Remark: We don't want the error from solving the ODE system to exceed the error bound in the above theorem. Otherwise, the error from time discretization will be the dominant error source.

By Cholesky decomposition, we have  $M = L^T L$ 

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$$(4) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \psi + A\psi = F \\ \psi_0 = U_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{here} \begin{cases} \psi = L\psi \\ A = L^{-T}KL^{-1} \\ F = L^{-T}F \\ U_0 = L^{-T}U_0 \end{cases} \quad -(5)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  general solution of (5)

$$\psi = e^{-At} \psi_0 + \int_0^t e^{-A(t-s)} F(s) ds - (5)^*$$

$$\begin{split} \dot{\psi} &= -Ae^{-At}\psi_0\\ \psi &= e^{-At}\psi + e^{-At}\int_0^t F(s)ds + \int_0^t e^{As}F(s)ds\\ \frac{d}{dt}\int_0^t e^{-A(t-s)}F(s)ds &= \frac{d}{dt}\int_0^t e^{-At} \cdot e^{As}F(s)ds\\ &= \frac{d}{dt}e^{-At}\int_0^t e^{As}F(s)ds\\ &= -Ae^{-At}\int_0^t e^{As}F(s,d) + e^{-At}\left(e^{At}F(t)\right)\\ &= -A\int_0^t e^{-A(t-s)}\widehat{F(s)}ds + \widehat{F(t)}\\ \dot{\psi} &= -A\left(\underbrace{e^{-At}\widehat{\psi_0} + \int_0^t e^{-A(t-s)}\widehat{F(s)}ds}_{\psi}\right) + \widehat{F(t)}\\ \end{split}$$

$$\overset{\text{Homogeneous}}{\Rightarrow} \left\| \psi(t) \right\| < \left\| \psi(0) \right\|$$

$$\left\| \overset{\circ}{\psi}(t) \right\| < \overset{c}{t} \left\| \psi(0) \right\| \qquad c \text{ depends on considiton of } A$$

$$(*) \text{Prove using} \left( \sum \frac{\Lambda_{\min}^{n}(A)}{n!} < \left\| e^{A} \right\| < \sum \frac{\Lambda_{\max}^{n}(A)}{n!} \right)$$

Backward Euler

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\psi^{n+1} - \psi^{n}}{\Delta t_{n}} A \psi^{n+1} = F_{n+1} \left(= F\left(t_{n+1}\right)\right) \quad -(6)$$

Crank-Nicolson

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\psi^{n+1} - \psi^{n}}{\Delta t_{n}} + \frac{1}{2} A \left( \psi^{n+1} + \psi^{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( F_{n+1} + F_{n} \right) - (7)$$

Consider the exact solution of (5) satisfies

$$\frac{\psi(t_{n+1}) - \psi(t_n)}{\Delta t_n} + A\psi(t_{n+1}) = F(t_{n+1}) + \delta_n \quad \left(\delta_n = o(\Delta t_n)\right) \text{ (truncation error)} \quad -(8)$$

$$(6) - (8) \Rightarrow \frac{e_{n+1} - e_n}{\Delta t_n} + Ae_{n+1} = \delta_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(I + \Delta t_n A\right)^{-1} e_{n+1} = e_n + \Delta t \delta_n$$

$$\Rightarrow e_{n+1} = \left(I + \Delta t_n A\right)^{-1} e_n + \left(I + \Delta t A\right)^{-1} \widehat{\delta_n} \quad \left(\widetilde{\delta_n} = \Delta t \delta_n = o(\Delta t^2)\right)$$
Since A is positive definite  $\Rightarrow A = \left(I + \Delta t A\right) > 1$ 

Since *A* is positive definite  $\Rightarrow \Lambda_{evalue} (I + \Delta tA) > 1$ 

