



AN ALGORITHM FOR THE SOLUTION OF A VISCO PLASTIC MODEL
IN A STEADY STATE OF CREEP USING A NON CONFORM FINITE
ELEMENT

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Abstract

A non-conform finite element proposed for viscous fluid flow satisfying zero divergent condition is adapted to our model. This needs some numerical aspects which characterize our algorithm and precise the method of solution on digital computers.

The variational formulation of the model permits the use of optimization techniques. A descent technique, that of Fletcher-Reeves with re-initialization and a proposed line search technique are used. For our model the vanishing divergence condition is not sufficient to sustain our problem as an unconstrained optimization problem. A penalty method (exterior penalty function) is now necessary for the numerical solution.

A practical example is solved using our algorithm and the corresponding stress distributions are obtained.

Introduction:

Consider a two dimension problem consisting of a domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^2$ occupied by the continuum medium. A surface traction $T(t)$ is applied on a part Γ_1 of Γ . (T function of time t). On the complementary part Γ_2 of Γ a strictly positive measure, a field of displacement rates $\dot{u}(t)$ is applied. The variational formulation of the problem made in [1] will be considered here, in which the problem reduces to

$$\min_{(\sigma, s) \in I^0 \times S} G(\sigma_0 + \sigma, s) = \min_{\Omega} \int G_1(\sigma_0 + \sigma_1, s) dx \quad (P)$$

where σ_0 is the stress field satisfying the equilibrium conditions with the exterior load.

The product space $\sigma_x S = L^2_{\tilde{G}}((D'(\Omega))^4, (D'(\Omega))^m)$ is a Banach space spanned by the domain of \tilde{G} where (see [1], III)

$$\tilde{G}(\sigma, s) = C_0 \left(\min_{\Omega} \int G_1(x, \sigma_0 + \sigma, s) dx, \int_{\Omega} G_1(x, \sigma_0 - \sigma, -s) dx \right)$$

$$I^0 = \{ \sigma \in \Sigma : \sigma_{ij}, D^* \sigma = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \sigma_{ij} n_j = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1 \} \quad (1)$$

which is a subspace of σ

where $D^* = -(\partial_1 \sigma_{11} + \partial_2 \sigma_{12}, \partial_1 \sigma_{21} + \partial_2 \sigma_{12})$ (2)

The numerical solution of (p) using of finite elements of faced with an essential difficulty that of the null divergence conditions of (2). This point can be achieved in two ways

- (i) If we use a suitable lagrangian formulation the problem reduces to the search for a saddle point. The most convenient finite element in the scase will be that of mixed and hybride type (cf. [6], [12]).
- (ii) Use finite elements of null divergence (introduced in [5] for fluid flow). The problem will then reduces to an unconstrained minimization problem this technique will be used throughout this work

2. Finite Element Approximate Problem

Ω an open bounded polygon in R^2 , (τ_h) be a regular family of triangulation on, i.e. a converage family $\tau_h = \{K_i\}$ is T_h , $h > 0$, by closed triangles K_i satisfying:

- (i) $K_i \cap K_j$, $i \neq j$ is either empty or a side K_{1i} or a vertex a_{1i}
- (ii) The maximum diameter of elements of τ_h is less than or equal h .
- (iii) There exist $\nu > 0$ such that for all $h > 0$ and all $K \in \tau_h$

$$\frac{\text{diam}(K)}{\rho_k} \leq \nu$$

where ρ_k is the diameter of the circumscribed circle.

- (iv) The triangulation τ_h is compatible with the decomposition Γ_1, Γ_2 of the boundary Γ of Ω , i.e. $\Gamma_i \cap \partial K$ ($i=1,2$) is either empty or a union of sides of some K .

Let $P_1(A)$ be the space of two variable polynomials of degree less than or equal to one defined over $A \subset R^2$. P_1 is therefore of dimension three.

let also P_1^h be the space of functions defined on Ω such that

$$P_1^h = \{v \in R^\Omega : v|_K \in P_1(K), K \in \tau_h\}$$
 (2)

We denote by b_i ($i=1,2,3$) meridians of the triangle K opposing the vertex a_i .

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(of number N_h) of τ_h .

