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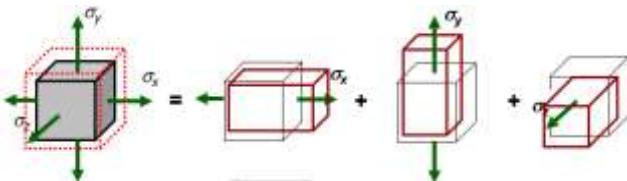


# Finite element method (FEM1)

Lecture 3A. Two dimensional (2D) cases - CST element

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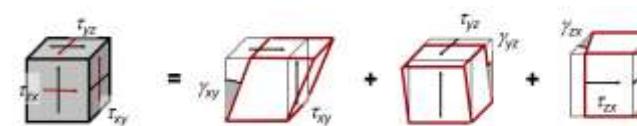
# Hooke's law for an isotropic material in a three-dimensional state



$$\varepsilon_x = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_x - \nu(\sigma_y + \sigma_z))$$

$$\varepsilon_y = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_y - \nu(\sigma_z + \sigma_x))$$

$$\varepsilon_z = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_z - \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y))$$



$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{G}$$

$$\gamma_{yz} = \frac{\tau_{yz}}{G}$$

$$\gamma_{zx} = \frac{\tau_{zx}}{G}$$

*E – Young modulus*

*v - Poisson ratio*

*G – shear modulus*

$$G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$$

vector of stress components:

$$\{\sigma\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \sigma_z \\ \tau_{xy} \\ \tau_{yz} \\ \tau_{zx} \end{Bmatrix}_{6 \times 1}$$

Constitutive matrix:

$$[D] = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & 1-\nu & \nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \nu & \nu & 1-\nu & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5-\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5-\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5-\nu \end{bmatrix}_{6 \times 6}$$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\}$$

$6 \times 1 \quad 6 \times 6 \quad 6 \times 1$

vector of strain components:

$$\{\varepsilon\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \\ \gamma_{xy} \\ \gamma_{yz} \\ \gamma_{zx} \end{Bmatrix}_{6 \times 1}$$

# Plane stress (thin plates, shells)

$$\sigma_x ; \sigma_y ; \sigma_z = 0$$

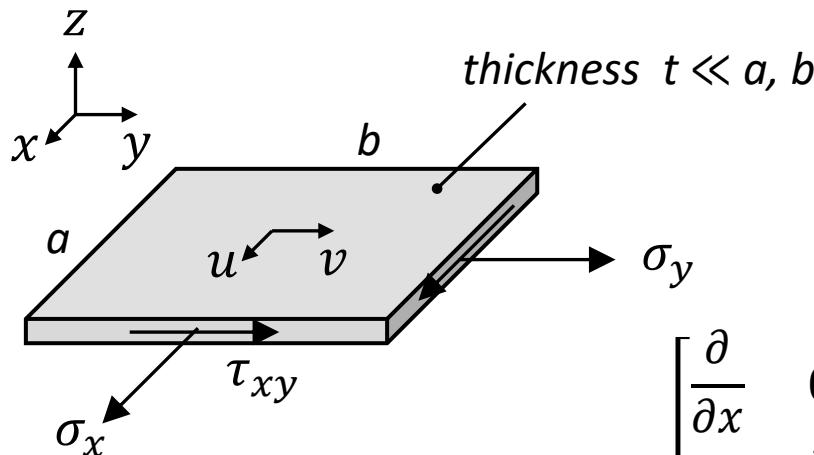
$$\tau_{xy} ; \tau_{yz} = 0 ; \tau_{zx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_x ; \varepsilon_y ; \varepsilon_z = -\frac{\nu}{E}(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$$

$$\gamma_{xy} ; \gamma_{yz} = 0 ; \gamma_{zx} = 0$$

displacement vector:

$$[u] = [u, v]^T$$



$$[R] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 2}$$

Gradient matrix

vector of strain components:

$$[\varepsilon] = [\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}]^T$$

vector of stress components:

$$[\sigma] = [\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}]^T$$

$$[\varepsilon] = [R][u]$$

Constitutive matrix for Plain Stress:

$$[D] = \frac{E}{(1-\nu^2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1-\nu) \end{bmatrix}_{3 \times 3}$$

# Plane strain (infinitely long pipe, prism and roller)

$$\sigma_x ; \sigma_y ; \sigma_z = v(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)$$

$$\tau_{xy} ; \tau_{yz} = 0 ; \tau_{zx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_x ; \varepsilon_y ; \varepsilon_z = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xy} ; \gamma_{yz} = 0 ; \gamma_{zx} = 0$$

displacement vector:

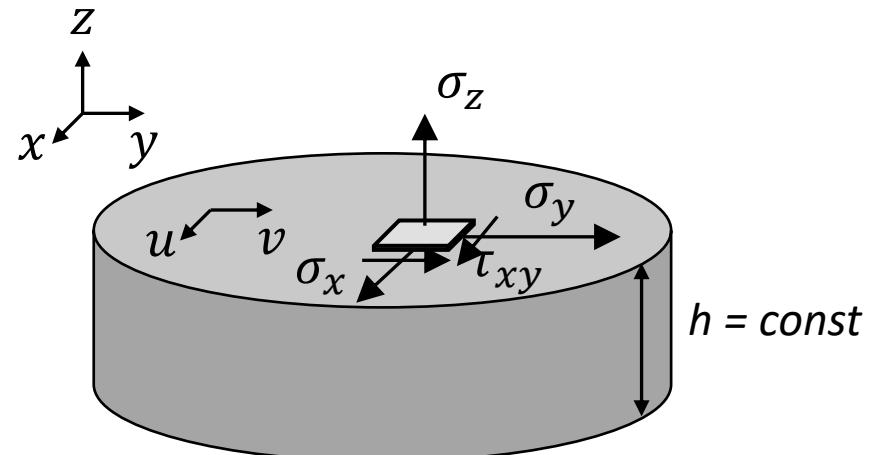
$$[u] = [u, v]^T$$

vector of strain components:

$$[\varepsilon] = [\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \gamma_{xy}]^T$$

vector of stress components:

$$[\sigma] = [\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \tau_{xy}]^T$$



$$\{\varepsilon\} = [R]\{u\}$$

Gradient matrix

$$[R] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D]\{\varepsilon\}$$

$$[D] = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1-\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1-2\nu) \end{bmatrix}$$