 $\begin{pmatrix} \delta_n = o(\Delta t_n) \text{ depends on } \psi \text{ if } \psi \text{ changes smoothly than the constant} \\ \text{in } o(\Delta t_n) \text{ can be small.} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{split} & e_{n+1} - re_n < re\delta_n \\ & re_n - r^2 e_{n-1} < r^2 \delta_{n-1} \\ & r^2 e_{n-1} - r^3 e_{n-2} < r^3 \delta_{n-2} \\ & r^n e_1 - r^{n+1} e_0 < r^{n+1} \delta \end{split} \\ \Rightarrow & \left\| e_{n+1} \right\| < \left( \left\| e_n \right\| + \delta_n \right) \cdot r \qquad r = \frac{1}{1 + \left\| A \right\| \Delta t} < 1. \end{split}$$

for stability: one can assume  $\delta_n \ll e_n \left(:: \delta_n = o(\Delta t^2) \text{ and } e_n = o(\Delta t)\right)$  $\Rightarrow ||e_{n+1}|| < ||e_n||!$ 

For global error estimate, we have

$$\Rightarrow \left\| e_{n+1} \right\| < r^{n+1} \left\| e_0 \right\| + r \left( \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{1 - r} \right) \underbrace{\widetilde{\delta}}_{\text{truncation error } o\left(\Delta t^2\right)}$$
$$\approx r^{n+1} \left\| e_0 \right\| + \frac{1 - r^{n+1}}{\left\| A \right\| \Delta t} \underbrace{\widetilde{\delta}}_{\text{truncation } o\left(\Delta t\right)}$$

as  $n \to \infty$ , we have error  $\approx \frac{1}{\|A\| \Delta t} \delta$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  meaning the accumulated error from time discretization is controlled by the truncation error.

Similarly, one can prove the same result for the Crank-Nicolson scheme. Exercise: prove this.

Remark:

(1) From the error estimation in Theorem 1, we want  $\Delta t \approx o(h^2)$  for the Euler method. In this choice of the step size, we have  $\delta = \text{truncation error}(\text{in time})$ =  $o(h^2)$  and  $||A|| \Delta t \approx o(h^{-2}) o(h^2) \approx o(1) \Rightarrow$  the accumulated error from the discretization in the same order as in Theorem 1.

(2)For smoother solution  $||A|| \approx o(h^2)$  larger time step is possible, can you explain why?

Exercise: How to choose  $\Delta t$  when forward Euler method is employed and explain your reason at the stability point of view.

Theorem 1.

There is a constant *c* such that  $I \in [0, T]$ 

$$\max_{t\in I} \left\| u(t) - u_h(t) \right\| \le c \left( 1 + \left| \log \frac{T}{h^2} \right| \right) \max_{t\in I} h^2 \left\| u(t) \right\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$$

pf: Consider the auxiliary problem  $(a(u, v) = \int \mu \nabla u \nabla v dx)$ 

$$(++)\begin{cases} \cdot \\ -\left(\dot{\varphi}_{h}(s), v\right) + a\left(\varphi_{h}(s), v\right) = 0 \qquad \forall v \in V_{h}, s \in (0, t)\\ \varphi_{h}(t) = e_{h}(t) \end{cases}$$

let  $e_h(t) = u_h(t) - \widehat{u_h(t)}(e_h(s) = u_h(s) - \widehat{u_h(s)})$  and  $\widehat{u_h(s)}$  satisfies  $(+++)a(u(s) - \widehat{u_h, v)} = 0$  for all  $v \in V_h, s \in (0, t)$ let  $w_h(t) = u - u_h = (u - \widehat{u_h}) - (u_h - \widehat{u_h})$  and  $\theta(s) = u(s) - \widehat{u_h(s)}$  $\Rightarrow e_h(s) = \theta_h(s) - w_h(s)$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| e_{h} \right\|^{2} &= \int_{0}^{t} - \left( \dot{\varphi}_{h}, e_{h} \right) + a\left( \varphi_{h}, e_{h} \right) ds + \left( \varphi_{h}\left( t \right), e_{h}\left( t \right) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{integration}}{&=} \int_{0}^{t} \left( \varphi_{h}, \dot{e}_{h} \right) + a\left( \varphi_{h}, e_{h} \right) ds - \left( \varphi_{h}, e_{h} \right) \Big|_{0}^{t} + \left( \varphi_{h}\left( t \right), e_{h}\left( t \right) \right) \\ &\stackrel{e_{h} = \theta_{h} - w_{h}}{&=} \int_{0}^{t} \left( \varphi_{h}, \dot{\theta}_{h} \right) + a\left( \varphi_{h}, \theta_{h} \right) - \underbrace{\left[ \left( \varphi_{h}, \dot{w}_{h} \right) + a\left( \varphi_{h}, w_{h} \right) \right]}_{\text{orthogonally of FEM error}} ds + \varphi_{h}\left( 0 \right) e_{h}\left( 0 \right) \\ &\stackrel{e_{h} = \text{FEM error}}{& \text{w}_{h} = \text{FEM error}} \end{aligned}$$