We denote the finite element space adapted to our problem by X_h^0

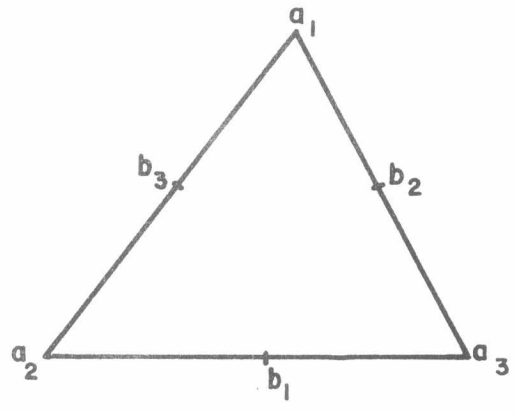


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$$X_h^0 = \{ v_h \in P_1^h : v_h \text{ continuous at } b_i, b_i \in \Sigma_h, v_h(b_j) = 0, b_j \in \Sigma_h, \Gamma \} \quad (4)$$

Let $r_h: \sigma \rightarrow (P_1^h)^4$ be a linear mapping defined by

$$\int_{k'} (r_h v)_j d\Gamma = \int_{k'} v_j d\Gamma \quad j=1,2,3,4$$

for all sides k' of the triangles $K \in \mathcal{T}_h$. Then we have for every $v \in C^1$ (5)

$$\int_k \text{div} (r_h v)_{i, (r_h v)_{i+1}} dx = \int_k \text{div} (v_{i, v_{i+1}}) dx \quad i=1,2,3 \quad (5)$$

We denote $D v = -(\text{div} (v_1, v_2), \text{div} (v_3, v_4))$, and $\int_k D (r_h v) dx = \int_k D v dx$ (6)

A direct consequence of (4), (5) and (6) is the following lemma which assure the convergence of the numerical solution (patch test).

Lemma:

For all common side k' of any two adjacent triangle K_i, K_j we have:

$$\int_{k'} (v_{h,i} - v_{h,j}) d\Gamma = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in X_h^0 \quad (7)$$

where $v_{h,l}$ $l=1,2$, is the trace of the restriction of v_h to K_l . Further more, if $k' \in \Gamma$, we have

$$\int_{k'} v_{h,i} d\Gamma = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in X_h^0 \quad (8)$$

We now in a position to construct the needed finite element space

$$Z_h^0 = \{ v_h \in (X_h^0)^4 : \int_k D^* v_h dx = C, \quad K \in \mathcal{T}_h \} \quad (9)$$

which can be reduced to that introduced by. Crouzeix Raviart [5] This space is characterized by the conditions of null divergence and trace in the following manner:

Let A, B be the linear mappings

$$\sigma = [\sigma_{ij}] \xrightarrow{A} ((A\sigma)_1, (A\sigma)_2) = ([\sigma_{11}], [\sigma_{12}]) \quad (10)$$

$$(\vec{p}, \vec{q}) \xrightarrow{B} (\text{div } \vec{p}, \text{div } \vec{q}) \quad (11)$$

consequently

$$- D^* \sigma = (B \circ A) \sigma \quad (12)$$

So the introduced finite element (in our work) is in fact a product of the Crouzeix-Raviart finite element of σ and $A\sigma$. The functional spaces adjoint to our problem takes the form:

Given D_h^* be the mapping defined by:

$$(D_h^* v)|_k = D^*(v|_k) \quad \forall v \in (p_1^h)^4$$

If $v \in (X_h^0)^4$ then $D^* v$ is τ_h -Stepped function.

Denote by $\tilde{\sigma}_h$ the stress field satisfies the equilibrium condition (w.r.t.) exterior forces) as follows:

$$\text{Let } Y_h = \{ v \in (p_1^h)^2 : v(b_i) = 0, \quad b_i \in \Sigma_h \cup \Gamma_1 \} \quad (13)$$

then for every $\dot{u} \in Y_h$, we have

$$\sum_{k \in \tau_h} \int_k (D^* \tilde{\sigma}_h|_k / \dot{u}) dx + \int_k (p/\dot{u})_2 dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} ((\tilde{\sigma}_h \cdot n + 1)/\dot{u})_2 d\Gamma = 0 \quad (14)$$