Constitutive matrix for plain strain:

# Axisymmetry (rotating disc)

$$\sigma_x ; \sigma_y ; \sigma_z$$

$$\tau_{xy} ; \tau_{yz} = 0 ; \tau_{zx} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_x ; \varepsilon_y ; \varepsilon_z = 0$$

$$\gamma_{xy} ; \gamma_{yz} = 0 ; \gamma_{zx} = 0$$

displacement vector:  $[u] = [u, v]$

vector of strain components :

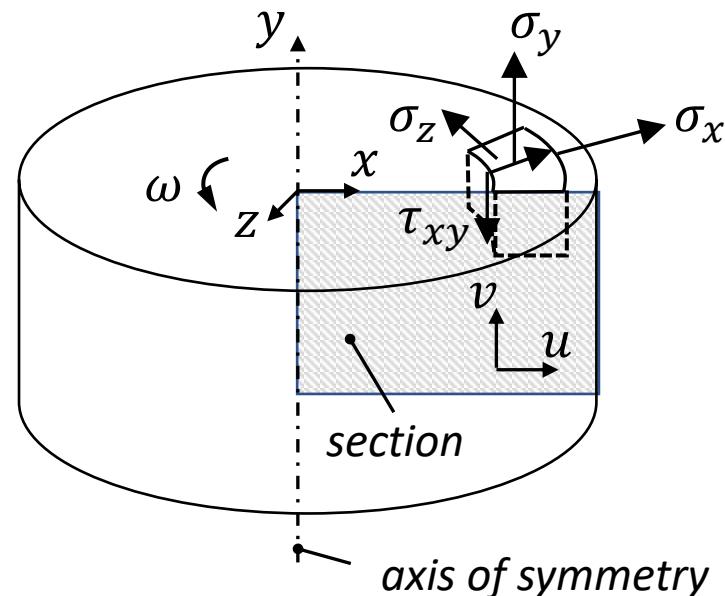
$$[\varepsilon] = [\varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_z, \gamma_{xy}]^T$$

vector of stress components:

$$[\sigma] = [\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z, \tau_{xy}]^T$$

$$[D] = \frac{E}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\nu & \nu & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1-\nu & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & \nu & 1-\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5-\nu \end{bmatrix}$$

directions:  
 $x$  – radial  
 $y$  – longitudinal  
 $z$  – hoop



gradient matrix:

$$[R] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

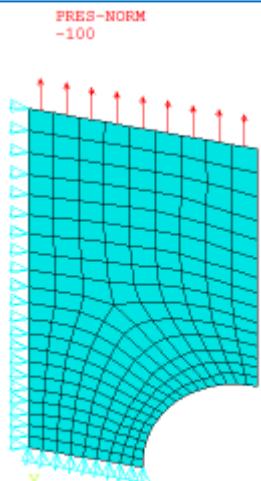
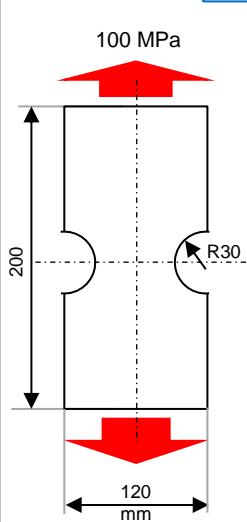
$$\{\varepsilon\} = [R] \{u\}$$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\}$$

