

**IV B.Tech. II Semester Regular Examinations, April/May -2005**  
**FINITE ELEMENT METHODS**  
**(Aeronautical Engineering)**

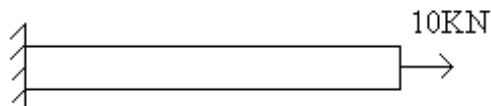
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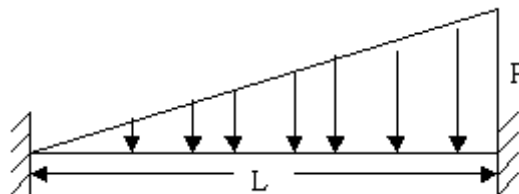
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1. (a) Explain the application of calculus of variations to solid mechanics problems and discuss the principle of minimum potential energy giving example  
 (b) Outline different types of finite elements used in FEM giving size of element stiffness matrix in each case.
2. A bar under axial load is shown below, determine the deflection at load applied by discretizing the bar into two elements, compare the solution with theoretical solution and comment.  $E = 210\text{GPa}$   $L = 30\text{cm}$ , Load  $P = 10000\text{N}$  diameter  $= 2\text{cm}$

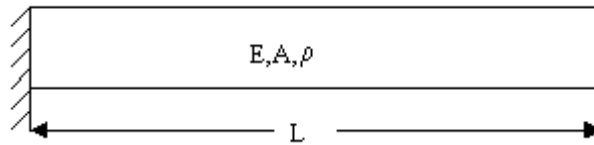


3. Compute the nodal load vector for a 2D beam member subjected to an uniformly varying load as shown.



4. Why are polynomials chosen as displacement models ? what are the convergence requirements, explain?
5. (a) What is a Lagrangian ? Define the principle involved in arriving it.  
 (b) Explain about numerical integration and Gaussian quadrature.
6. 2-Dimensional simplex elements have been used for modelling a heated flat plate. The (x,y) co-ordinates of nodes i,j and k of an interior element are given by (5,4), (8,6) and (4,8) respectively. If the nodal temperatures are found to be  $T_i = 110^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_j = 70^\circ\text{C}$  and  $T_k = 130^\circ\text{C}$  find
  - (a) The temperature gradient inside the element and
  - (b) The temperature at the point P located at  $(x_p, y_p) = (6,5)$ .

7. Write the subroutines to compute the shape functions, their derivatives, Jacobian matrix  $[J]$ ,  $[J]^{-1}$  and  $|J|$  at a given Gauss point for a four noded quadrilateral element.
8. Evaluate the lowest Eigen value and the corresponding Eigen modes for the beam shown in the figure  $E= 200 \text{ GPa}$  and  $\rho=7840\text{kg/m}^3$ ,  $I = 2000 \text{ mm}^4$ ,  $A=240 \text{ mm}^2$ ,  $L =300 \text{ mm}$ .



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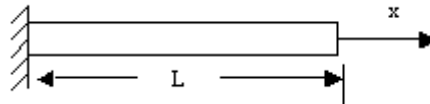
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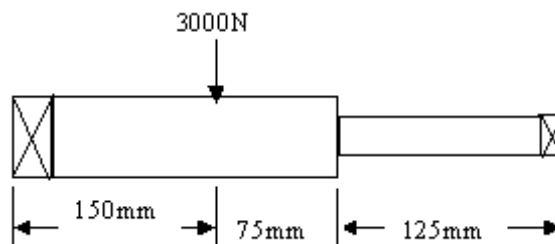
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1. (a) How a structure is discretized? What are the criteria to select large number of elements of smaller size and smaller number of elements of large sized elements?
- (b) Explain about the following:
  - i. theory of direct stiffness method
  - ii. Higher order elements.
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 where strain at any point  $x$  is given by  $\epsilon=1+2x^2$ . Find the tip displacement.

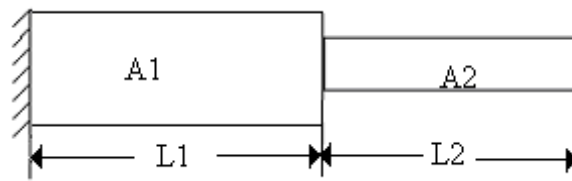


3. Find the deflection at the load and the slopes at the ends for the steel shaft shown in figure consider the shaft to be simply supported at the bearings A and B.  $I_1=1.25 \times 10^5 \text{ mm}^4$   $I_2=4 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$ .



4. Derive the load vectors for the three types of loads encountered in elasticity problems viz., udl, surface load, body forces.
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?