Apply now the Stokes formula on each finite element taking into consideration that the elements satisfy the patch test, we get

$$\sum_{k \in \tau_h} \int_k (\tilde{\sigma}_h / D^*(\dot{u}|_k))_4 dx + \int_k (p/\dot{u}|_k)_2 dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} (1/\dot{u}|_k)_2 d\Gamma = 0 \quad (15)$$

We can now take for $\tilde{\sigma}$ one of the elements of the affine variety

$$\{ \sigma_h \in (p_1^h) : D_h^* \sigma_h + p|_{Y_h} = 0 \text{ and } \sigma_h \cdot n + 1|_{\text{Trace } Y_h} = 0 \}$$

Finally we define the finite dimensional space S_h as a subspace of S by:

$$S_h = (X_h^0)^m \quad (m: \text{No of internal parameters}) \quad (16)$$

The problem (P) is now approximated as follows: determine $(\tilde{\sigma}_h, \underline{S}_h)$ that

$$\text{minimize } G(\tilde{\sigma}_h + \sigma_h, S_h) \text{ on } Z_h^0 \times S_h \quad (17)$$

Let $\{p_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq 3}$ be the canonical basis of $p_1(k)$, $k \in \tau_h$ with

$$p_i(x_1, x_2) = 1 - 2\lambda_i(x_1, x_2) \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3 \quad (17)$$

where λ_i are the barycentric coordinates w.r.t. the vertex a_i . One can easily verify that

$$\int_k \lambda_i(x) dx = \frac{1}{12} (1 + \delta_{ij}) \Delta_k \quad (18)$$

$$\int_k p_i(x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \Delta_k, \quad \Delta_k = \text{area of } k \quad (19)$$

The later results shows that the functions P_i are orthogonal in $L^2(k)$. So one can define on each $K_j \in \mathcal{T}_h$ the functions Fig.2.

$$W_i^{1,j} = \frac{1}{|a_i a_{i+1}|} p_{i+2} \vec{n}_{i+2} + \frac{1}{|a_i a_{i+2}|} p_{i+1} \vec{n}_{i+1}$$

(relative to the node a_i)

$$W_i^{2,j} = \frac{1}{|a_{i+1} a_{i+2}|} p_i \vec{a}_{i+1} \vec{a}_{i+2} \quad (21)$$

(relative to the meridians b_i)

where \vec{n}_i is the normal to the side $\overline{a_{i+1}a_{i+2}}$ (modulo 3)

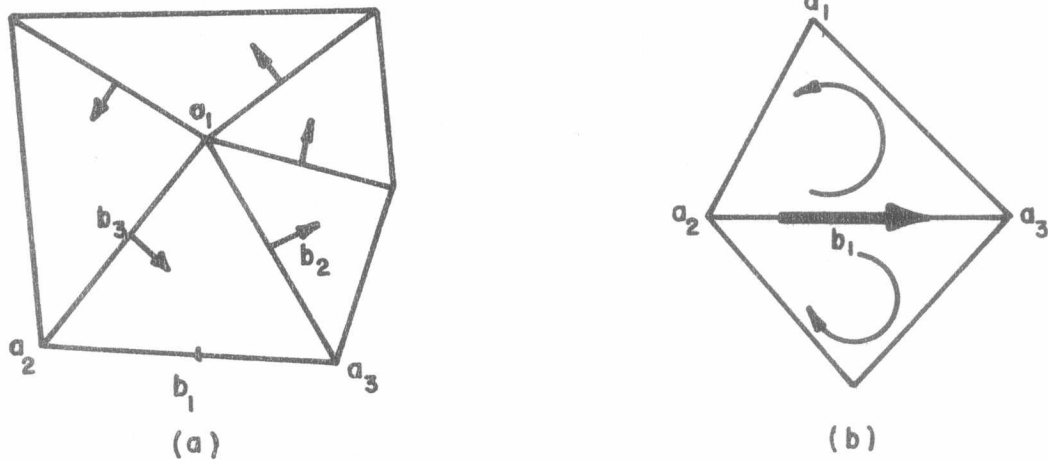


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Using Gauss Formula we get

$$\Delta_j \operatorname{div} (w_i^{1,j}) = \int_{K_j} \operatorname{div} (w_i^{1,j}) dx = \int_{K_j} w_i^{1,j} \cdot \vec{n} d\Gamma = 0 \quad (i=1,2,3)$$