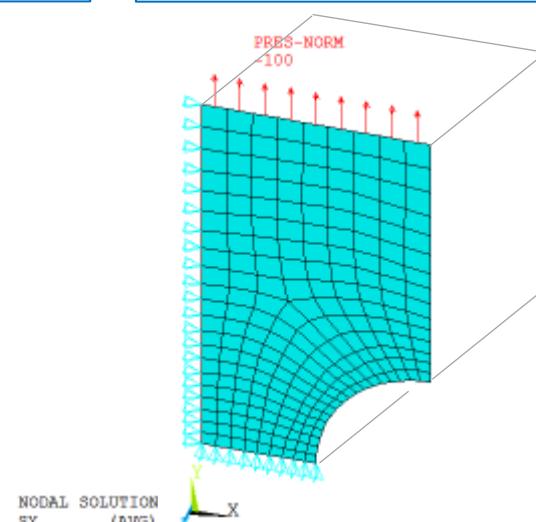
Constitutive matrix for axial symmetry

# Example of using the 2D element option

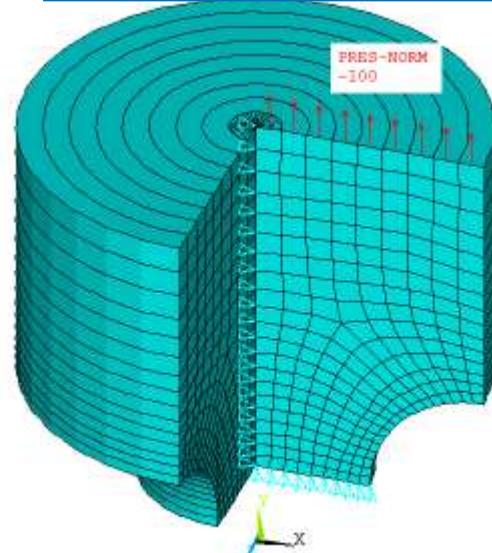
Plain stress



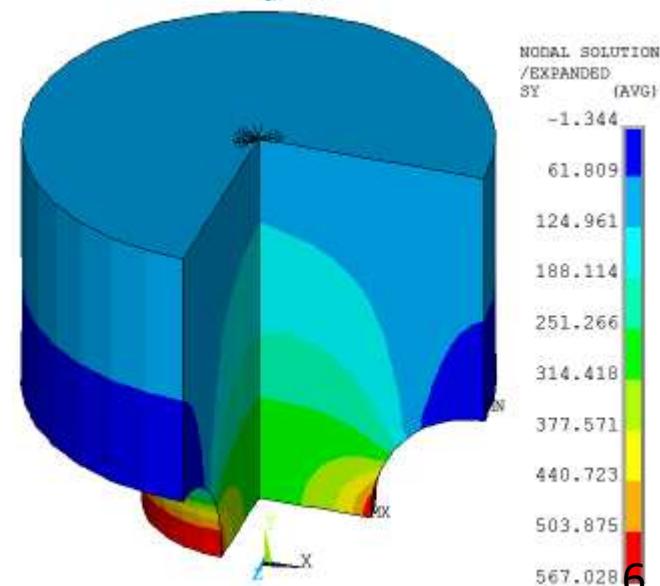
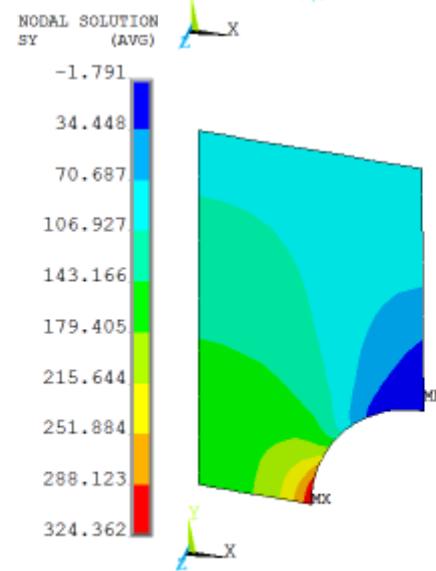
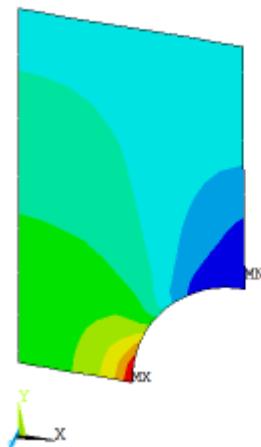
Plain strain



