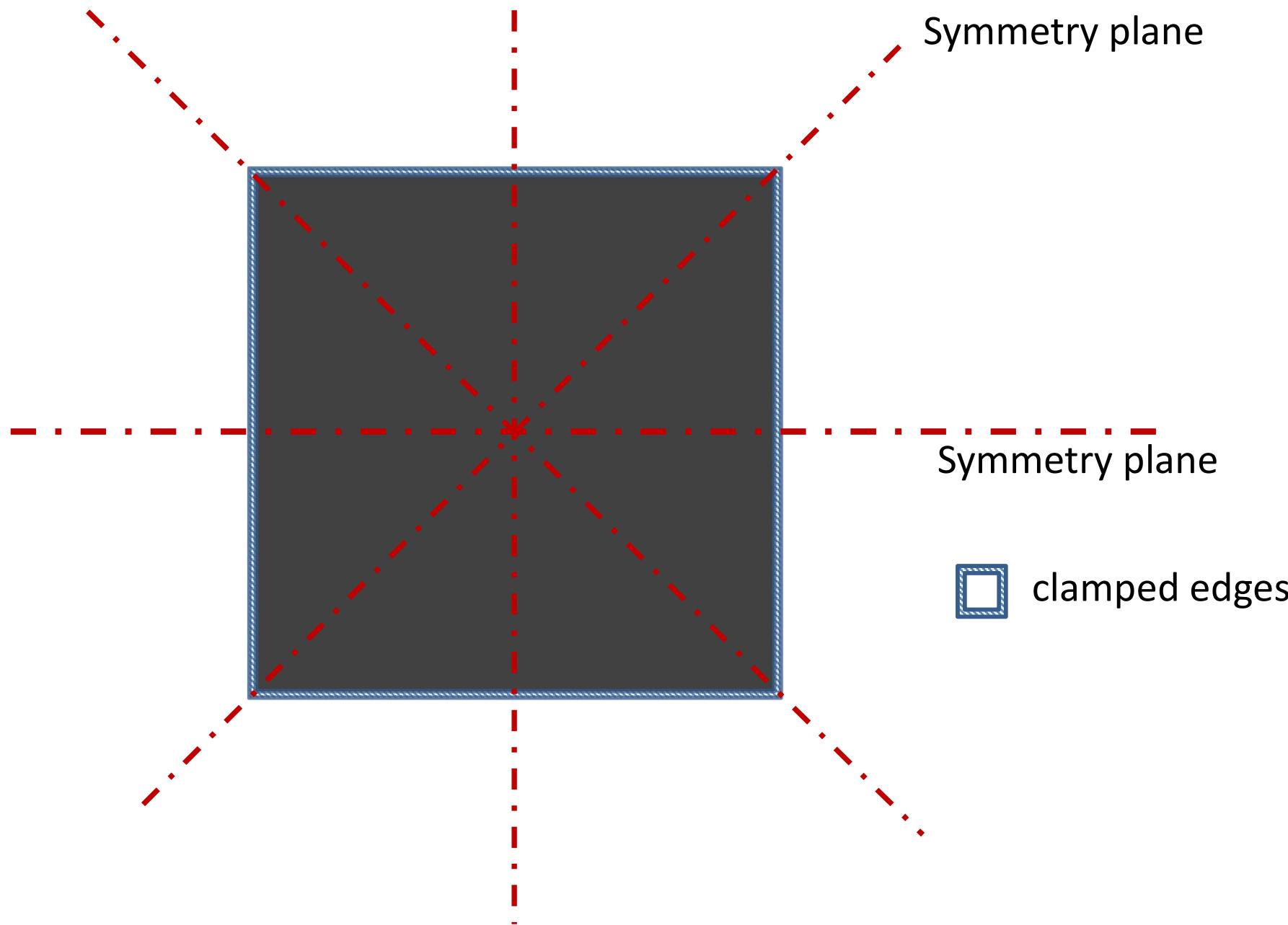
uniform pressure: $p = 0.2 \text{ MPa}$



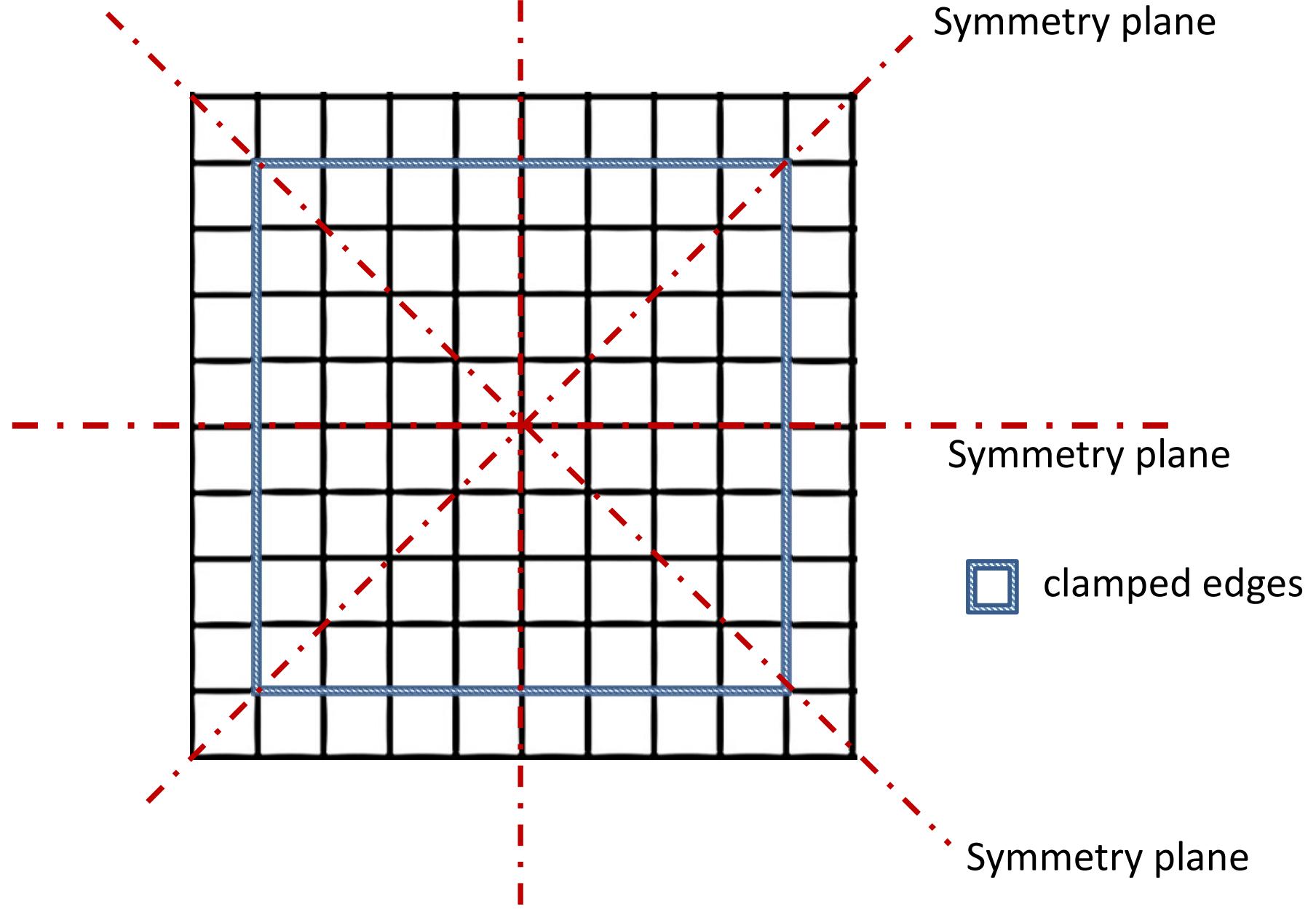
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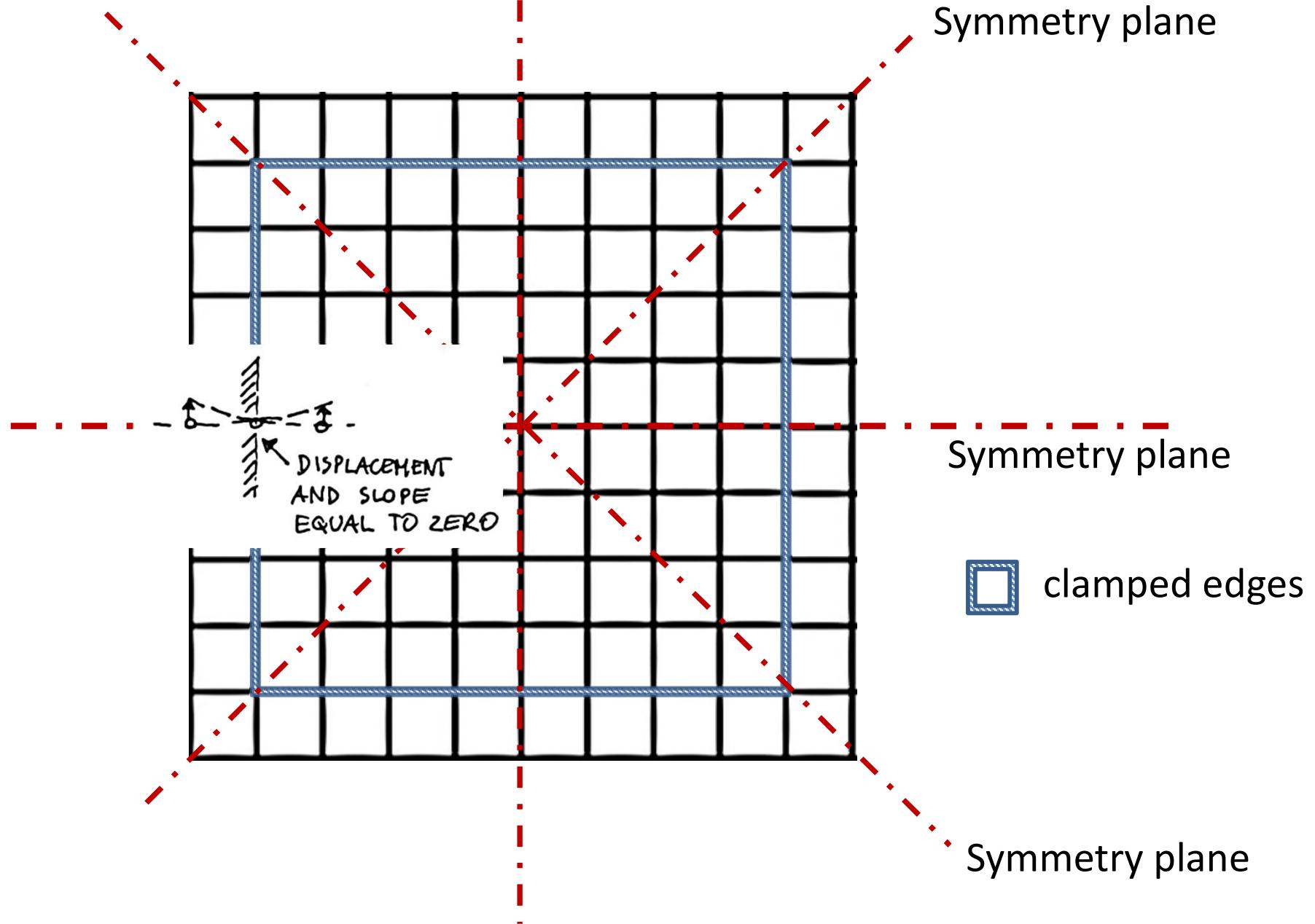
