

**IV B.Tech II Semester Regular Examinations, Apr/May 2006**  
**FINITE ELEMENT METHODS**  
**(Aeronautical Engineering)**

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions  
 All Questions carry equal marks

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1. (a) Explain the natural and geometric boundary conditions.  
 (b) Explain different approaches of getting the finite element equations. [16]
2. (a) A long rod is subjected to loading and temperature increase of  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The total strain  $\epsilon$  at a point is measured to be  $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ . If  $E=200\text{GPa}$  and  $\alpha=12 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Determine stress at the point.  
 (b) Consider the rod shown in figure 1 where strain at any point  $x$  is given by  $\epsilon=1+2x^2$ . Find the tip displacement. [16]

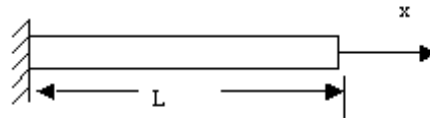


Figure 1:

3. Use the stiffness matrix to calculate the end moments and shear forces of a beam subjected to a load of  $5\text{KN/m}$ . The 3 sections are of same length of  $2\text{m}$  each. The total beam is subjected to a uniform load of  $5\text{KN/m}$ . as shown in figure 2 [16]

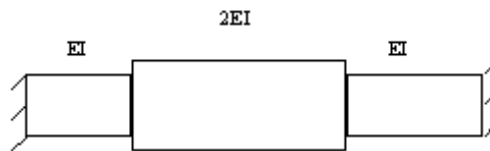


Figure 2:

4. What is a plane stress and plane strain problem? Give suitable example and explain? [16]
5. (a) Examine the limits of exactness of Gaussian quadrature formula with
  - i.  $n=3$
  - ii.  $n=4$ .

(b) What is difference between Newton -Cotes and Gauss quadrature formulations. [16]

6. Determine the temperature distribution for the plate as shown figure 3. [16]

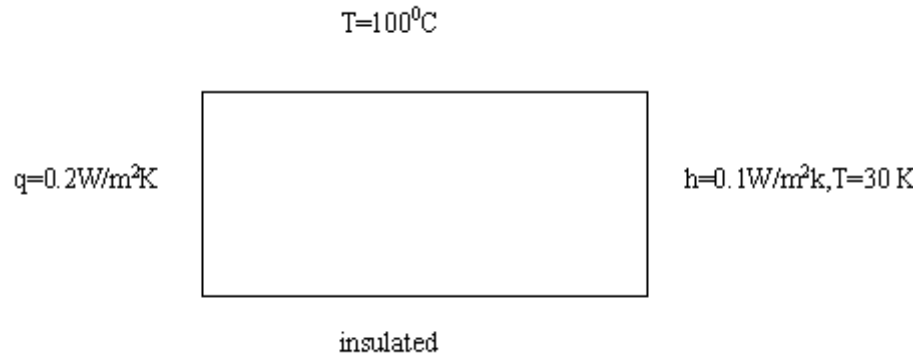


Figure 3:

7. Find the natural frequencies for a cantilever bar vibrating freely in the axial direction by using one and two elements respectively. The exact solution is  $\omega = (n\pi/2L) \left( \sqrt{E/\rho} \right)$  where  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  is the mode number. Find the percentage of error in both the cases. Shown in figure 4 [16]

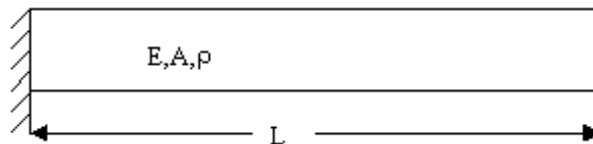


Figure 4:

8. Write the subroutines to compute the shape functions, using these routines develop a sub routine to compute the  $[B]$  matrix at a given Gauss point for a three noded triangular element. [16]

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1. Explain various types of boundary conditions encountered in the finite element analysis of structural problems. [16]
2. (a) What is displacement function?  
 (b) Derive stresses and strains relations.  
 (c) Derive equivalent nodal force vectors. [16]
3. For the beam and load shown in figure 1 determine slope at 2 and 3 and at the mid point of the distributed load.  $E=200\text{GPa}, I=5 \times 10^6 \text{mm}^4$ . [16]