So $\operatorname{div} (w_i^{1,j}) = 0$ over K_j $1 \leq i \leq 3$

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1. One can easily verify that the functions $w_i^{1,j}$ ($i=1,2$) are dependent, so it is possible to eliminate one of the unknowns $w_i^{1,j}$ $1 \leq i \leq 3$

Practically, this elimination is done at each node common to a set of triangles which partitioning Ω as in Fig.3. Consequently, for each K_j a set of basis in $(X^0)^2|_{K_j}$ is defined and the set $\{w_i^{e,j}\}$ is now reduced to only five elements.

At the computational level this reduction of the number of unknowns is of great importance when Card τ_h is very large.

2. Another reduction throughout the problem is attained by taking S_h as a space of functions τ_h -stepped (i.e. of class P_0 on K). This is acceptable since the elements of S must satisfy only some integrability conditions.
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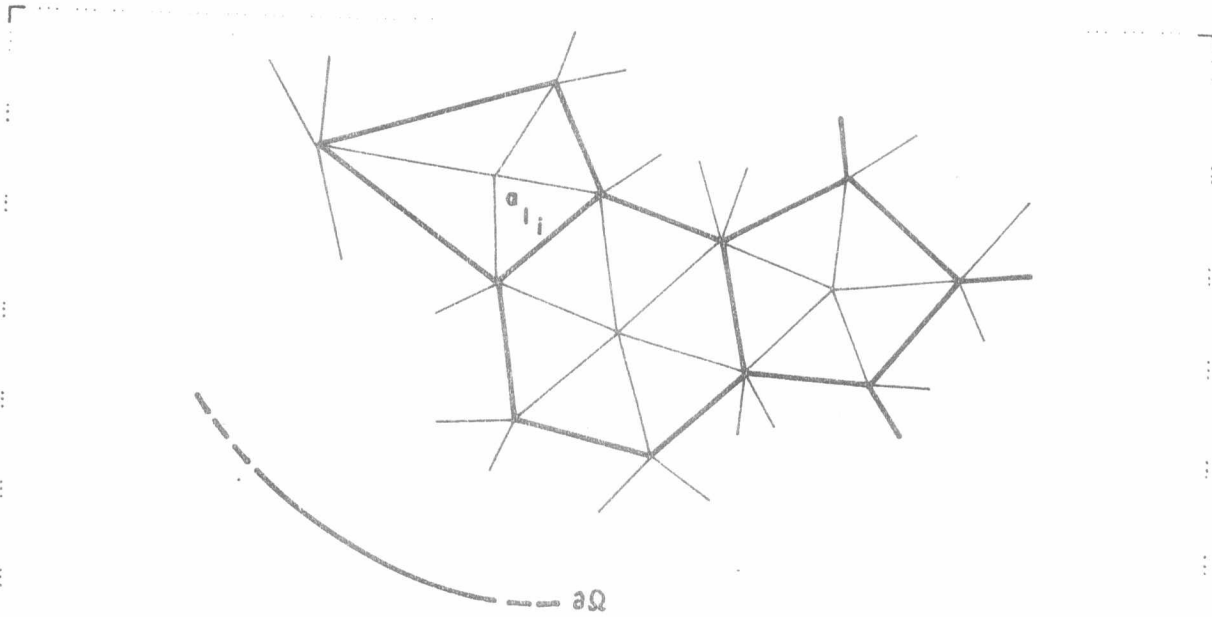


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4. The boundary conditions are treated as follows:

(i) Determination of $\tilde{\sigma}_h$ (denoted here as σ) satisfying $(\text{div}(\tilde{\sigma}_{11}, \tilde{\sigma}_{12}), \text{div}(\tilde{\sigma}_{21}, \tilde{\sigma}_{22})) = 0$ (for null body forces [3]) is realized at the computational level by constructing scalar functions Z_1, Z_2 such that:

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Where \vec{k} is the unit normal to surface Ω . The vector functions