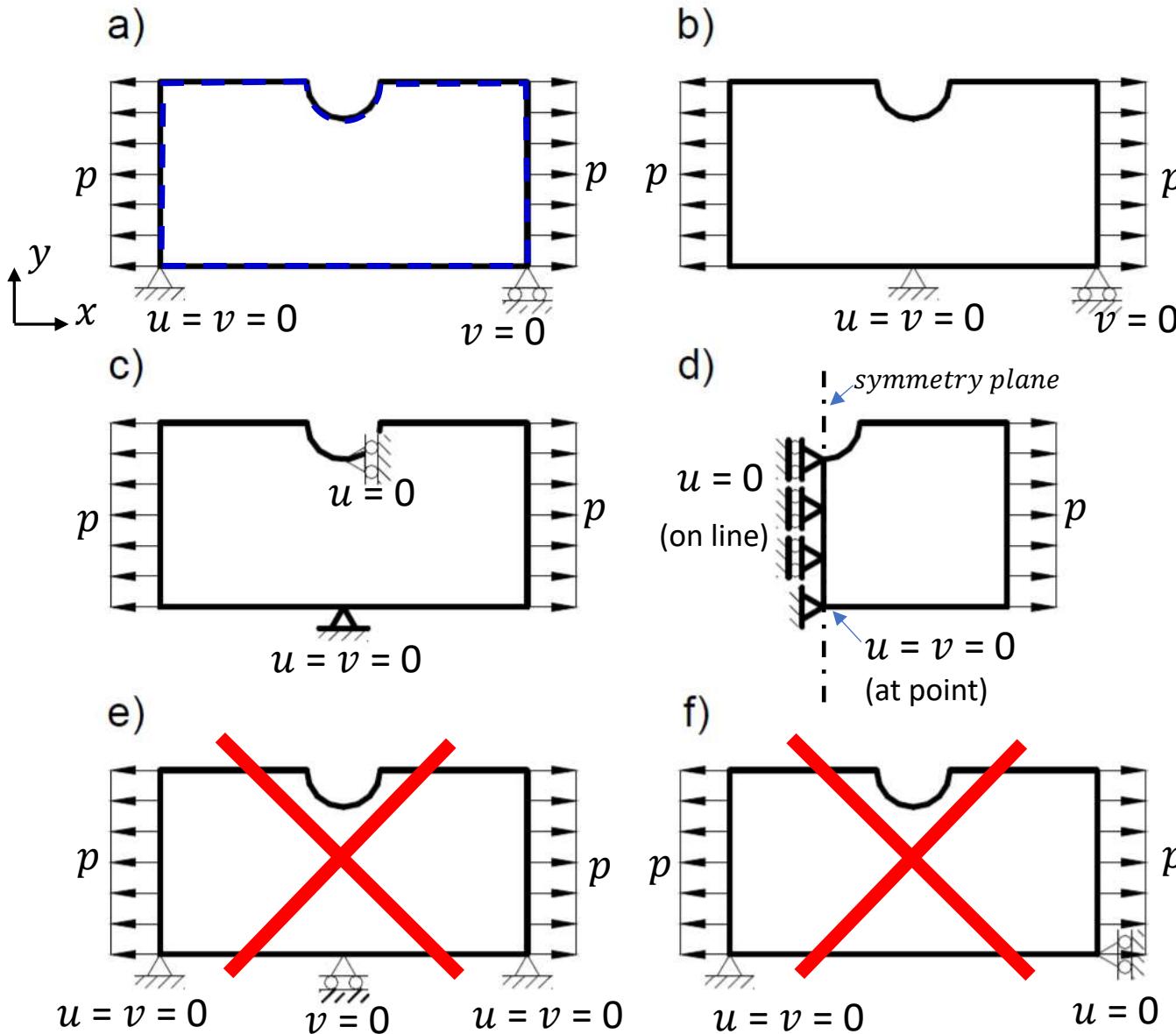
Axial symmetry



$E = 2 \times 10^5$  MPa  
 $\nu = 0.3$



# Support conditions for a 2D plate loaded with forces in equilibrium

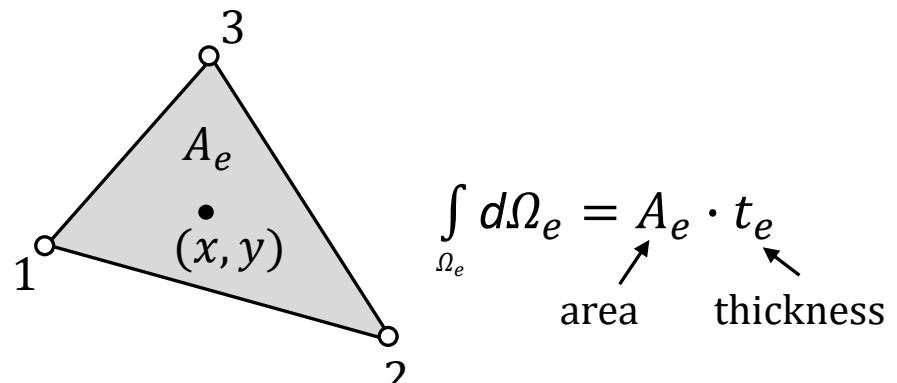
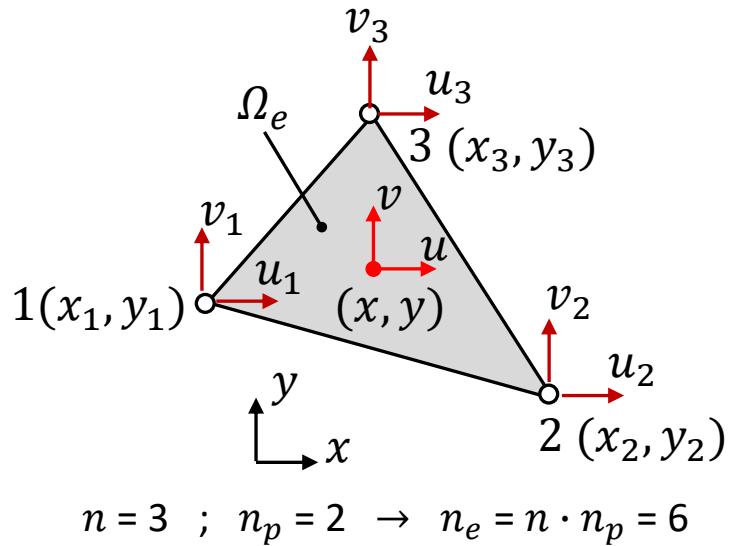


Even in the case of self-balanced loading, it is necessary to assign a number of degrees of freedom for the model that will prevent the possibility of movement as a rigid body.

At the same time, we should not restrict the freedom of deformation so that the stiffness matrix does not become singular and the solution ambiguous.

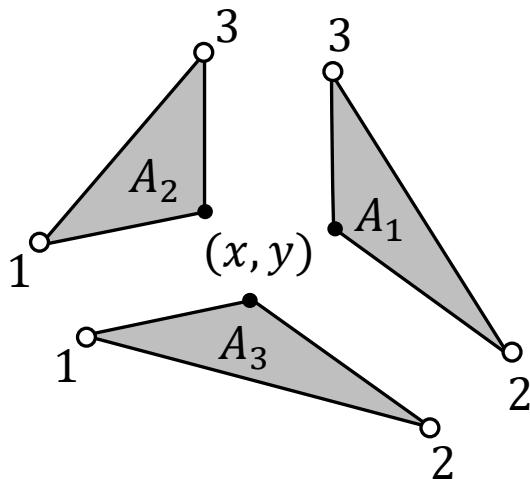
**Correct constraints:**  
*(constrained rigid body motion and correct deformation):*  
a, b, c, d

## CST (Constant Strain Triangle) finite element (2D, 3-node triangle)



Area of a triangle with vertices 1,2,3:

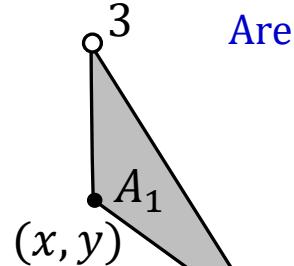
$$A_e = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2 + x_3 y_1 - x_1 y_3 + x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1}{2}$$

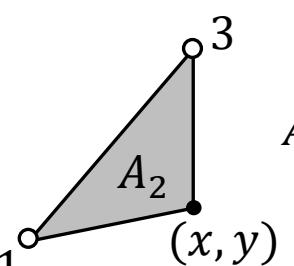


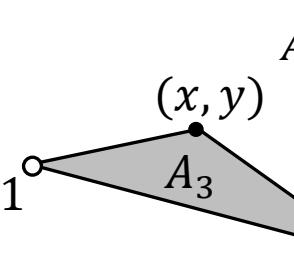
$$A_e = A_1(x, y) + A_2(x, y) + A_3(x, y)$$

# CST finite element

Area coordinates as functions of coordinates  $(x, y)$ :



$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & x_2 & x_3 \\ y & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} ; \quad L_1 = \frac{A_1}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & x_2 & x_3 \\ y & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{a_1 + (y_2 - y_3)x + (x_3 - x_2)y}{2A}$$


$$A_2 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x & x_3 \\ y_1 & y & y_3 \end{vmatrix} ; \quad L_2 = \frac{A_2}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x & x_3 \\ y_1 & y & y_3 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{a_2 + (y_3 - y_1)x + (x_1 - x_3)y}{2A}$$


$$A_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x \\ y_1 & y_2 & y \end{vmatrix} ; \quad L_3 = \frac{A_3}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x \\ y_1 & y_2 & y \end{vmatrix} = \frac{a_3 + (y_1 - y_2)x + (x_2 - x_1)y}{2A}$$

$$A_e = A_1(x, y) + A_2(x, y) + A_3(x, y)$$

$$1 = L_1(x, y) + L_2(x, y) + L_3(x, y)$$

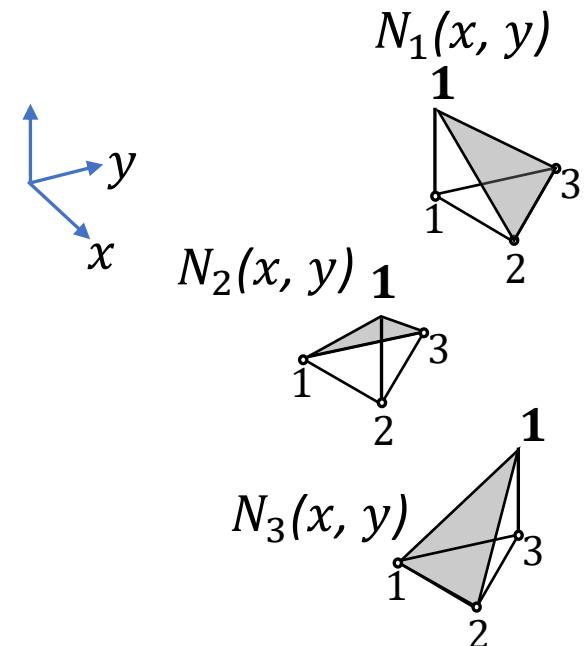
# Shape functions of the CST element

shape functions =normalized area coordinates:

$$N_1(x, y) = L_1(x, y) = \frac{A_1(x, y)}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A_e} (\mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1 x + \mathbf{c}_1 y)$$

$$N_2(x, y) = L_2(x, y) = \frac{A_2(x, y)}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A_e} (\mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{b}_2 x + \mathbf{c}_2 y)$$

$$N_3(x, y) = L_3(x, y) = \frac{A_3(x, y)}{A_e} = \frac{1}{2A_e} (\mathbf{a}_3 + \mathbf{b}_3 x + \mathbf{c}_3 y)$$



node	$N_1(x, y)$	$N_2(x, y)$	$N_3(x, y)$
1	1	0	0
2	0	1	0
3	0	0	1

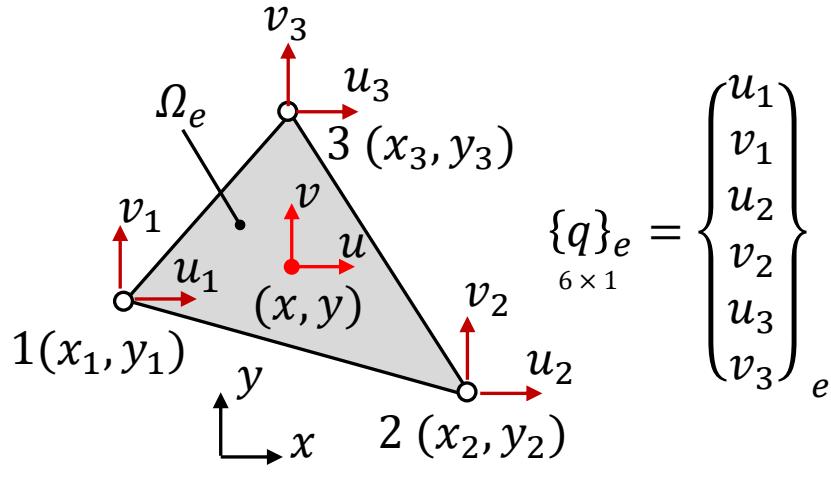
where:

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2 ; \quad \mathbf{a}_2 = x_3 y_1 - x_1 y_3 ; \quad \mathbf{a}_3 = x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = y_2 - y_3 ; \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = y_3 - y_1 ; \quad \mathbf{b}_3 = y_1 - y_2$$

$$\mathbf{c}_1 = x_3 - x_2 ; \quad \mathbf{c}_2 = x_1 - x_3 ; \quad \mathbf{c}_3 = x_2 - x_1$$

# Isoparametric mapping in the CST element



vector of shape functions:

$$[N(x, y)] = [N_1(x, y), N_2(x, y), N_3(x, y)]_{1 \times 3}$$

vectors of nodal coordinates:

$$\{x_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{Bmatrix}_{3 \times 1} ; \quad \{y_i\}_e = \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{Bmatrix}_{3 \times 1}$$

coordinates of any point are based on shape functions and nodal parameters:

$$x = [N(x, y)]_{1 \times 3} \{x_i\}_e_{3 \times 1} = N_1(x, y)x_1 + N_2(x, y)x_2 + N_3(x, y)x_3$$

$$y = [N(x, y)]_{1 \times 3} \{y_i\}_e_{3 \times 1} = N_1(x, y)y_1 + N_2(x, y)y_2 + N_3(x, y)y_3$$

displacements at any point:

$$\{u(x, y)\}_{2 \times 1} = [N(x, y)]_{2 \times 6} \{q\}_e_{6 \times 1}$$

**Isoparametric mapping**- the same shape functions used for geometry and displacements

# Strain-displacement matrix of the CST element

strain vector for plane stress or plane strain conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\varepsilon\} &= [R] \{u\} = [R] [N] \{q\}_e = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} N_1(x, y) & 0 & N_2(x, y) & 0 & N_3(x, y) & 0 \\ 0 & N_1(x, y) & 0 & N_2(x, y) & 0 & N_3(x, y) \end{bmatrix} \{q\}_e = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial y} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_3}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \{q\}_e = [B] \{q\}_e \end{aligned}$$

$$[B] = \frac{1}{2A_e} \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & 0 & b_2 & 0 & b_3 & 0 \\ 0 & c_1 & 0 & c_2 & 0 & c_3 \\ c_1 & b_1 & c_2 & b_2 & c_3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \{\varepsilon\} = [B] \{q\}_e - \text{strain is constant}$$

$$\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\} - \text{stress is constant}$$

CST – Constant Strain Triangle

# Elastic strain energy in the CST element. Local stiffness matrix

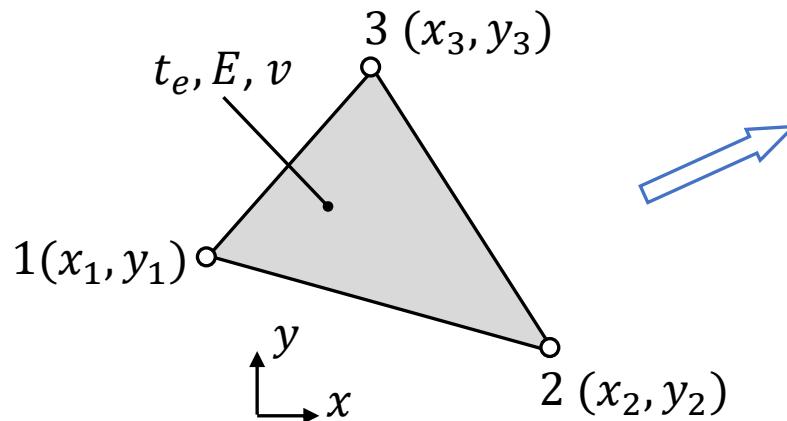
elastic strain energy in a finite element:

$$U_e = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega_e} [\varepsilon] \{\sigma\} d\Omega_e = \frac{1}{2} [\varepsilon] \{\sigma\} \int_{\Omega_e} d\Omega_e = \frac{1}{2} [q]_e [B]^T [D] [B] \{q\}_e A_e t_e =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [q]_e [k]_e \{q\}_e$$

