

VI SEMESTER B.TECH (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2016

SUBJECT: FINITE ELEMENT METHODS [MME 344]

REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ❖ Answer **ANY FIVE FULL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitable assumed.

- 1A. Compute the values of the nodal displacements and nodal reaction forces of the 2-D truss system shown in Fig.1 applying the Direct Stiffness Method. Assume $A=1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$ and $E = 210 \text{ GPa}$ for all members.

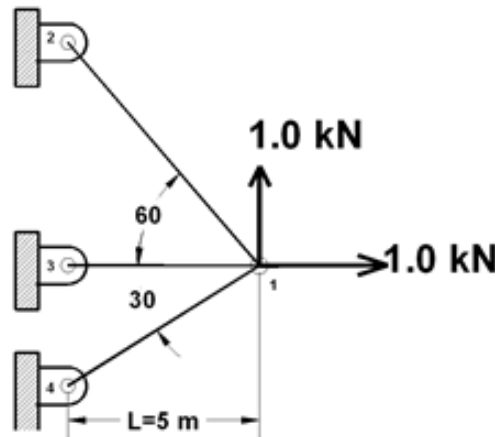


Fig.1

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- 1B. For the three noded triangular plate element shown in Fig.2, compute the temperature at the point P, given the nodal temperatures are $T_1 = 120^\circ\text{C}$, $T_2 = 170^\circ\text{C}$ and $T_3 = 225^\circ\text{C}$.

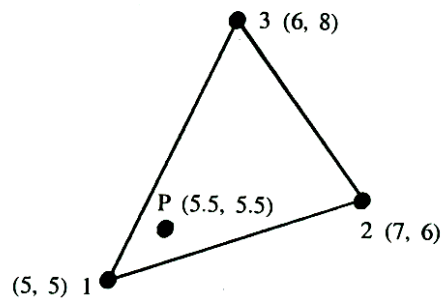


Fig.2

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- 2A. Map side 1-2 of the Quadrilateral element shown in **Fig.3** to the corresponding side of an Iso-parametric element.

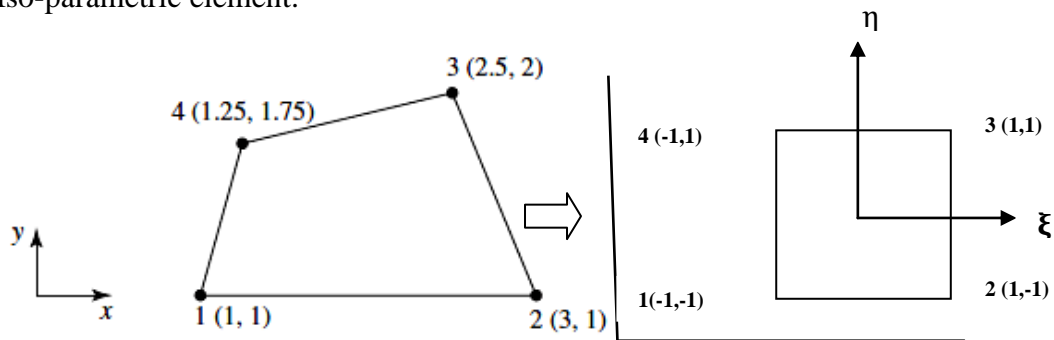
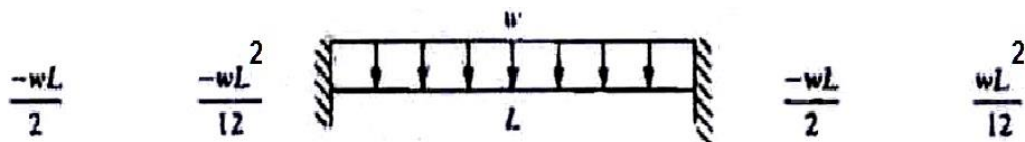
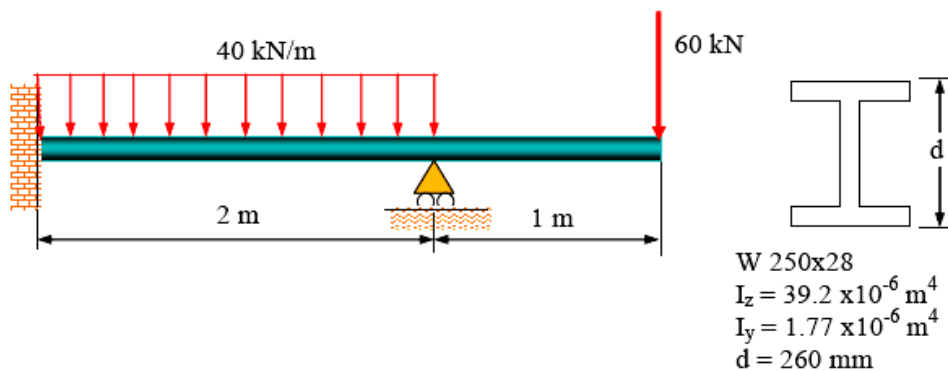