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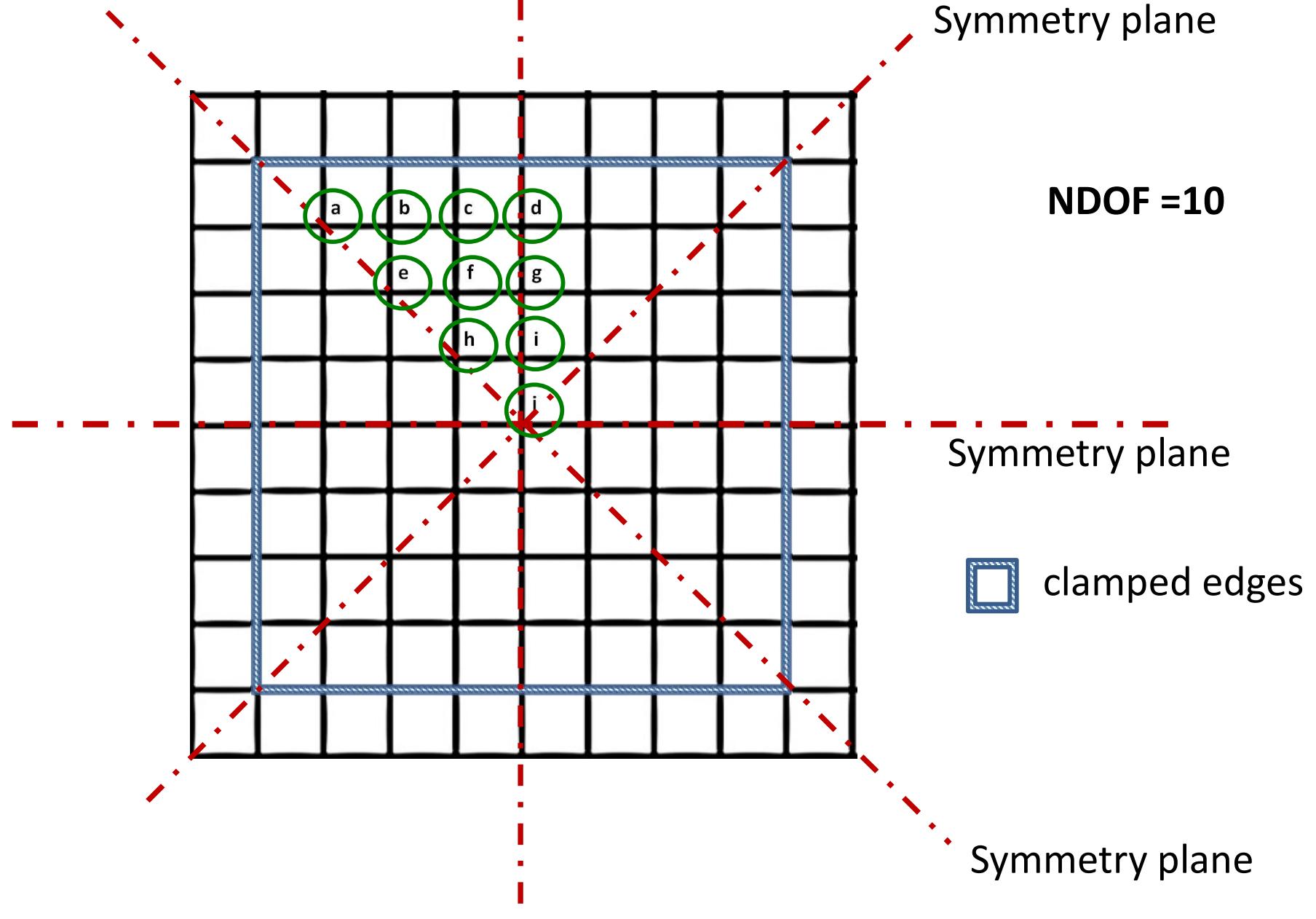
FDM discrete model



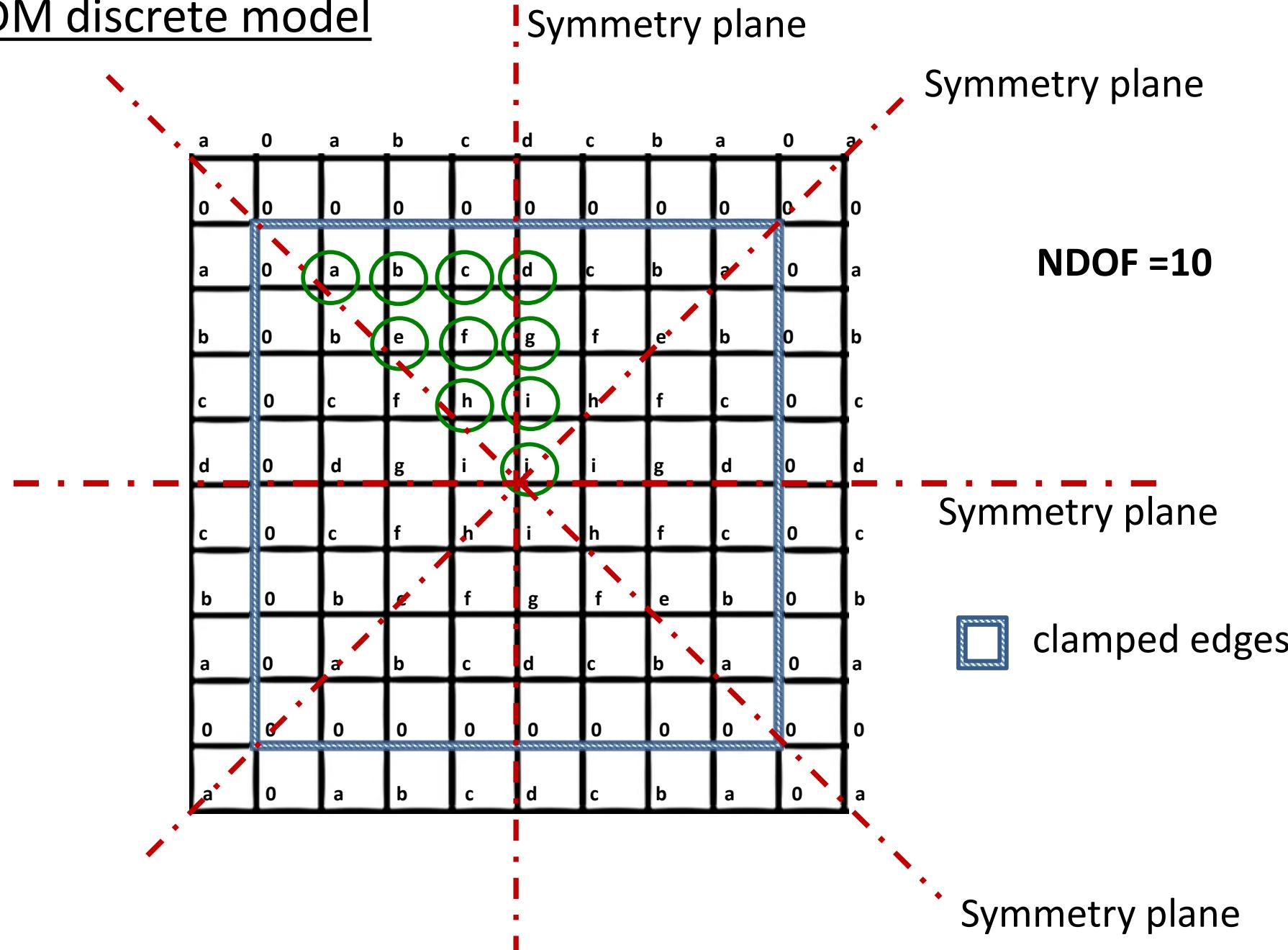
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Partial differential equation of a plate:

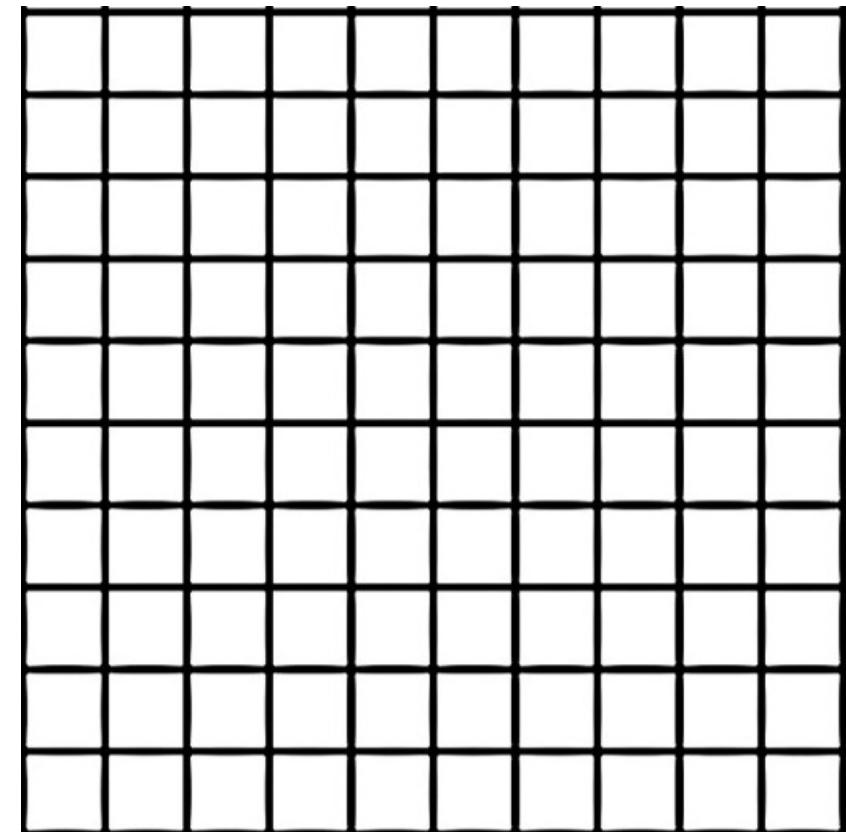
$$\frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial y^4} = \frac{12p(1 - \nu^2)}{Et^3}$$

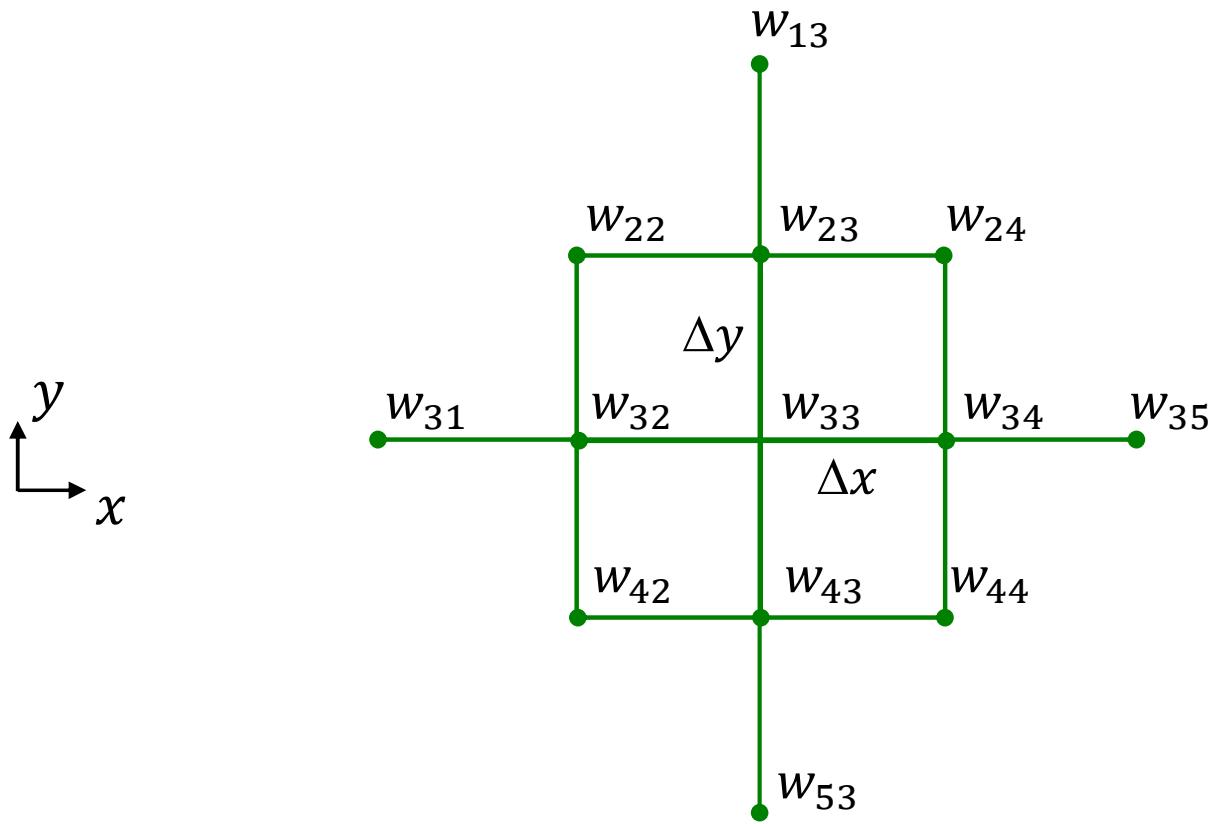
$$L = 100 \text{ mm}$$

Finite difference equation of a plate:

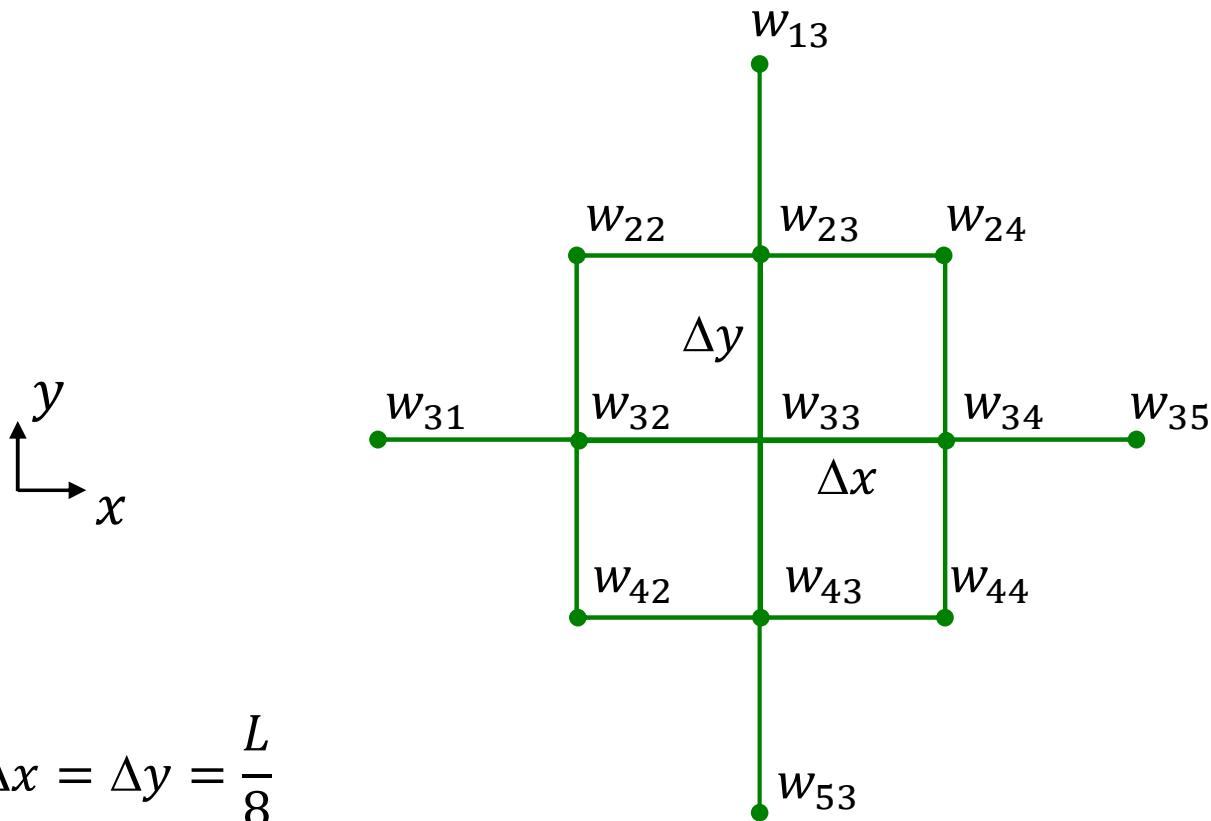
$$\frac{\Delta^4 w}{\Delta x^4} + 2 \frac{\Delta^4 w}{\Delta x^2 \Delta y^2} + \frac{\Delta^4 w}{\Delta y^4} = \frac{12p(1 - \nu^2)}{Et^3}$$