$\{q\}_e = [B] \{q\}_e$   
 $[\varepsilon] = [q]_e [B]^T$   
 $\{\sigma\} = [D] \{\varepsilon\}$

local stiffness matrix:



$$[k]_e = A_e t_e [B]^T [D] [B]$$

$[k]_e$   
 $6 \times 6$   
 $6 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 3 \quad 3 \times 6$

# Potential energy of loading in the CST element

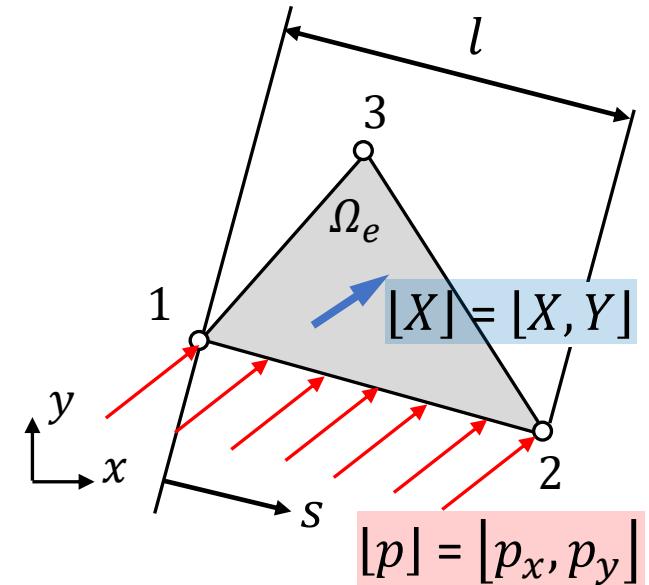
potential energy of loading in a finite element:

$$W_e = \int_{\Omega_e} [X] \{u\} d\Omega_e + \int_{\Gamma_{pe}} [p] \{u\} d\Gamma_{pe} =$$

$\{u\} = [N] \{q\}_e$

$$= \int_{\Omega_e} [X] [N] \{q\}_e d\Omega_e + \int_{\Gamma_{pe}} [p] [N] \{q\}_e d\Gamma_{pe} =$$

$$= (\int_{\Omega_e} [X] [N] d\Omega_e + \int_{\Gamma_{pe}} [p] [N] d\Gamma_{pe}) \{q\}_e = ([F^X]_e + [F^p]_e) \{q\}_e = [F]_e \{q\}_e$$



equivalent load vector due to mass forces:

$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{A_e} [X] [N] dA_e$$

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equivalent load vector due to surface load:

$$[F^p]_e = t_e \int_0^l [p] [N] ds$$

# Components of equivalent load vector in the CST element

$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{A_e} [X][N] dA_e$$

$$[F^p]_e = t_e \int_0^l [p][N] ds$$

equivalent load vector due to mass forces:

$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{A_e} [X, Y] \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 \end{bmatrix} dA_e =$$

$$= t_e \int_{A_e} [XN_1, YN_1, XN_2, YN_2, XN_3, YN_3] dA_e = [F_{1e}^X, F_{2e}^X, F_{3e}^X, F_{4e}^X, F_{5e}^X, F_{6e}^X]$$

equivalent load vector due to surface load:

$$[F^p]_e = t_e \int_0^l [p_x, p_y] \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 & N_3 \end{bmatrix} ds =$$

$$= t_e \int_0^l [p_x, p_y] \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{s}{l} & 0 & \frac{s}{l} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{s}{l} & 0 & \frac{s}{l} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} ds =$$

$$= t_e \int_0^l \left[ p_x(1 - \frac{s}{l}), p_y(1 - \frac{s}{l}), p_x \frac{s}{l}, p_y \frac{s}{l}, 0, 0 \right] ds =$$

