

First Semester M.Tech. Degree Examination, May/June 2010
Finite Element Methods

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

- 1 a. Outline the basic steps in the finite element method, for engineering analysis of an elastic body. (06 Marks)
- b. A cantilever beam of span ' l ' is subjected to a point load ' p ' at the free end. The Young's modulus of elasticity of the beam material is ' E ' and moment of inertia of the section is ' I '. Derive an equation for deflection by using Rayleigh-Ritz method. (14 Marks)
- 2 a. Derive shape functions for one dimensional linear bar element in terms of global coordinates. (06 Marks)
- b. The two-element truss is subjected to an external loading as shown in Fig.Q2(b). The elements have modulus of elasticity $E_1 = E_2 = 10 \times 10^6 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and roll-sectional area $A_1 = A_2 = 1.5 \text{ mm}^2$. Find the displacement components of node 3 and one elemental stresses.

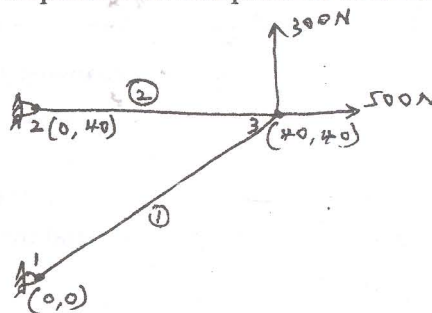


Fig.Q2(b)

(14 Marks)

- 3 a. Evaluate the shape functions N_1 , N_2 and N_3 for a triangular element shown in Fig.Q3(a) at point P, having coordinates 3.85 and 4.8. (08 Marks)

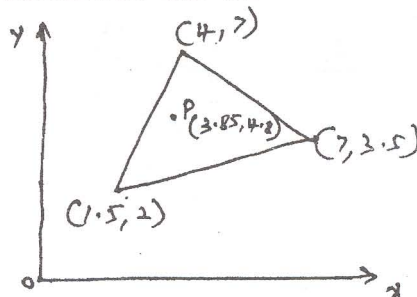


Fig.Q3(a)

- b. Derive the shape functions in local coordinates for a four-noded quadrilateral element (QVAD4). (12 Marks)
- 4 a. Explain continuity conditions to be satisfied by the interpolation model. (05 Marks)
- b. Write a note on axisymmetric problem. (05 Marks)
- c. Formulate matrix $[B]$ for an axisymmetric ring element. (10 Marks)
- 5 a. Bring out the expression for potential energy functional for a general three dimensional elastic body. (06 Marks)
- b. Derive shape functions for 3D four-noded tetrahedral element (TET4). (14 Marks)

- 6 The Fig.Q6 shows a beam subjected to a transverse load applied at the midspan. Using two beam elements, obtain a solution for the midspan deflection. (20 Marks)

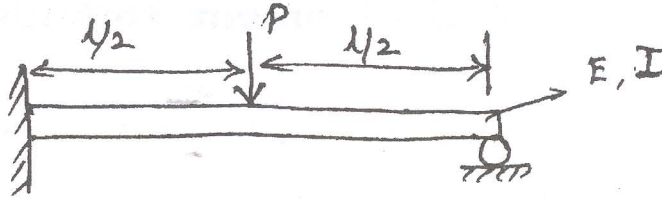


Fig.Q6

- 7 a. Derive the differential equation governing the heat conduction in an orthotropic solid body. (06 Marks)
- b. Find the temperature distribution in 1-D fin shown in Fig.Q7(b). Consider minimum two elements in finite element mesh. (14 Marks)

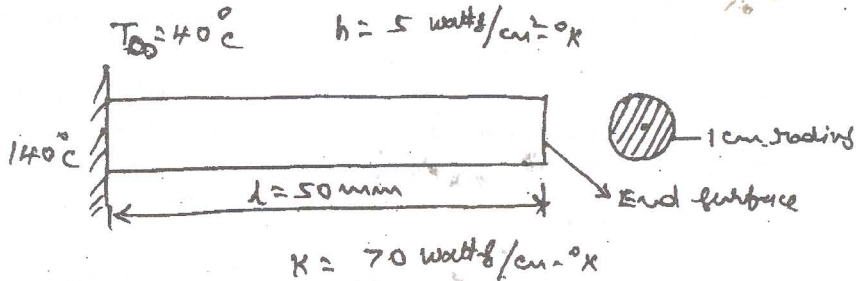


Fig.Q7(b)

- 8 Find the natural frequencies of longitudinal vibration of the unconstrained stepped bar shown in Fig.Q8. The Young's modulus is E and material density is ρ . (20 Marks)

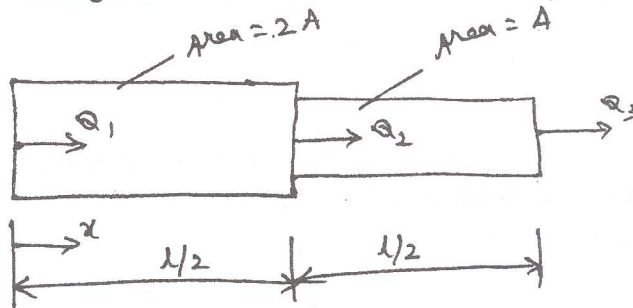


Fig.Q8