Fig.3

- 2B. A rolled steel beam and loading is shown in the **Fig 4**. Given, $E = 200$ GPa. (a) Solve for the nodal displacements and slopes and (b) Calculate the reaction forces and moments .



- 3A. Generate shape functions for a 2-D planar triangular element with mid-side nodes using Lagrangian interpolation function.

- 3B. Apply Iso-parametric approach to develop the element stiffness matrix $[K]$ for a 4 noded linear quadrilateral element.

- 4A. Using the **Principle of Minimum Potential Energy**, derive the following stiffness matrix formula for a general structural element

$$[K] = \iiint_V [B]^T [D] [B] dV$$

- 4B. Show that the thermal load vector induced due to thermal expansion in an arbitrarily oriented linear truss element subjected to uniform temperature rise ΔT is given by,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} f_{1x}^t \\ f_{1y}^t \\ f_{2x}^t \\ f_{2y}^t \end{Bmatrix} = AE \alpha \Delta T \begin{Bmatrix} -C \\ -S \\ +C \\ +S \end{Bmatrix}$$

- 5A. From the first principles of **Minimum Total Potential Energy** concept, obtain the element displacements of the spring assemblage shown in **Fig.5** , if $\delta = 20$ mm.

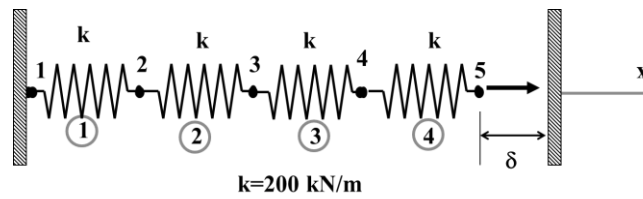


Fig. 5

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- 5B. Using Galerkin weighted residual method, obtain the element stiffness matrix for an uniaxial linear truss element.

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- 6A. Compute the element stiffness matrix for the Constant Strain Triangle (CST) given in **Fig.6** below: Determine the nodal displacements and support reactions. Dimensions are in m. Assume plane stress condition. Given that thickness of the element is 25 mm, Poisson's ratio $\mu = 0.25$ and $E = 200$ GPa.

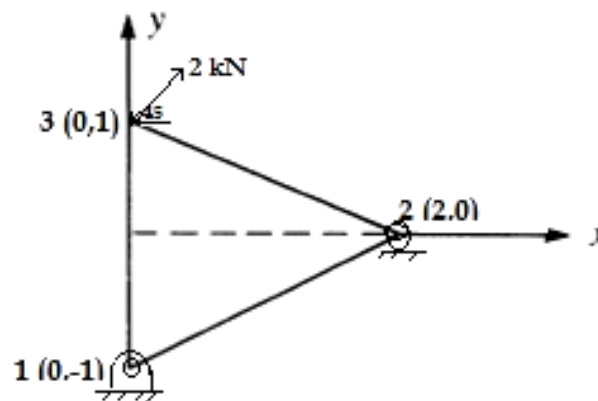


Fig. 6

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- 6B. Explain with neat sketches to bring out the salient differences between Sub-parametric and Super- Parametric elements. Bring out the relative advantages.

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