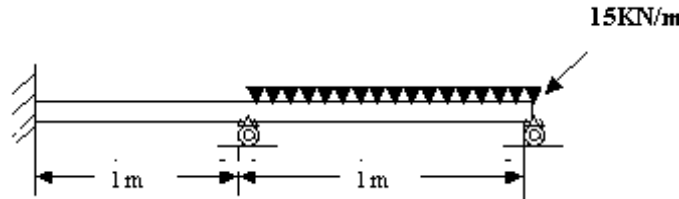


Figure 1:

4. Derive the expressions for the mass and stiffness matrices of a plate using triangular elements. [16]
5. (a) The nodal coordinates of the triangular element are 1 (1,1) , 2 (4,2) , 3 (3,5). at the interior point P, the x coordinate is 3.3 and  $N_1$  is 0.3 . Determine  $N_2$ ,  $N_3$  and y coordinate at point P.  
 (b) Explain natural and simple natural coordinates. [16]
6. Heat is generated in a large plate ( $K=0.8 \text{ W/m}^0\text{C}$ ) at the rate  $4000 \text{ W/m}^3$ . The plate is 25 cm thick. The outside surfaces of the plate are exposed to ambient air at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  with a convective heat transfer coefficient of  $20 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ } ^0\text{C}$ . Determine the temperature distribution in the wall. Shown in figure 2. [16]
7. Using one element to idealize half of the beam as shown in figure 3. Find the lowest four mode natural frequencies. Compare the results with exact solutions.  
 $\omega_n = (n\pi/L)^2 \left( \sqrt{EI/\rho A} \right)$  where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is the mode number. [16]
8. The cantilever beam is to be analysed using four eight noded plane stress rectangular elements. Compute the nodal degree of freedom array and column heights of

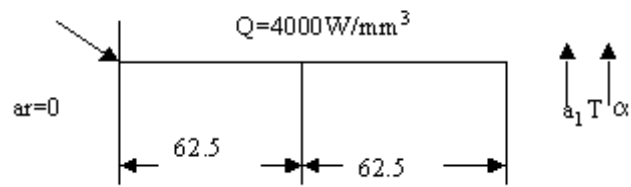


Figure 2:

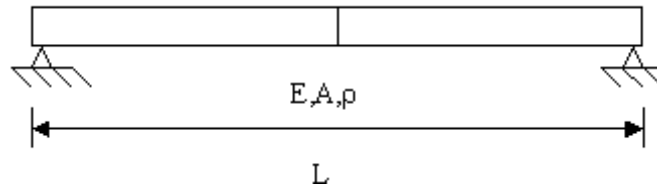


Figure 3:

the global stiffness matrix. The length of the beam is 3 m ,height of the beam is 1.5 m, thickness is 0.016 m, young's modulus  $E = 2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ KN/cm}^2$ . The first end is fixed. An axial tensile load of 500KN is applied at  $L = 3 \text{ m}$ . [16]

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1. Why a polynomial is chosen as a displacement model? On what factors does the order of polynomial depend? When do you call a displacement model as a conforming and complete? Explain. [16]
2. (a) What is displacement function?  
 (b) Derive stresses and strains relations.  
 (c) Derive equivalent nodal force vectors. [16]
3. Obtain the global stiffness matrix taking two elements 1 and 2 as beam elements for planar structure shown in figure 1. The length of the element one may be taken as L the values of E and I are same for both elements. [16]

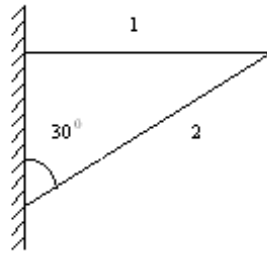


Figure 1:

4. By using principle of virtual work or minimization of total potential energy of system, obtain formulation of FEM i.e., show that  

$$k =_{vol} \int B^T D B \, dvol$$
 Also indicate various terms that contribute to vector of forces. [16]
5. Prove how an isotropic axisymmetric solid element subjected to axisymmetric loading has effectively a 2-Dimensional state of stress. [16]
6. Calculate the temperature distribution and the heat dissipating capacity of a fin shown in figure 2. The thermal conductivity of the material is 200W/m k. The surface heat transfer coefficient is 0.5 W/m<sup>2</sup>k. The ambient temperature is 30°C. The thickness of the fin is 1 cm the width at the base is 2 cm and at the tip is 1 cm and varies uniformly along the length, what changes takes place in the heat dissipation capacity of the fin. [16]