$$= [F_{1e}^p, F_{2e}^p, F_{3e}^p, F_{4e}^p, F_{5e}^p, F_{6e}^p]$$

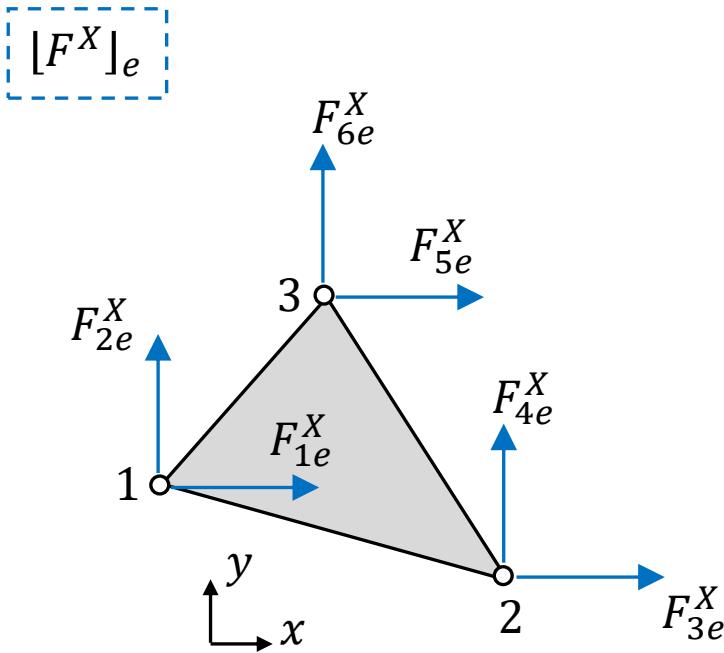
$$N_1(s)|_{1-2} = 1 - \frac{s}{l}$$

$$N_2(s)|_{1-2} = \frac{s}{l}$$

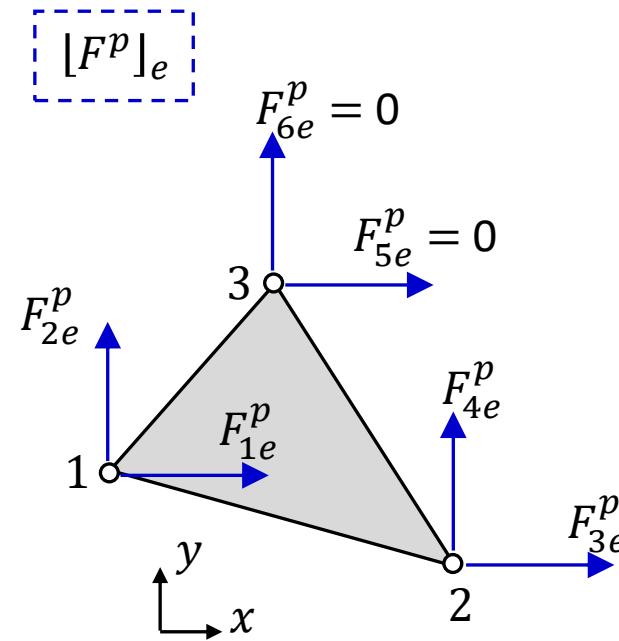
$$N_3(x, y)|_{1-2} = 0$$

# Equivalent load vector in the CST element

equivalent load vector  
due to mass forces:



equivalent load vector  
due to surface load:

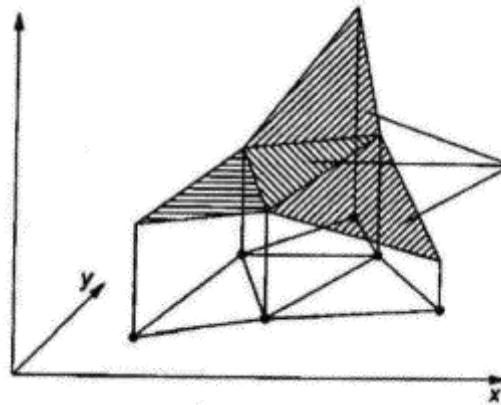


equivalent load vector:

$$[F]_e = [F_{1e}^X + F_{1e}^p, F_{2e}^X + F_{2e}^p, F_{3e}^X + F_{3e}^p, F_{4e}^X + F_{4e}^p, F_{5e}^X + F_{5e}^p, F_{6e}^X + F_{6e}^p]$$

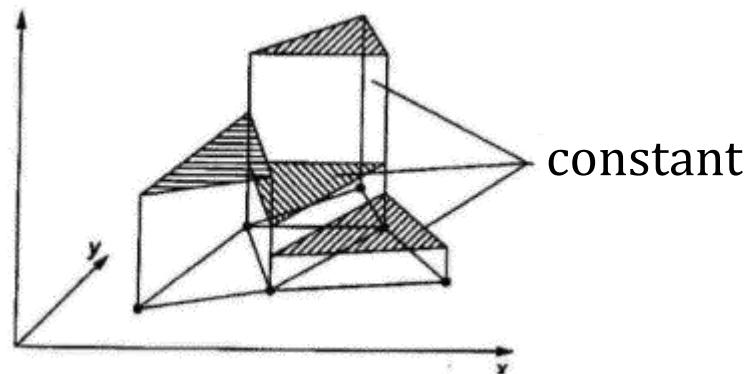
## Results in the CST element

DOF solution :  $u(x, y), v(x, y)$



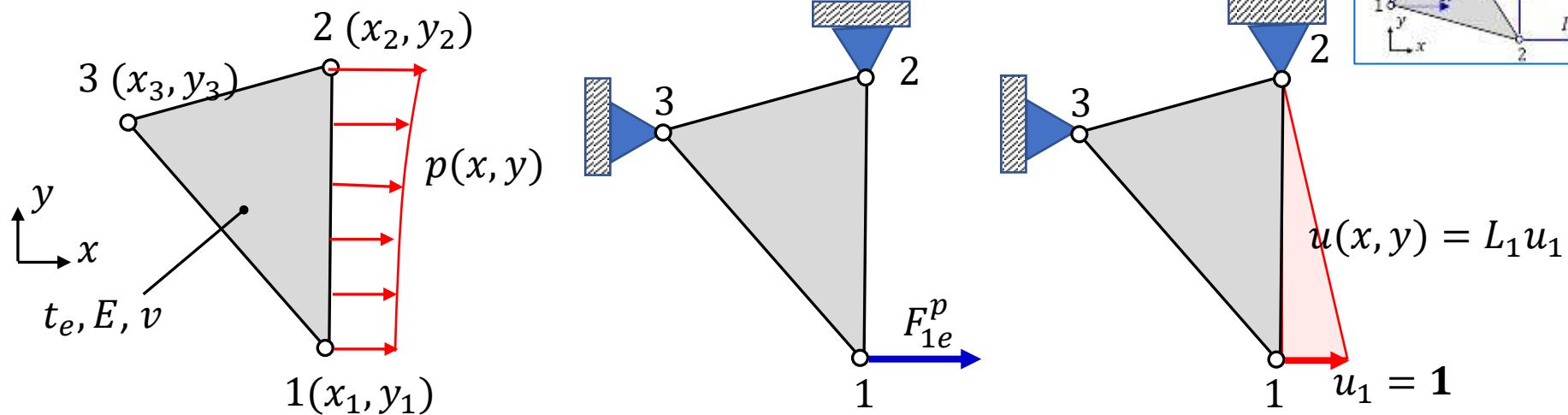
linear functions of coordinates (x, y)

element solution:  $\{\sigma\}, \{\varepsilon\}$   
 $3 \times 1 \quad 3 \times 1$



constant

## Example 1: Determination of the equivalent force in the CST element due to surface force



equivalent load vector  
due to surface load:

$$[F^p]_e = t_e \int_0^l [p][N] ds$$

The work of the equivalent  
force  $F_{1e}^p$  on displacement 1

$$F_{1e}^p \cdot 1 = t_e \int_0^l p(x, y) u(x, y) dy$$

The work of load  $p(x, y)$   
on displacement  $u(x, y)$

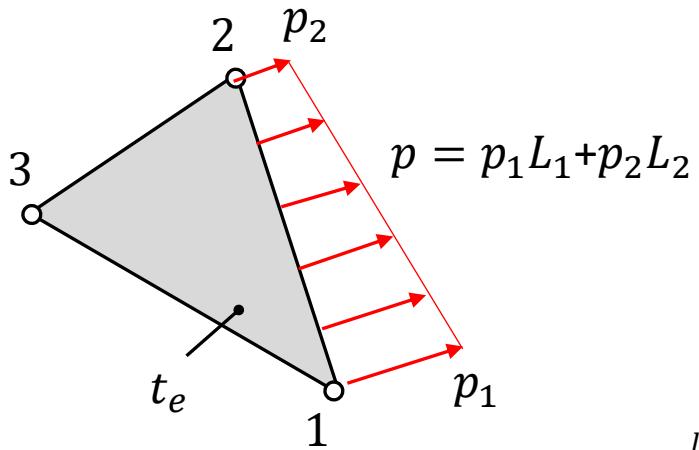
$$F_{1e}^p = t_e \int_0^l p(x, y) L_1 dy$$