$$L = 100 \text{ mm}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\Delta x^4} (w_{31} - 4w_{32} + 6w_{33} - 4w_{34} + w_{35}) + \\
 & + \frac{2}{\Delta x^2 \Delta y^2} (w_{22} - 2w_{23} + w_{24} - 2w_{32} + 4w_{33} - 2w_{34} + w_{42} - 2w_{43} + w_{44}) + \\
 & + \frac{1}{\Delta x^4} (w_{13} - 4w_{23} + 6w_{33} - 4w_{43} + w_{53}) = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)}{Et^3}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\Delta x = \Delta y = \frac{L}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (w_{31} - 4w_{32} + 6w_{33} - 4w_{34} + w_{35}) + \\
& + 2(w_{22} - 2w_{23} + w_{24} - 2w_{32} + 4w_{33} - 2w_{34} + w_{42} - 2w_{43} + w_{44}) + \\
& +(w_{13} - 4w_{23} + 6w_{33} - 4w_{43} + w_{53}) =
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$1 \cdot w_{13} +$$

$$+ 2 \cdot w_{22} - 8 \cdot w_{23} + 2 \cdot w_{24} +$$

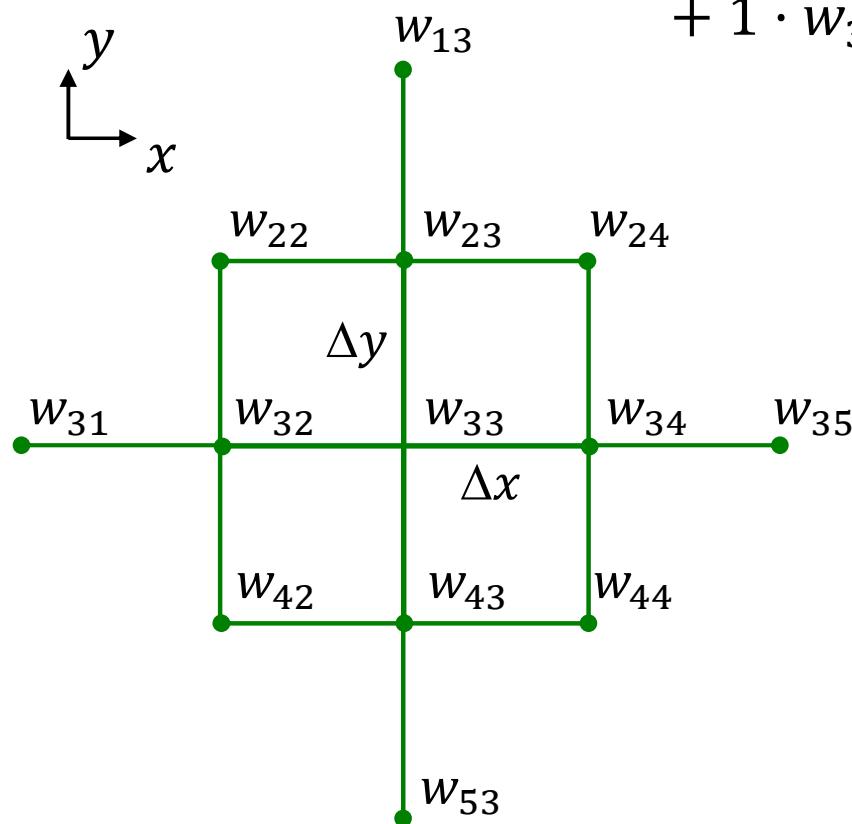
$$+ 1 \cdot w_{31} - 8 \cdot w_{32} + 20 \cdot w_{33} - 8 \cdot w_{34} + 1 \cdot w_{35} +$$

$$+ 2 \cdot w_{42} - 8 \cdot w_{43} + 2 \cdot w_{44} +$$

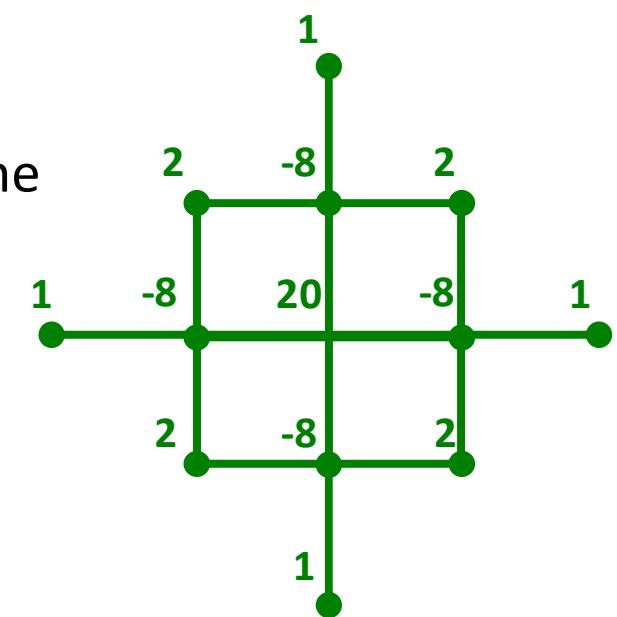
$$+ 1 \cdot w_{53}$$

$$= \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

Differential scheme



$$\Delta x = \Delta y = \frac{L}{8}$$



$$1 \cdot a + 2 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot a - 8 \cdot 0 + 20 \cdot a - 8 \cdot b + 1 \cdot c + 2 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot b + 2 \cdot e + 1 \cdot c = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$22 \cdot a - 16 \cdot b + 2 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e + 0 \cdot f + 0 \cdot g + 0 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

a	0	1	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	0	a
0	2	0	-8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	a	-8	0	20	a	-8	b	1	c	d	c
b	2	0	-8	b	2	e	f	g	f	e	b
c	0	1	c	f	h	i	h	f	c	0	c
d	0	d	g	i	j	i	g	d	0	d	d
c	0	c	f	h	i	h	f	c	0	c	c
b	0	b	e	f	g	f	e	b	0	b	b
a	0	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	0	a	a
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	0	a	a



clamped edges

$$1 \cdot b + 2 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot a + 20 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 1 \cdot d + 2 \cdot b - 8 \cdot e + 2 \cdot f + 1 \cdot f = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$-8 \cdot a + 23 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 1 \cdot d - 8 \cdot e + 3 \cdot f + 0 \cdot g + 0 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

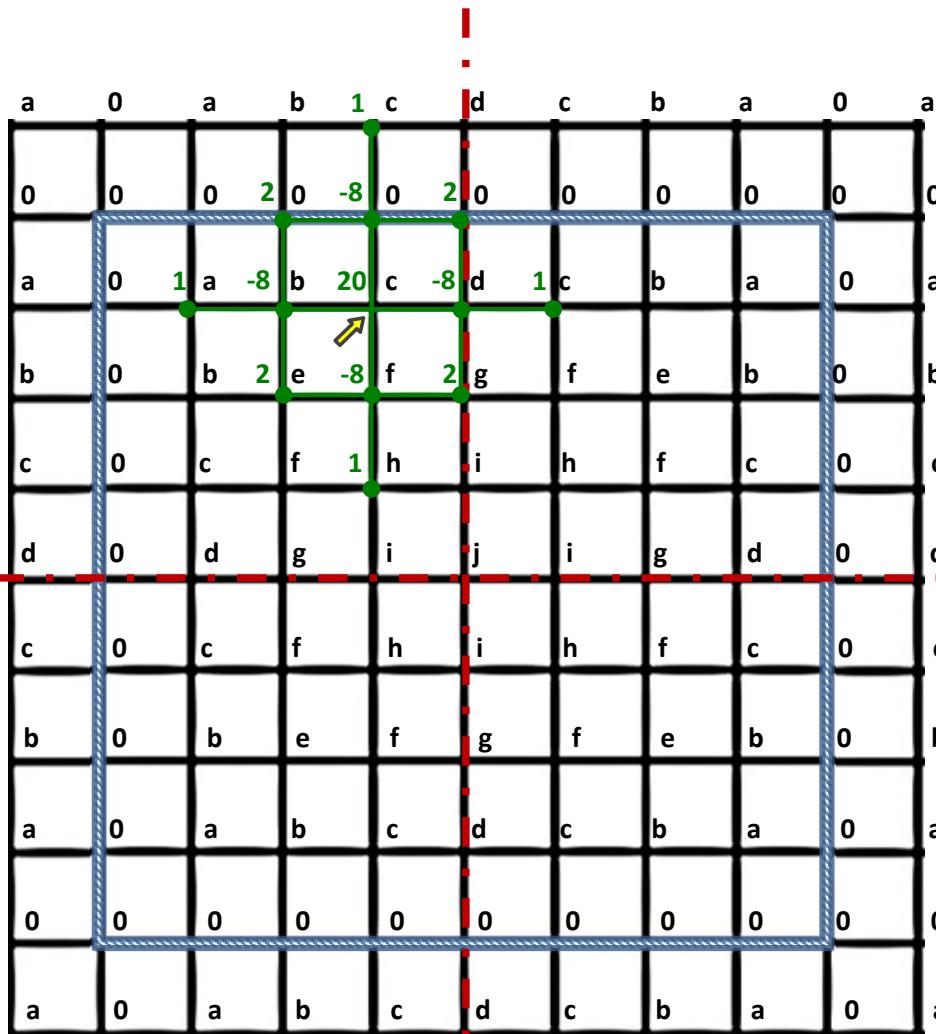
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b	0	2	b	-8	e	2	f	g	f	e	b
c	0	c	1	f	h	i	h	f	c	0	c
d	0	d	g	i	j	i	g	d	0	d	d
c	0	c	f	h	i	h	f	c	0	c	c
b	0	b	e	f	g	f	e	b	0	b	b
a	0	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	0	a	a
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	0	a	a