 $a(\varphi_h, \theta_h) = 0 \text{ by}(+++)$ and  $w_h(0) = 0$ (initial error=0)

$$\begin{aligned} & = \int_{0}^{t} \left( \dot{\varphi}_{h}, \theta_{h} \right) ds + \left( \varphi_{h} \left( t \right), \theta_{h} \left( t \right) \right) \\ & \Rightarrow \left\| e_{h} \right\|^{2} \leq \max_{s \in (0, t)} \left\| \theta_{h} \left( s \right) \right\| \left( \int_{0}^{t} \left\| \dot{\varphi}_{h} \right\| + \left\| \varphi_{h} \right\| \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varphi_h$  is the condition of (++) with homogeneous right hand side, by (5)<sup>\*</sup>, it can be shown  $\left|\int_0^t \left\|\dot{\varphi}_h\right\| + \frac{1}{t} \left\|\varphi_h\right\| ds \right| < c \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{t}{h^2}\right)\right) \left\|e_h(t)\right\|$  $\Rightarrow \left\|e_h\right\| < c \left(1 + \log\frac{t}{h^2}\right) \cdot \max_{s \in (0,t)} \left\|\theta_h(s)\right\|$ Finally, since  $u - u_h = u - \widehat{u_h + u_h - u_h}$  $\Rightarrow \left\|u - u_h\right\| \le \left\|u - \widehat{u_h}\right\| + \left\|e_h\right\|$  $\left( by the L^2 - error \\ estimation of (+++) \right) \le ch^2 \max_{t \in I} \left\|u(t)\right\|_{H^2} + c \left(1 + \log\frac{t}{h^2}\right)h^2 \max_{t \in I} \left\|u(t)\right\|_{H^2}$  $< c \left(1 + \log\frac{t}{h^2}\right)h^2 \max_{t \in I} \left\|u(t)\right\|_{H^2}$ 

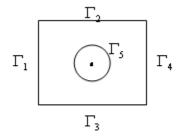
Exercise:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega = [-1,1] \times [-1,1] \setminus C, \\ C : \text{ circle center at } (0,0) \text{ wiht radius } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Solve the Heat equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} u_{|_{\Gamma_1}} = 10, \ u_{|_{\Gamma_5}} = 0\\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\Big|_{\Gamma_i} = 0, \ i = 2 \sim 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

with initial  $u(x, y) = \begin{cases} 10 & x = -1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewise} \end{cases}$ 



(1) using Forward Euler, back Euler, Crank-Nicolson method for

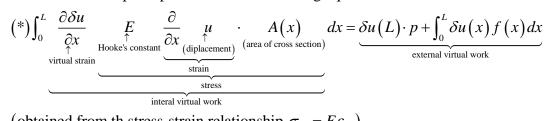
time-discretization of  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ .

(2) using linear triangular element to discretize  $\Delta u$ .

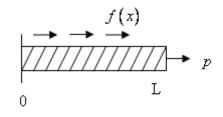
(3) compare your answer at t = 1,5,10,20 over diff mesh sizes.

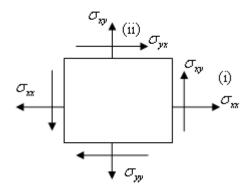
Can you confine the conclusion in Theorem 1?

