



B.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2018

(Regulation 2015)

Sixth Semester

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

U15MET602: Finite Element Analysis

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Solve problems by applying standard finite element techniques.
CO2: Analyze 1-D finite elements and to build the stiffness matrix.
CO3: Examine 2-D finite element continuum for structural applications.
CO4: Solve 1-D and 2-D heat transfer problems using finite element approach.
CO5: Apply axisymmetric formulation for specific applications.
CO6: Make use of finite element principles in isoparametric applications.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Match list I (weighted residual methods) with list II (Residual functions) and select the correct answer using the codes given below. CO1 [K₂]

List I	List II
A. Point collocation method	i. Integral of the weighted square of the residual over the domain is minimum.
B. Subdomain collocation method	ii. Residual function is zero
C. Least square method	iii. Integral of residual function over the domain is zero
D. Galerkin's method	iv. Trial function is considered as the weighting function

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| a) | ii | iii | i | iv | |
| b) | iii | ii | iv | i | |
| c) | ii | i | iii | iv | |
| d) | i | ii | iii | iv | |
2. Weighted residual method is useful for solving _____ CO1 [K₂]
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| a) Non-structural problems | b) Structural problems |
| c) Vibration Analysis | d) Fluid - Flow Problems |

3. Consider the following statements. CO2 [K₂]
1. A traction force is a distributed force acting on every elemental volume.
 2. A body force is a force that acts on surface of the body.
 3. Self-weight is considered as a point load.
 4. Any structure can be discretized infinite number of times.
- Which of these statements are correct?
- a) i and ii b) Only ii
c) Only i d) Only iv
4. Consider the following statements. CO3 [K₂]
1. A matrix which has non-zero coefficients located on or near the main diagonal is called Banded matrix.
 2. A stiffness matrix is a skew symmetric matrix
 3. A stiffness matrix is a symmetric matrix
 4. The determinant of a stiffness matrix is non-zero
- Which of these statements are correct?
- a) 1,3 b) 3,4
c) 2,4 d) 2,3
5. Assertion (A): Constant strain triangle (CST) is a three noded triangular element with six degrees of freedom. CO3 [K₂]
Reason (R) : Linear strain triangle (LST) is a ten noded triangular element
- a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
c) A is true but R is false d) A is false but R is true
6. Assembled stiffness matrix after applying boundary conditions is not a CO4 [K₂]
- a) Square b) Banded
c) Symmetric d) Singular
7. Sequence the general steps of the finite element analysis CO4 [K₂]
- (i) Derivation of element stiffness matrix and equation (ii) Applying boundary conditions (iii) Computation of the element stresses and strains (iv) Discretization
- a) i – iv – iii - ii b) ii – iv – i - iii
c) iv – i – ii - iii d) iv – iii – ii - i
8. The element stiffness matrix for the axisymmetric element is CO5 [K₂]
- a) $tw_1w_2[J][B]^T[D][B]$ b) $tA[B]^T[D][B]$
c) $A[B]^T[D][B]$ d) $2\pi rA[B]^T[D][B]$
9. Assertion (A): The sum of the shape function is equal to zero. CO5 [K₂]
Reason (R) : The shape function has unit value at its own nodal point and zero value at other nodal point.

a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A

c) A is true but R is false d) A is false but R is true

10. In shape function the field variables and geometry transformation are in equal CO6 [K₂]

a) Subparametric elements b) Superparametric elements

c) Isoparametric elements d) parametric elements

PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)
(Answer not more than 40 words)

11. Mention some properties of element stiffness matrix. CO1 [K₂]

12. List any two reasons to use polynomial type of interpolation functions. CO1 [K₂]

13. State the assumptions are made while finding the forces in truss. CO2 [K₂]

14. What are the characteristics of shape function? CO2 [K₂]

15. Write down the strain – displacement matrix for CST element. CO3 [K₂]

16. Write down the finite element equation for one dimensional heat conduction with free end convection. CO4 [K₂]

17. What are the condition for a problem to be axisymmetric triangular element? CO5 [K₂]

18. Write down the shape function for an axisymmetric triangular element. CO5 [K₂]

19. What is the purpose of Isoparametric elements? CO6 [K₂]

20. Define superparametric elements. CO6 [K₂]

Answer any FIVE Questions:-
PART C (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)
(Answer not more than 300 words)

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21. The differential equation of a physical phenomenon is given by: CO1 [K₂]

$$(d^2y/dx^2) + 500x^2 = 0, 0 < x < 1$$

$$\text{Trail function, } y = a_1(x - x^4)$$

$$\text{Boundary conditions are } y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$$

Calculate the value of the parameter a_1 by the following methods:

i) Point collocation, ii) Subdomain collocation, iii) Least squares, iv) Galerkin method

22. List and briefly describe the general steps of the finite element method. CO1 [K₂]

23. For the plane truss shown in figure 1, determine the horizontal and vertical displacements of nodes. All the elements have $E = 201 \text{ GPa}$ and $A = 4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$. CO2 [K₂]

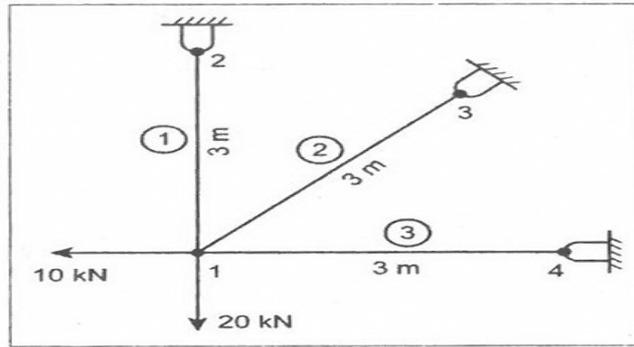


Fig.1.

24. Derive the shape function for the constant strain triangular element. CO3 [K₃]
25. A furnace wall is made up of three layers, inside layer with thermal conductivity 8.5 W/mK, the middle layer with thermal conductivity 0.25 W/mK, the outer layer with conductivity 0.08 W/mK. The respective thickness of the inner, middle and outer layer is 25 cm, 5 cm and 3 cm respectively. The inside temperature of the wall is 600 °C and outside of the wall is exposed to atmospheric air at 30 °C with heat transfer coefficient of 45 W/m²K. Determine the nodal temperatures. CO4 [K₂]
26. For the element shown in figure 2, determine the stiffness matrix. Take $E = 200$ GPa and Poisson's ratio (μ) = 0.25. The co-ordinates shown in figure 2 are in millimeters. CO5 [K₂]

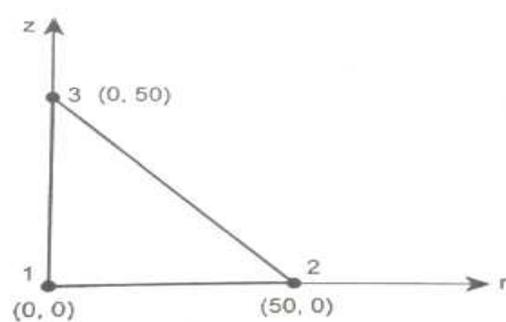


Fig. 2

27. Integrate the function $f(r) = 1 + r + r^2 + r^3$ between the limits -1 and +1 using, CO6 [K₃]
- i. Exact method.
 - ii. Gauss integration method and compare the two results.