clamped edges

$$1 \cdot c + 2 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot a - 8 \cdot b + 20 \cdot c - 8 \cdot d + 1 \cdot c + 2 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 2 \cdot g + 1 \cdot h = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$

$$1 \cdot a - 8 \cdot b + 22 \cdot c - 8 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 2 \cdot g + 1 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$



clamped edges

$$1 \cdot d + 2 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 20 \cdot d - 8 \cdot c + 1 \cdot b + 2 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g + 2 \cdot f + 1 \cdot i = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096E^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 2 \cdot b - 16 \cdot c + 21 \cdot d + 0 \cdot e + 4 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g + 0 \cdot h + 1 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096E^3}$$

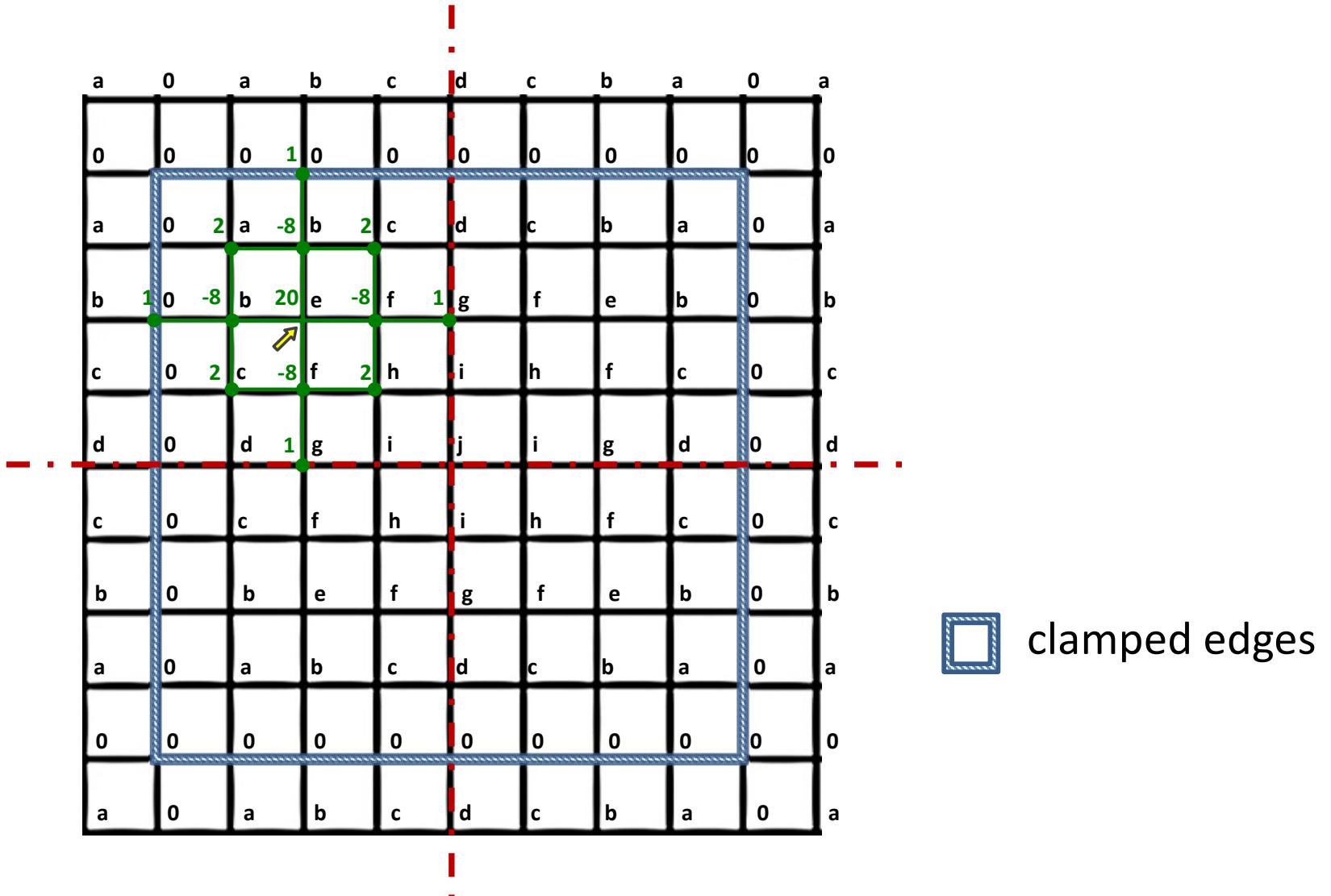
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b	0	b	e	2	f	-8	g	2	f	e	b
c	0	c	f	h	1	i	h	f	c	0	c
d	0	d	g	i	j	i	g	d	0	d	d
c	0	c	f	h	i	h	f	c	0	c	c
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clamped edges

$$1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot a - 8 \cdot b + 2 \cdot c + 1 \cdot 0 - 8 \cdot b + 20 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 1 \cdot g + 2 \cdot c - 8 \cdot f + 2 \cdot h + 1 \cdot g = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

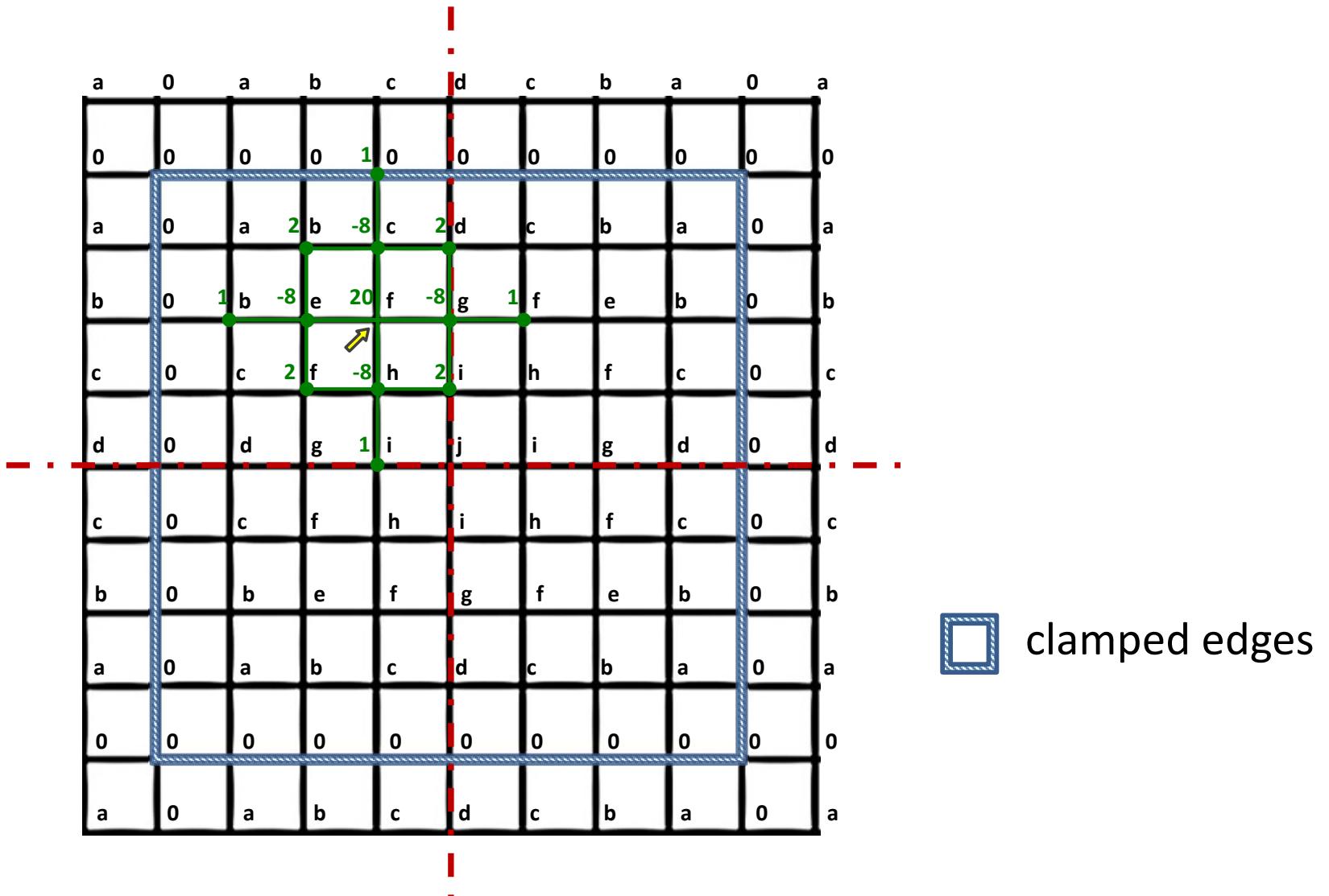
$$2 \cdot a - 16 \cdot b + 4 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d + 20 \cdot e - 16 \cdot f + 2 \cdot g + 2 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$



