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FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

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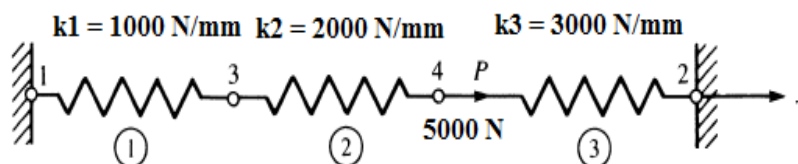
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**PART-A****(10 X 2=20 MARKS)****1. Answer the following questions.**

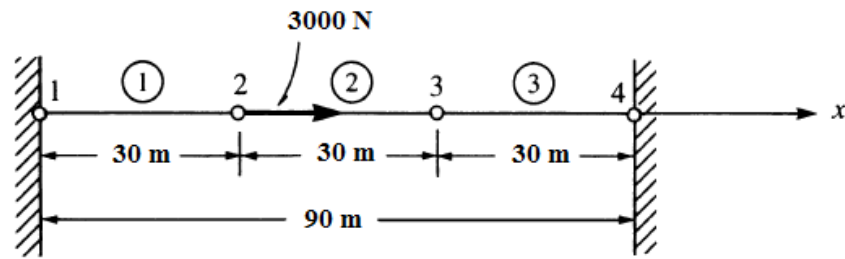
- a) What is meant by finite element analysis? [CO1]  
 b) Define discretization with an example ? [CO1]  
 c) Summarize the major steps involved in Finite element analysis. [CO1]  
 d) Why preprocessing is required in FEA. [CO1]  
 e) What do you mean by weighted residual method. [CO2]  
 f) How frame structure is different from bars ? [CO1]  
 g) State the principle of minimum potential energy. [CO1]  
 h) What is an isoparametric element ? State its important in finite element method. [CO1]  
 i) Write down the stiffness matrix equation for one dimensional heat conduction equation. [CO3]  
 j) Explain axisymmetric element with an example. [CO4]

**PART-B****(5 X 10=50 MARKS)****Answer any five questions from the following.**

2. a) Write down the advantages, disadvantages and limitation of FEM. [CO1]  
 b) List out the typical areas of engineering where the finite element method is applied. [CO1]  
 3.a) Derive the stiffness matrix for the spring assemblage with arbitrarily numbered nodes as shown in Figure 1. A force of 5000 N is applied at node 4 in the x direction. The spring constants are given in the figure. Nodes 1 and 2 are fixed. [CO1]

**Figure-1**

- b) Calculate the displacement on nodes 2 and 3 for the three-bar assemblage as shown in Fig.-2. A force of 3000 N is applied in the x direction at node 2. The length of each element is 30 m. Let  $E = 30 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$  and  $A = 1 \text{ m}^2$  for elements 1 and 2, and let  $E = 15 \times 10^6 \text{ N/m}^2$ ,  $A = 2 \text{ m}^2$  for element 3. Nodes 1 and 4 are fixed. [CO1]



**Figure-2 :** Figure 3–4 Three-bar assemblage

4. a). Explain Galerkin's Method with its governing equations. [CO2]  
 b) Discuss in detail about the treatment of boundary conditions in terms of elimination approach. [CO2]
5. a) Define the stiffness matrix and describe its characteristics [CO3]  
 b). Derive the element stiffness matrix for the plane truss element. [CO3]
6. a) The (X,Y) coordinates of the nodes i, j, k of a triangular element are (1,1), (4,2) and (3,5) respectively as shown in figure-3 . The shape functions of a point P located inside the element are given by  $N_1 = 0.15$  and  $N_2 = 0.25$  . Determine the X and Y Coordinates of the point P. [CO3]

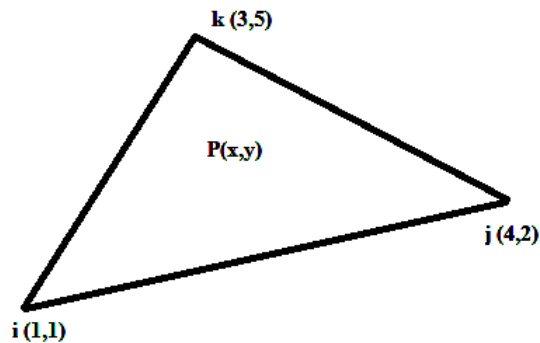


Figure-3

- b) Find the shape functions of a quadrilateral element in natural coordinates. [CO3]
7. a) How to evaluate the stiffness matrix by Gaussian Quadrature principle. [CO4]  
 b) Derive the stiffness matrix of a plate bending element. [CO4]
8. Write short notes on  
 a) Mesh Generation [CO1]  
 b) Variational Method [CO2]

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