Recall the FEM modeling of 1-D solid (bar, beam, fream) and structure, the virtural work principle leads to the following equation:



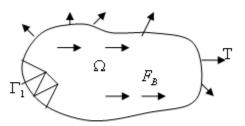
(obtained from th stress-strain relationship  $\sigma_{xx} = E\varepsilon_{xx}$ )





In 2-D, the stress-strain relationship for a plate is as following

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{yy} \\ \sigma_{xy} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\frac{E}{1-v^2}}_{v} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & v & 0 \\ v & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1-v) \end{bmatrix}_{c} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ here } \\ \varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} , \quad (u,v) = \text{displacement vector} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{shear stramstram} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \varepsilon_{xx} : \text{ stress along } x \text{-direction} \quad (\text{due to strain in } x \text{-direction}) \\ \sigma_{yy} : \text{ stress along } y \text{-direction} + \text{stress along } x \text{-direction} \\ \sigma_{xx} : \underset{train in x \text{-direction}}{\text{ stress along } y \text{-direction}} \\ shear stress \underset{(i)}{\text{ true to shear }} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} : \underset{(i)}{\text{ true to shear$$



fixed 10 dirichlet condition i.e.  $u(x) = v(x) = 0 \ x \in \Gamma_1$ 

the equation (\*)

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \left[ \delta \varepsilon_{xx}, \delta \varepsilon_{yy}, \delta \varepsilon_{xy} \right] \cdot C \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} \end{pmatrix}}_{(I)} dA = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \left[ \delta u, \delta v \right] \cdot \overrightarrow{F_B} dA + \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega} \left[ \delta u, \delta v \right] \cdot \overrightarrow{T} de}_{(II)}}_{(II)}$$

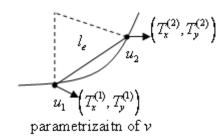
$$\Rightarrow (I) = \int_{\Omega} \left[ \delta u, \delta v \right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}}_{O} \cdot C \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}}_{\nabla \underline{I} \text{ furmsport } \mathcal{I}}$$

parametrizing:

Choose FEM space (Suppose linear element)

$$\begin{split} u^{(i)} &= \sum_{i} N_{i} u_{i}^{(i)}, \ N_{1} \sim N_{4} \text{ are basis functions (shape)} \\ &\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} = \Phi_{3ci} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_{1}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{2}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{3}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{4}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial N_{1}}{\partial \eta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{2}}{\partial \eta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{3}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{4}}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial N_{1}}{\partial \eta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{2}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{3}}{\partial \zeta} & 0 & \frac{\partial N_{4}}{\partial \zeta} \\ u_{3} \\ u_{4} \\ u_{4}$$

(III)Skip when zero body force



Exercise:

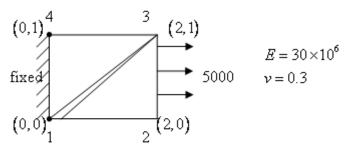
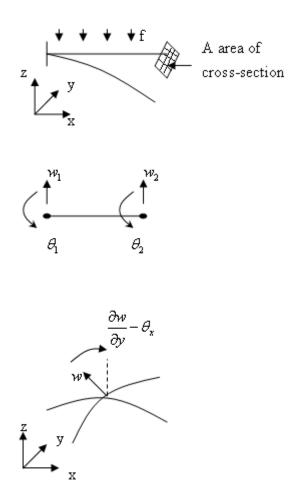


Plate Bending:

Recall in 1-D Beam bending, the virtual work principle leads to  $\int_{0}^{L} EI \frac{\partial^{2} \delta w}{\partial x^{2}} \frac{\partial^{2} w}{\partial x^{2}} dx + \int_{0}^{L} v \overline{f} dx = 0 \quad \overline{f} = \int_{A} f dA, \ I = \int_{A} z^{2} dy dz$ The state varibles are  $w, \theta$  where  $\theta = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$  and the shap functions

are 
$$N_{w_1}, N_{\theta_1}, N_{w_2}, N_{\theta_2}$$



In 2-D, similarly, we have the strain-stress relationship

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} \\ \sigma_{yy} \\ \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \sigma_{zz} \\ \sigma_{zy} \end{pmatrix} = C \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \\ \varepsilon_{zy} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$$

$$\varepsilon_{zx} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial z}$$
here we assume 
$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon_{xz} \text{ very small} \\ \varepsilon_{yz} \text{ very small} \\ \varepsilon_{zz} \text{ very small} \end{cases}$$
(thin plate)
$$\varepsilon_{zz} \text{ very small}$$
Kirchhoff theory assume 
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \theta_x = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