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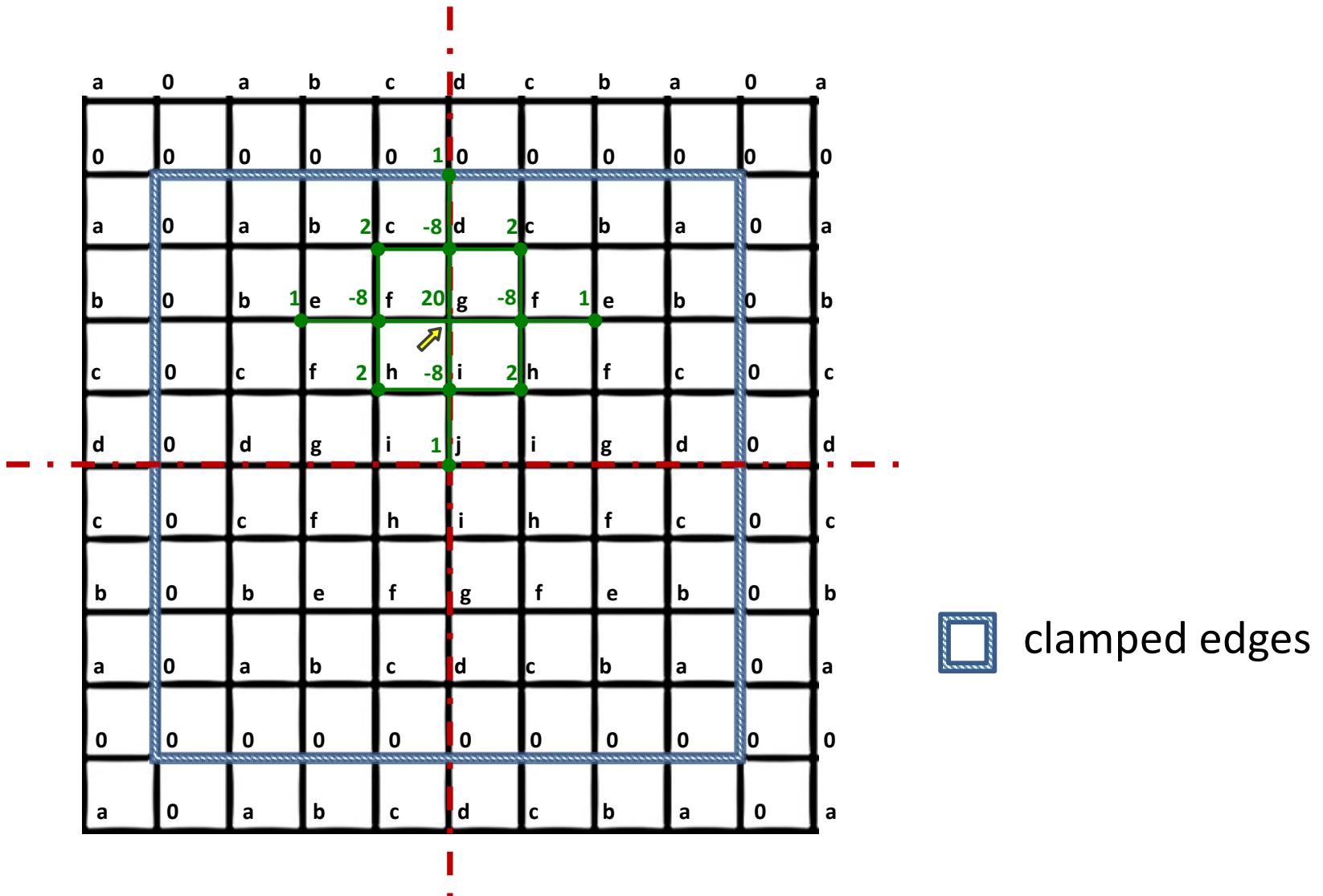
$$1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 2 \cdot d + 1 \cdot b - 8 \cdot e + 20 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g + 1 \cdot f + 2 \cdot f - 8 \cdot h + 2 \cdot i + 1 \cdot i = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 3 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 2 \cdot d - 8 \cdot e + 23 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g - 8 \cdot h + 3 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$



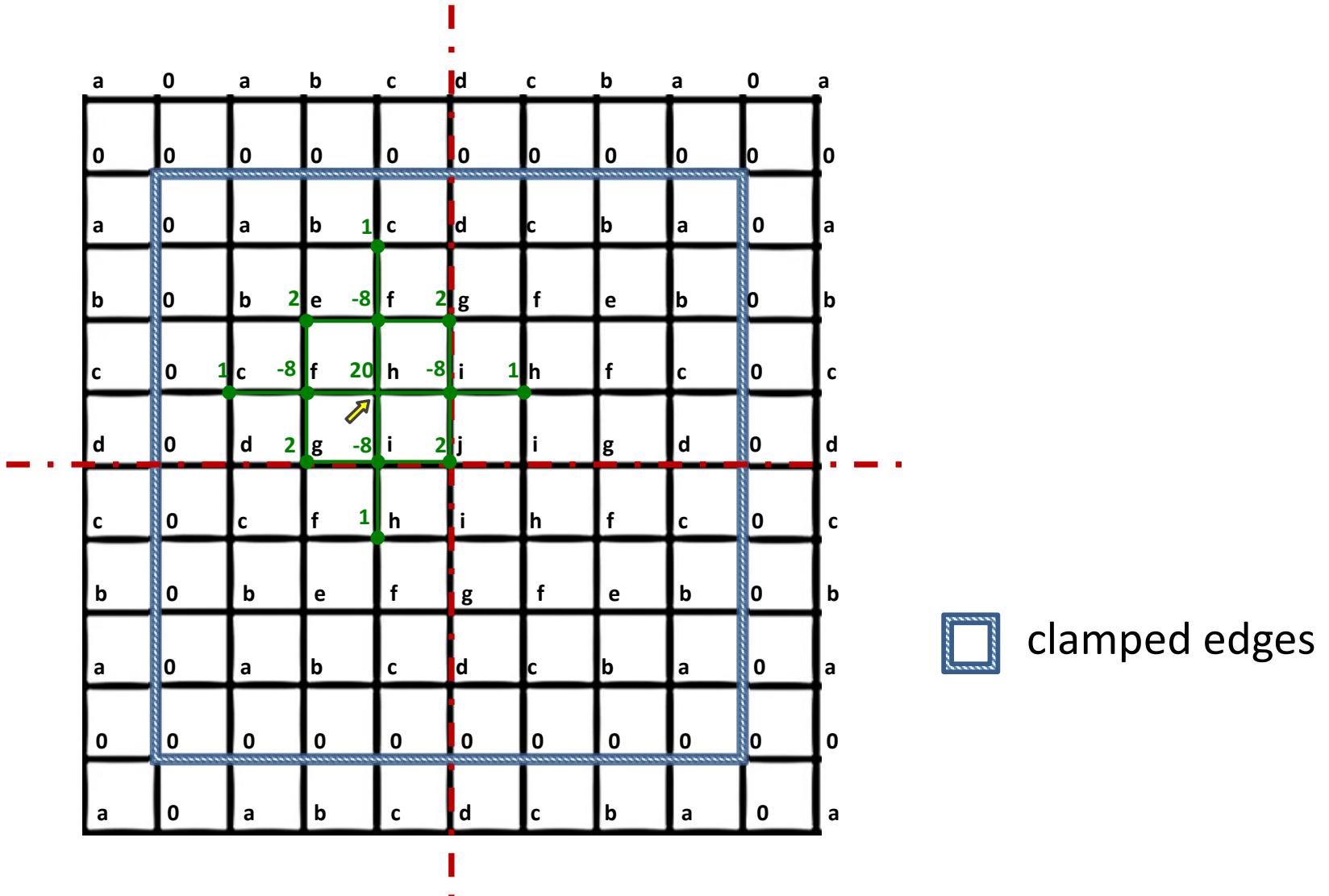
$$1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot c - 8 \cdot d + 2 \cdot c + 1 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 20 \cdot g - 8 \cdot f + 1 \cdot e + 2 \cdot h - 8 \cdot i + 2 \cdot h + 1 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 4 \cdot c - 8 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e - 16 \cdot f + 20 \cdot g + 4 \cdot h - 8 \cdot i + 1 \cdot j = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$