Integrals of barycentric functions:

$$J_1 = \int_0^l L_1^q L_2^r dl = \frac{q! r! l}{(q+r+1)!}$$

$$J_2 = \int_{A_e} L_1^q L_2^r L_3^t dA_e = \frac{q! r! t!}{(q+r+t+2)!} 2A_e$$

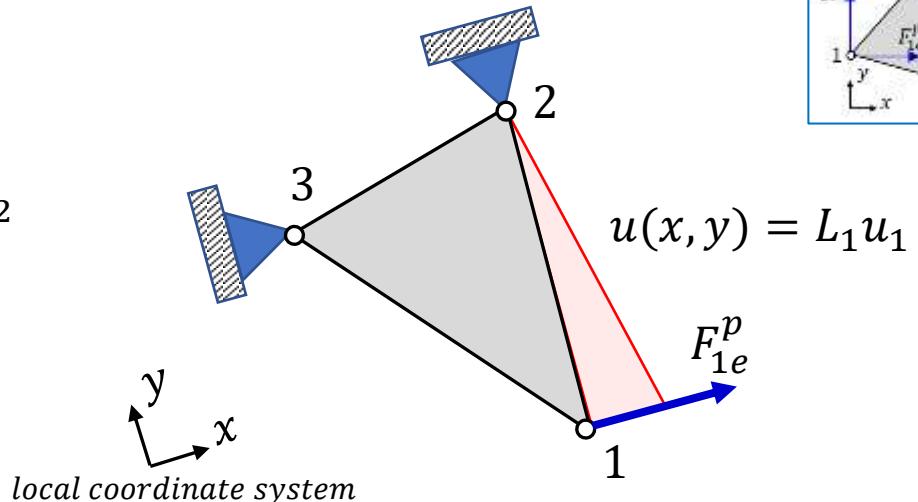
## Example 2: Determination of the equivalent force in the CST element due to surface forces



The work of the equivalent force  $F_{1e}^p$  on displacement 1

$$F_{1e}^p \cdot 1 = t_e \int_0^l p(x, y) u(x, y) dy$$

The work of load  $p(x, y)$  on displacement  $u(x, y)$



$$F_{1e}^p = t_e \int_0^l (p_1 L_1 + p_2 L_2) L_1 dy$$

$$F_{1e}^p = t_e (p_1 \int_0^l L_1^2 dy + p_2 \int_0^l L_1 L_2 dy) = t_e (p_1 \frac{2!0! l}{(2+0+1)!} + p_2 \frac{1!1! l}{(1+1+1)!}) = \boxed{t_e (\frac{1}{3} p_1 l + \frac{1}{6} p_2 l)}$$

Integral of barycentric function:

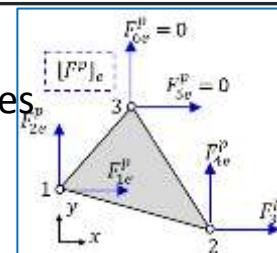
$$J_1 = \int_0^l L_1^q L_2^r dl = \frac{q!r! l}{(q+r+1)!}$$

For  $p_1 = p_2$ :

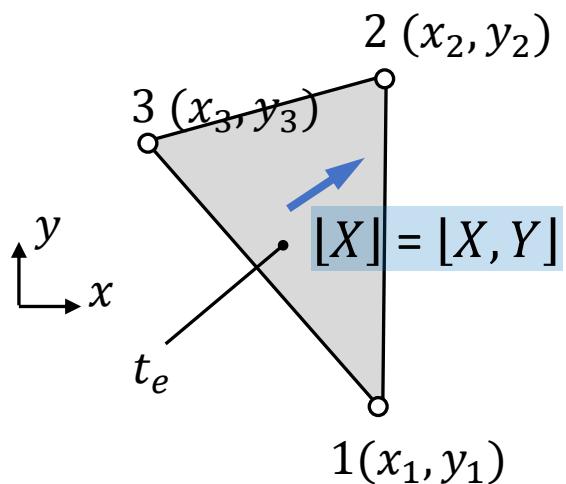
$$F_{1e}^p = t_e \int_0^l p L_1 dy = t_e p \frac{1!0! l}{(1+0+1)!} = \boxed{\frac{p l}{2} t_e}$$

For  $p_2 = 0$ :

$$F_{1e}^p = t_e \int_0^l p_1 L_1^2 dy = t_e p \frac{2!0! l}{(2+0+1)!} = \boxed{\frac{p l}{3} t_e}$$



### Example 3: Determination of the equivalent force in the CST element due to mass load



equivalent load vector  
due to mass load :

$$[F^X]_e = t_e \int_{A_e} [X][N] dA_e$$

The work of the equivalent  
force  $F_{1e}^X$  on displacement 1

$$F_{1e}^X \cdot 1 = t_e \int_{A_e} X u(x, y) dA_e$$

$$F_{2e}^X \cdot 1 = t_e \int_{A_e} Y v(x, y) dA_e$$

The work of load  $X$  on  
displacement  $u(x, y)$

$$F_{1e}^X = t_e \int_{A_e} X L_1 dA_e$$

$$F_{2e}^X = t_e \int_{A_e} Y L_1 dA_e$$

Integral of barycentric function :

$$J_2 = \int_{A_e} L_1^q L_2^r L_3^t dA_e = \frac{q!r!t!}{(q+r+t+2)!} 2A_e$$

For  $X = \text{const}$  i  $Y = 0$  :

$$F_{1e}^X = t_e X \int_{A_e} L_1 dA_e = t_e X \frac{1!0!0!}{(1+0+0+2)!} 2A_e = X \frac{A_e t_e}{3}$$

$$F_{2e}^X = 0$$