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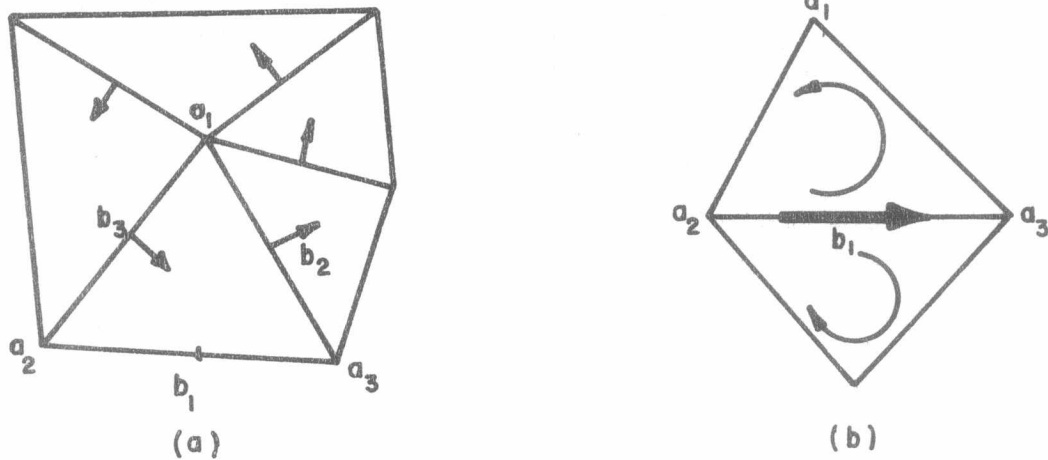


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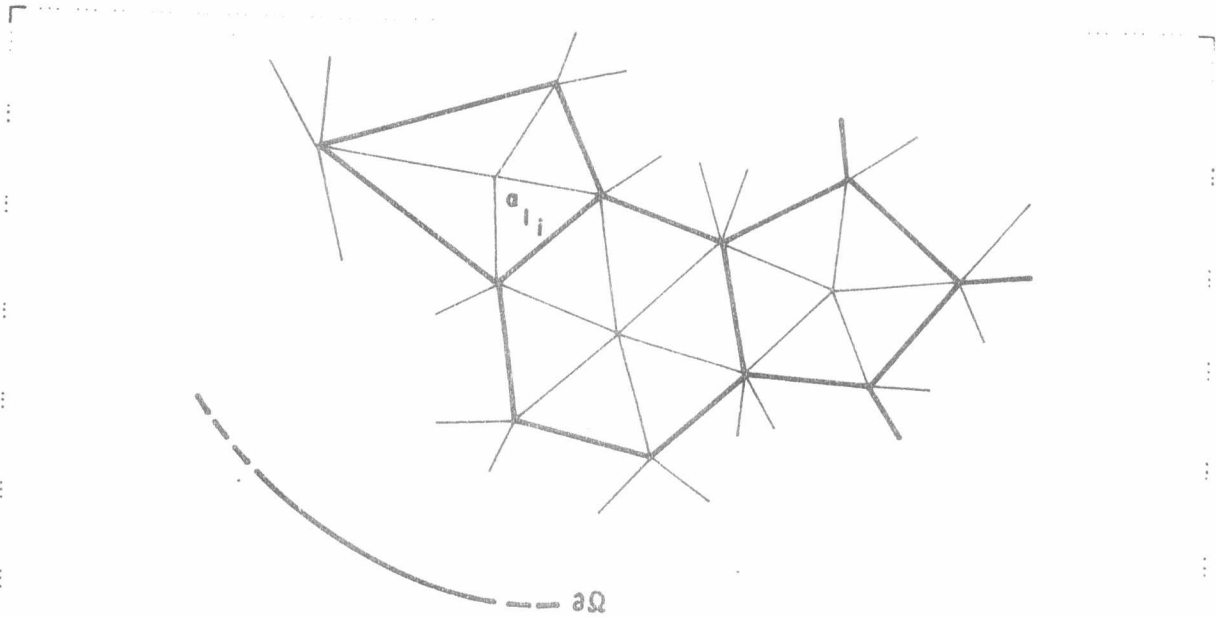