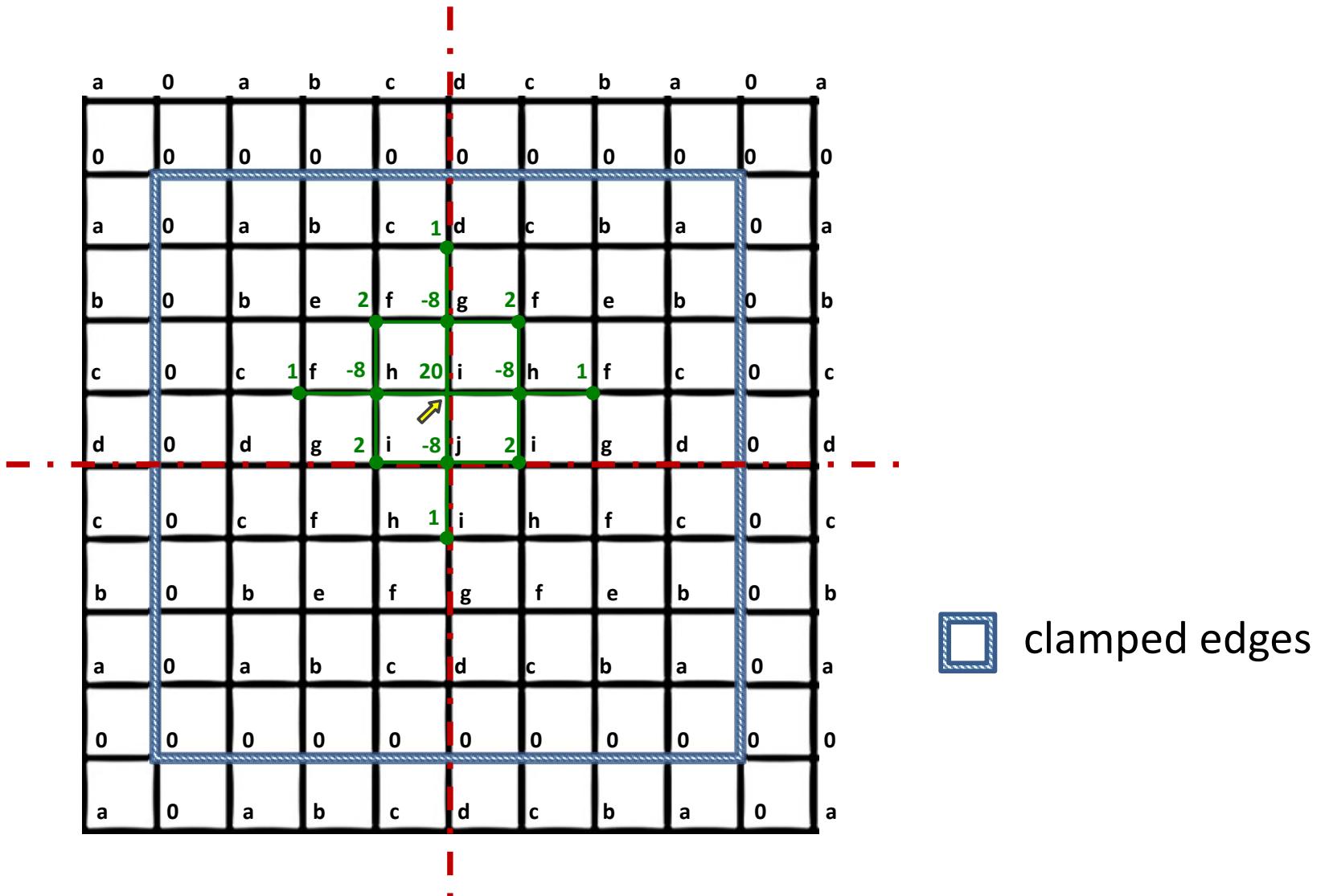
$$1 \cdot c + 2 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 2 \cdot g + 1 \cdot c - 8 \cdot f + 20 \cdot h - 8 \cdot i + 1 \cdot h + 2 \cdot g - 8 \cdot i + 2 \cdot j + 1 \cdot h = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 2 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e - 16 \cdot f + 4 \cdot g + 22 \cdot h - 16 \cdot i + 2 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$



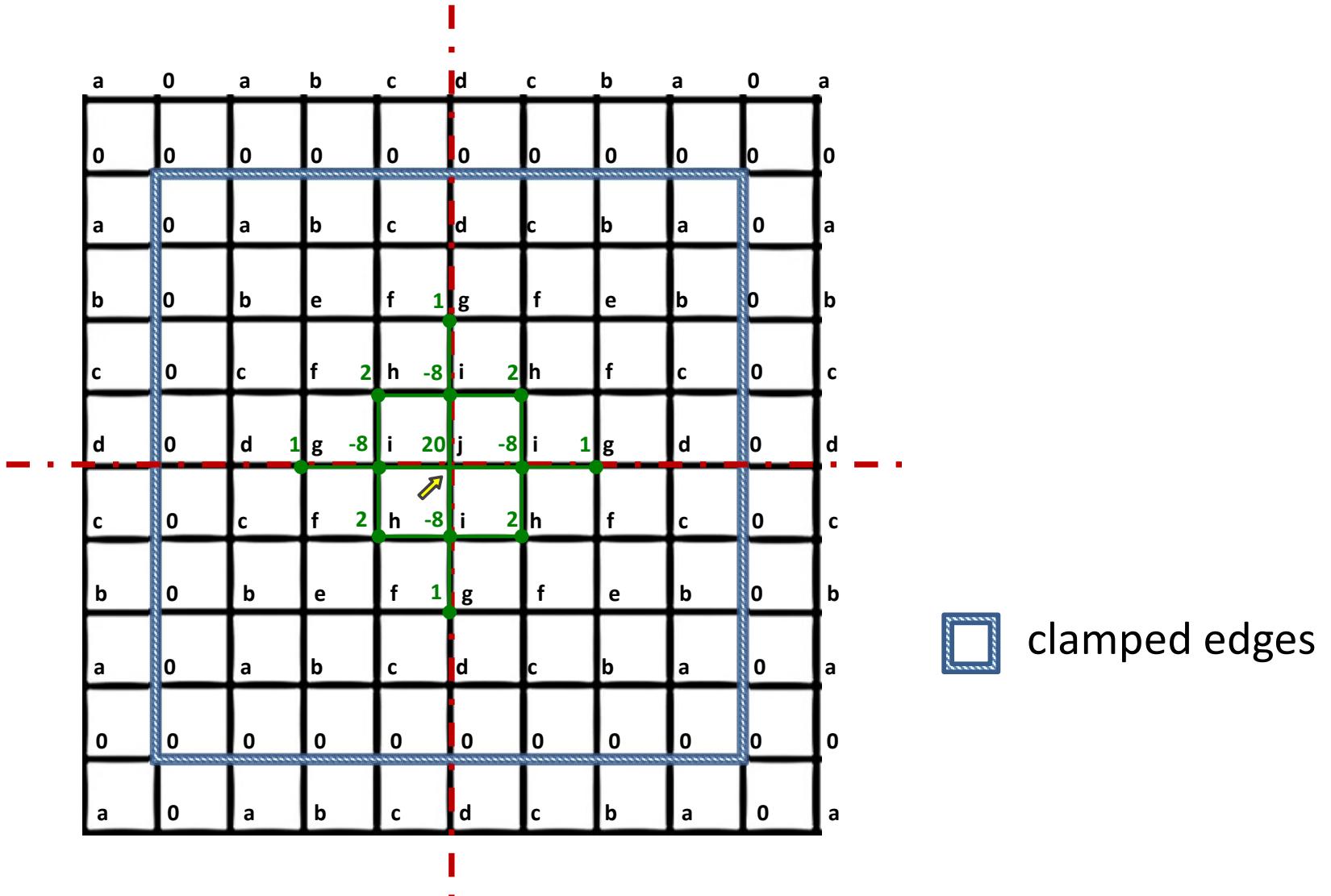
$$1 \cdot d + 2 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g + 2 \cdot f + 1 \cdot f - 8 \cdot h + 20 \cdot i - 8 \cdot h + 1 \cdot f + 2 \cdot i - 8 \cdot j + 2 \cdot i + 1 \cdot i = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 0 \cdot c + 1 \cdot d + 0 \cdot e + 6 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g - 16 \cdot h + 25 \cdot i - 8 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096^3}$$



$$1 \cdot g + 2 \cdot h - 8 \cdot i + 2 \cdot h + 1 \cdot g - 8 \cdot i + 20 \cdot j - 8 \cdot i + 1 \cdot g + 2 \cdot h - 8 \cdot i + 2 \cdot h + 1 \cdot g = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$0 \cdot a + 0 \cdot b + 0 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d + 0 \cdot e + 0 \cdot f + 4 \cdot g + 8 \cdot h - 32 \cdot i + 20 \cdot j = \frac{12(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$



clamped edges

$$22 \cdot a - 16 \cdot b + 2 \cdot c + 0 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e + 0 \cdot f + 0 \cdot g + 0 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12 \cdot (1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$-8 \cdot a + 23 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 1 \cdot d - 8 \cdot e + 3 \cdot f + 0 \cdot g + 0 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

$$1 \cdot a - 8 \cdot b + 22 \cdot c - 8 \cdot d + 2 \cdot e - 8 \cdot f + 2 \cdot g + 1 \cdot h + 0 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

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$$0 \cdot a + 3 \cdot b - 8 \cdot c + 2 \cdot d - 8 \cdot e + 23 \cdot f - 8 \cdot g - 8 \cdot h + 3 \cdot i + 0 \cdot j = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3}$$