6. Consider a brick wall of thickness 0.3 m ,  $k=0.7 \text{ W/m K}$  . The inner surface is at  $28^\circ\text{C}$  and the outer surface is exposed to cold air at  $-15^\circ\text{C}$  . The heat transfer coefficient associated with the outside surface is  $40 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$  . Determine the steady state temperature distribution with in the wall and also the heat flux through the wall. Use two elements and obtain the solution.
7. By hand calculations, determine the natural frequencies and mode shapes for the rod shown in figure using characteristic polynomial technique. Use a lumped mass model and compare the results obtained with the consistent mass model.



$$L_1=300\text{mm}, L_2=400\text{mm}, A_1=1200\text{mm}^2, A_2=900\text{mm}^2, \rho=7830\text{Kg/m}^3.$$

8. Develop subroutines to compute the shape function, their derivatives, Jacobian matrix  $[J]$ ,  $[J]^{-1}$  and  $|J|$  at a given Gauss point for three to six(variable) noded two- dimensional isoparametric triangular elements.

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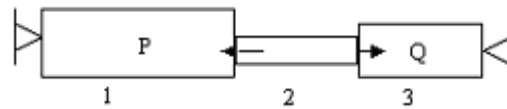
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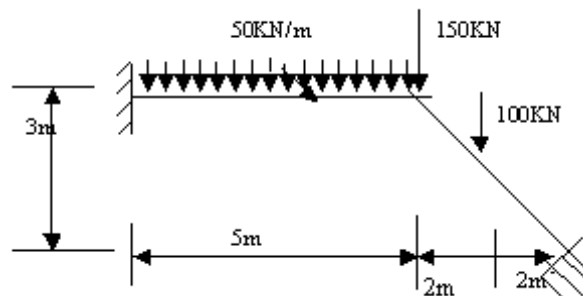
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- What are various steps in solving a problem by finite element method, explain with suitable example.
  - Explain advantages, disadvantages and limitations of FEM.
- Determine the displacements  $u_2, u_3$ , strains, stresses in the three elements shown in figure Assume  $E = 200 \text{KN/mm}^2$  for all the elements. Ends 1 and 4 are restrained  $P=Q=5\text{KN}$ ,  $A_1=20\text{mm}^2$ ,  $A_2=10\text{mm}^2$ ,  $A_3=16\text{mm}^2$ ,  $L_1=L_2=400\text{mm}$ ,  $L_3=320\text{mm}$

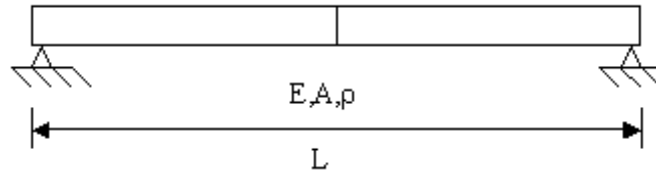


- Determine the displacements and rotations of the joints for the portal frames shown in figure using FEM  $E=2 \times 10^3 \text{KN/cm}^2$ ,  $A_1=1500 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $A_2=2500 \text{ cm}^2$



- What is a plane stress and plane strain problem? Give suitable example and explain?
- Evaluate  $\int_1^3 dx/x$  using Gaussian three point formula
  - Explain the procedure of Gauss quadrature
- The outside of a heating tape is insulated, while the inside is attached to one face of a 2 cm thick stainless steel plate ( $K = 16.6 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ) the other face of the plate is exposed to the surroundings, which are at a temperature of  $20^\circ\text{C}$ , heat is supplied at a rate of  $500 \text{ W/m}^2$ , the outside surface is maintained at  $T_s = 70^\circ\text{C}$ . Determine the temperature of the face to which the heating tape is attached.  $h = 5 \text{ W/m}^2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

7. Using one element to idealize half of the beam as shown in fig. Find the lowest four mode natural frequencies. Compare the results with exact solutions.  $\omega_n = (n\pi/L)^2(\sqrt{EI/\rho A})$  where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is the mode number.



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 four noded quadrilateral element .

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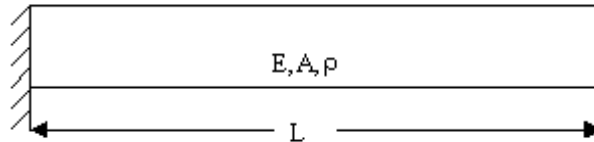
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5. (a) Explain and differentiate Serendipity and Lagrangian family of elements.  
(b) Using Hermitian polynomial interpolation obtain shape functions for a flexural beam element.
6. In the steady state irrotational flow of a fluid at a point P , the pressure is  $15 \text{ kg/cm}^2$  and the velocity is  $10 \text{ m/s}$ . At point Q , which is located  $5 \text{ m}$  vertically above P , the velocity is  $5 \text{ m/s}$  . If density of fluid is  $0.001 \text{ kg/cm}^3$  , find the pressure at Q.
7. Find the natural frequencies for a cantilever bar shown in fig. vibrating freely in the axial direction by using one and two elements.



8. Develop subroutines to compute the shape function, their derivatives, Jacobian matrix  $[J]$ ,  $[J]^{-1}$  and  $|J|$  at a given Gauss point for four to eight (variable) noded two- dimensional isoparametric rectangular element.

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