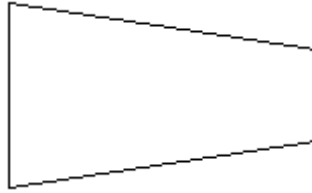


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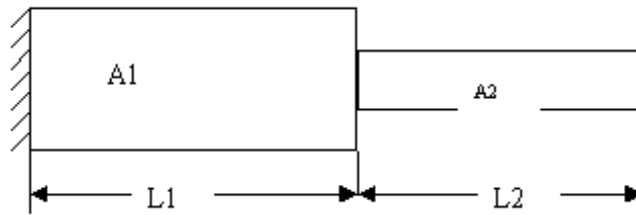


Figure 3:

7. Determine the Eigen values and Eigen vectors for the stepped bar shown in figure 3.  $E = 30 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$ , specific weight  $= 0.283 \text{ Kg/m}^3$   $A_1 = 1 \text{ m}^2$   $A_2 = 0.5 \text{ m}^2$   $L_1 = 10 \text{ m}$ .  $L_2 = 5 \text{ m}$ . [16]
8. For the cantilever beam, compute the nodal degree of freedom array and column heights of the global stiffness matrix using the mesh 2 for Discretization. The length of the beam is 4 m, height of the beam is 2 m, thickness is 0.016 m, young's modulus  $E = 2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ KN/cm}^2$ . The first end is fixed. An axial tensile load of 1000KN is applied at  $L = 4 \text{ m}$ . [16]

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1. (a) What is Lagrangian? Define the principle involved in arriving it.  
 (b) Explain about the Conforming and non conforming elements. [16]
2. Consider the truss element with the coordinates 1(10, 10) and 2(50, 40). If the displacement vector is  $q = [15 \ 10 \ 21 \ 43]^T$  mm, then determine  
 (a) the vector  $q$   
 (b) stress in the element and  
 (c) stiffness matrix if  $E=70\text{GPa}$  and  $A=200\text{mm}^2$  [16]
3. Compute the support reaction at the other end of continuous beam shown in figure 1. use the concept of boundary element  $EI=400$  units. [16]

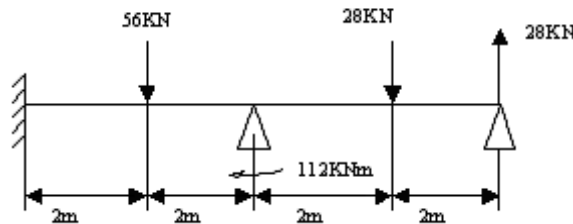


Figure 1:

4. In a plane stress problem  $\sigma_x=50\text{MPa}$ ,  $\sigma_y=-25\text{MPa}$ ,  $\sigma_{xy}=40\text{MPa}$ ,  $E=200\text{GPa}$ ,  $\mu=0.33$ .  
 (a) Determine strain component  $\varepsilon_z$ .  
 (b) If the problem is a case of plane strain case determine stress component  $\sigma_z$ . [16]
5. (a) Derive the shape function for a Hexahedral element.  
 (b) Explain various convergence requirements related to isoparametric elements. [16]
6. A metallic fin with thermal conductivity  $K=360\text{W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ , 0.1 cm thick and 10 cm long extends from a plane wall whose temperature is  $235^\circ\text{C}$ . Determine the temperature distribution and the amount of heat transferred from the fin to the air at  $20^\circ\text{C}$  with  $h = 9\text{W/m}^2\ ^\circ\text{C}$ . Take the width of fin to be 1 m. [16]

7. For the stepped bar shown in the figure 2.

- (a) Develop the global stiffness and mass matrices.  
 (b) Determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes using the characteristic polynomial technique. [16]

Assume  $E=200\text{GPa}$  and mass density  $= 7850\text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$   
 $L_1 = L_2=0.3\text{ m}$ ,  $A_1=350\text{mm}^2$ ,  $A_2=600\text{mm}^2$

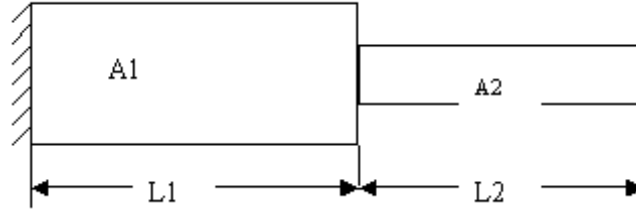


Figure 2:

8. Develop subroutines to compute the shape function, their derivatives, Jacobian matrix [J], at a given Gauss point for three noded isoparametric triangular element, using these subroutines develop a subroutine to compute [B] matrix, using the formulation for fast stiffness computation. [16]

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