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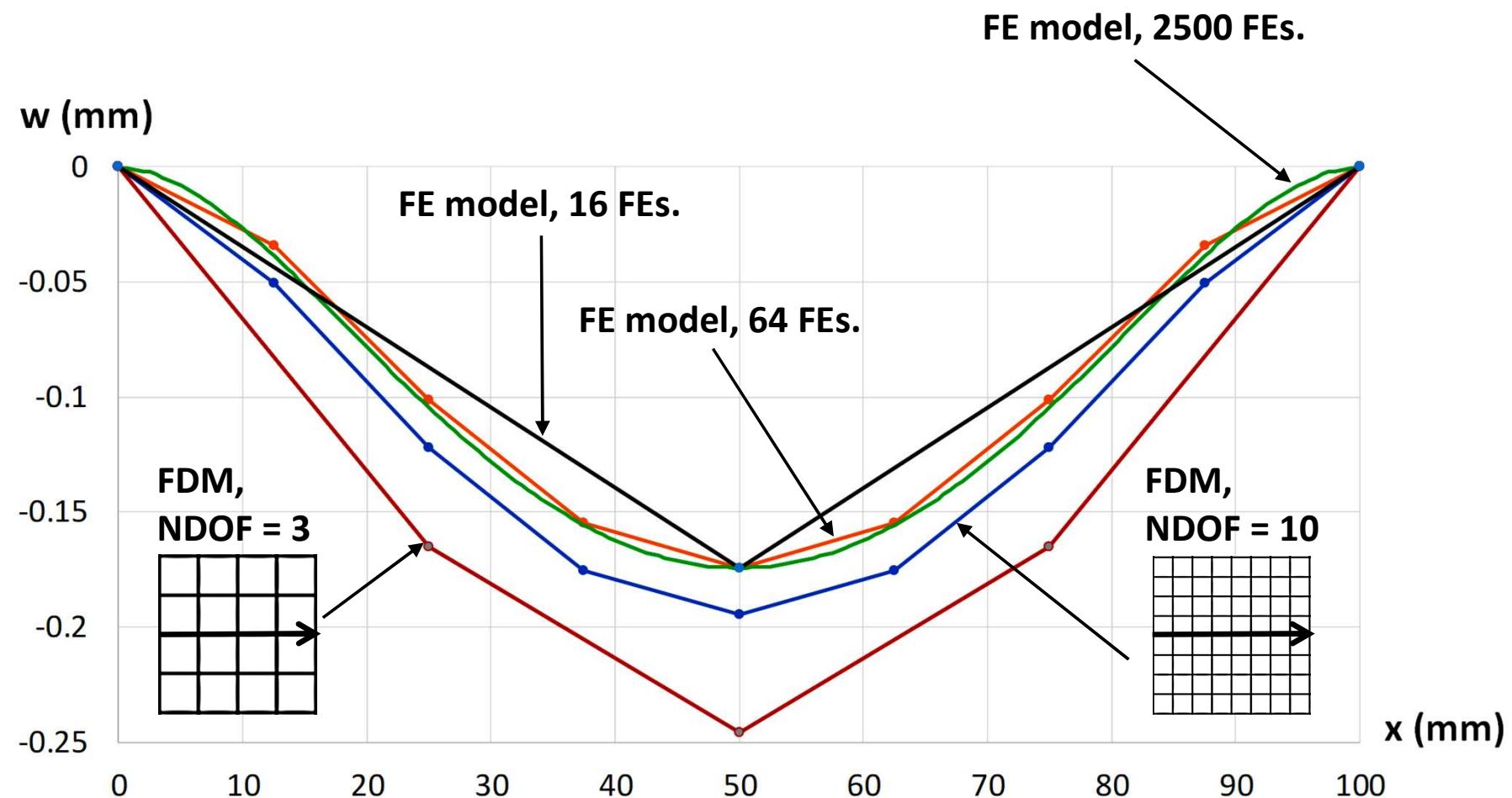
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 22 & -16 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -8 & 23 & -8 & 1 & -8 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -8 & 22 & -8 & 2 & -8 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -16 & 21 & 0 & 4 & -8 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & -16 & 4 & 0 & 20 & -16 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -8 & 2 & -8 & 23 & -8 & -8 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -16 & 20 & 4 & -8 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & -16 & 4 & 22 & -16 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 & -8 & -16 & 25 & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 8 & -32 & 20 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \\ j \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{12p(1-\nu^2)L^4}{4096Et^3} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Point	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
w (mm)	-0.014	-0.033	-0.046	-0.051	-0.077	-0.110	-0.122	-0.158	-0.175	-0.194

Deformation of a square plate: Finite Difference Method and FEM solution (4 node SHELL 181)



Bending moments

$$m_x = -\frac{Et^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$m_y = -\frac{Et^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} + \nu \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right)$$

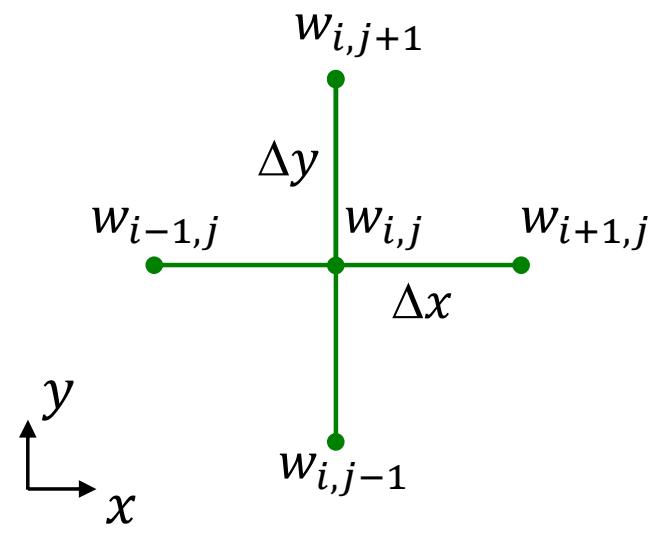
Normal stress components on the top layer ($z = \frac{1}{2}t$)

$$\sigma_x = \frac{6m_x}{t^2} \quad ; \quad \sigma_y = \frac{6m_y}{t^2}$$

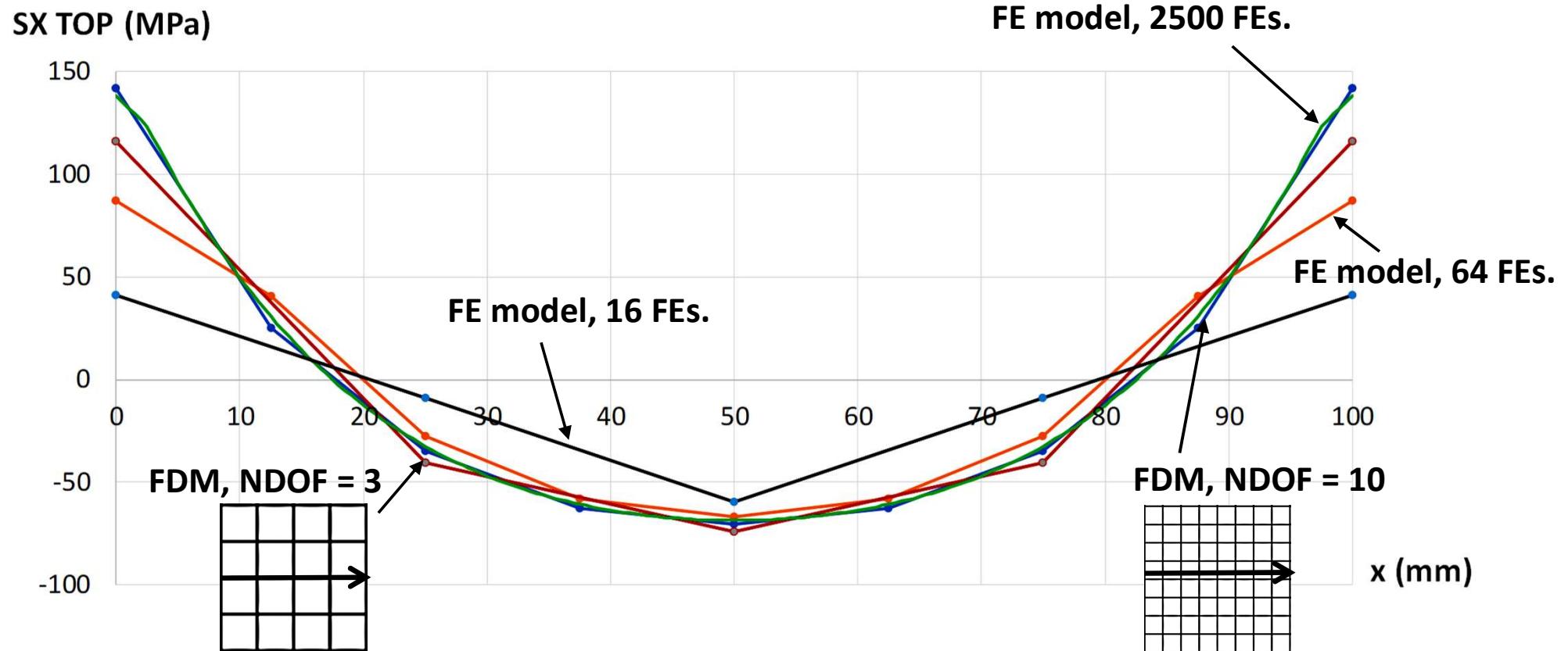
Curvatures:

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = \frac{w_{i+1,j} - 2w_{i,j} + w_{i-1,j}}{\Delta x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = \frac{w_{i,j+1} - 2w_{i,j} + w_{i,j-1}}{\Delta y^2}$$



Stress SX component on the top layer: Finite Difference Method and FEM solution (4 node SHELL 181)



Stress SY component on the top layer: Finite Difference Method and FEM solution (4 node SHELL 181)