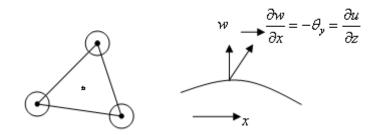
$$\varepsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -z \frac{\partial \theta_y}{\partial x} = -z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \begin{bmatrix} v \approx z \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \\ = z \left( \frac{-\partial w}{\partial y} \right) \end{bmatrix} = -z \frac{\partial \theta_x}{\partial y^2} = -z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} \implies \text{consider state varibles} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \theta_x \\ \theta_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varepsilon_{xy} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -2z \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial y} \qquad \Rightarrow \text{Total number of unknowns over a triangle 9}$$
(rectanguler)12

 $\Rightarrow$  The strain Energy (internal energy)

$$U = \iint \left( \delta \varepsilon_{xx}, \delta \varepsilon_{yy}, \delta \varepsilon_{xy} \right) \cdot C \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} \\ \varepsilon_{yy} \\ \varepsilon_{xy} \end{pmatrix} dA \quad -(*)$$
  
here  $C = \begin{bmatrix} D \quad vD \quad 0 \\ vD \quad D \quad 0 \\ 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{D(1-v)}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  where  $D = \frac{t^3}{12} \frac{E}{1-v^2}$ , *t* is the thickness of the plate.



To discretize (\*), one can use the finite element space in example 6 at p.58 which is the piecewise cubic polynomial spaces.

(with 10 coefficients for each polynomial)

Since we only have 9 state variables  $\Rightarrow$  the state variables can't be determined uniquely. By ignoring the center node  $\Rightarrow$  Gives us an "incomplete" cubic

polynomial space. Now we have 9 nodal basis  $\phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3, \phi_1^x \phi_2^x \phi_3^x, \phi_1^y \phi_2^y \phi_3^y$ . The coefficients can now be determined uniquely.

This special Finite element is called the BCIE element.

(Bazeley, Cheung, Irons and Zienkiewicz)

$$\Rightarrow U = \iint \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \cdot C \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} dx dy = \sum_{r \in J_h} \iint_{\tau} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \Phi_{3\times4} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}_{4\times2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \Phi_{3\times4} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}_{4\times2} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \Phi_{3\times4} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix}_{4\times2} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{W}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$=B \cdot \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \sum_{i=1}^{9} w_{i} \phi_{i} \right) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \phi_{1} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \phi_{9} \right) \left( \frac{w_{1}}{\vdots} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \sum_{i=1}^{9} w_{i} \phi_{i} \right) = B \cdot D$$

$$= \Phi_{3 \times 4} \left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_{11} & 0 & Y_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & Y_{11} & 0 & Y_{12} \\ Y_{21} & 0 & Y_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & Y_{21} & 0 & Y_{22} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \phi_{1} \cdots \phi_{9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \phi_{1} \cdots \phi_{9} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \end{array} \right] \cdot \left[ \phi_{1} \cdots \phi_{9} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \sum_{\tau \in J_h} \iint_{\hat{\tau}} \delta \vec{w} \underbrace{D^* \widehat{\Phi \ C \Phi D \cdot w}}_{K^e}$$

Remark:

- (1) This element does not satisfy the conforming property
  - (i.e. the state variables are not continuous  $\Rightarrow$  in fact the state variables may not continuous at element edges.

but the state variables are continuous at nodal points.

(2) To ensure continuity of the state variables (i.e ensure FEM space is C' in this case) conforming elements such as Argyris triangle or the so called Clough-Tocker element are needed. More unknown coefficients (involving second derivatives) are required

 $\begin{pmatrix} Agyris triangle: 21 unknowns \\ Clough-Tocker: 30 unknowns \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow Program usually is too complicated.$