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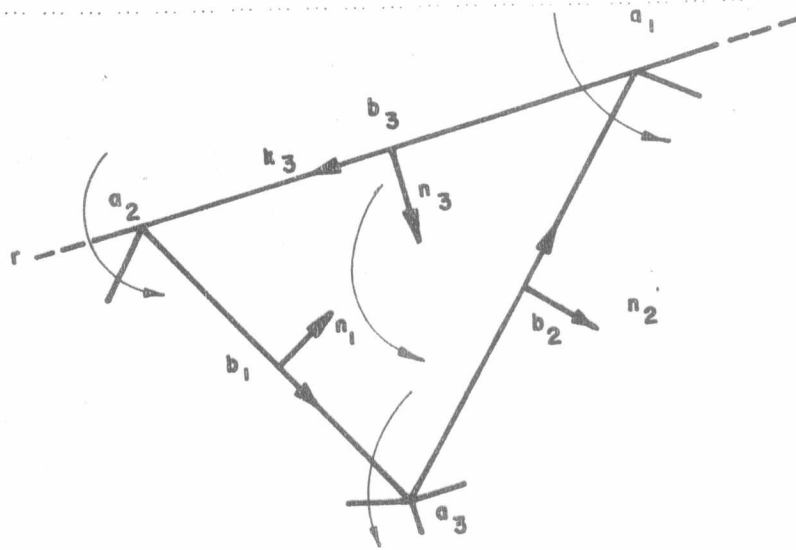


Fig. 4

7. Cur algorithm may be constructed as a descent algorithm taking into consideration the results mentioned above together with a line search technique proposed by the author [2]. For the example solved here Fig.4. (in which $G_1(\sigma, S) = \sum_{i,j}^2 (\sigma_{ij} - S_{ij})^2, i=1$) a Fletcher-Reeves algorithm with reinitialization, also an exterior penalty method is used.

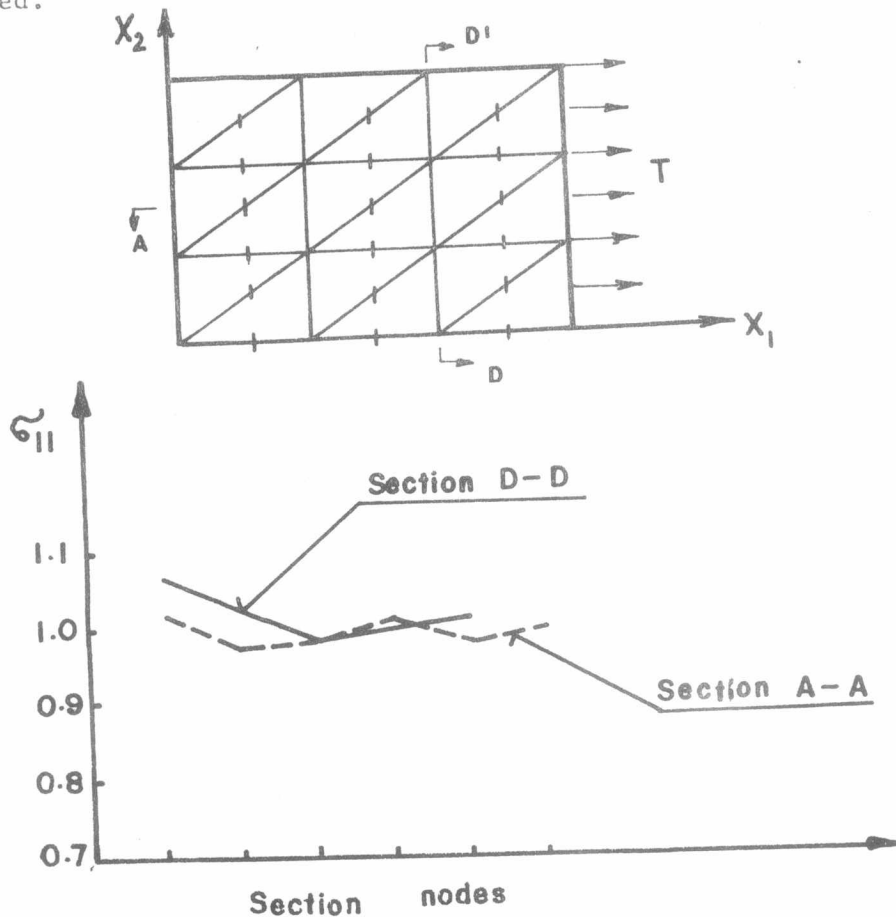


Fig.5.

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