

THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD 2013
Dept. of Solid Mechanics

FINAL EXAMINATION: 2013-06-05

A maximum of 60 points can be achieved in this examination. To pass at least 30 points are required.

Permitted aid: Pocket calculator.

Problem 1 : (10p)

In phase-field based structural optimization, the differential equation below needs to be solved.

$$-\gamma\dot{\rho} = \rho + \gamma \operatorname{div}(\nabla\rho) - \lambda$$

In this evolution equation the sought field, ρ represents the optimal design. The variables λ and γ can be considered as constants. The boundary of the analyzed domain, V , is separated into one part S_h where $\nabla\rho \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ and one part S_c where $\gamma\nabla\rho \cdot \mathbf{n} = (1 + \rho)$.

- a) Derive the weak form of the problem stated above.
- b) Derive the finite element formulation corresponding to the problem above. Note that you do not need to calculate any matrices.

Problem 2 : (10p)

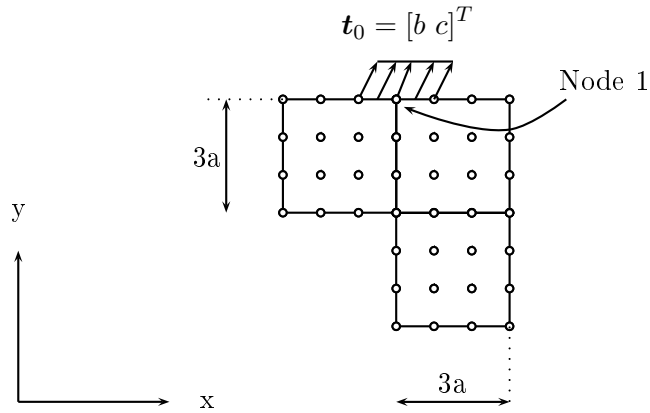


Figure 1: Mesh consisting of 16-node plane elements. For simplicity, only three elements are depicted.

The size of each element is $3a \times 3a$ and the nodes are located at equal distance. In a structural analysis the boundary force vector is given by

$$\mathbf{f}_b = \int_{\mathcal{L}} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{t} d\mathcal{L}$$

where the thickness was assumed to be 1. Calculate the contribution from the distributed force \mathbf{t}_0 to node 1, i.e. f_{b1x} and f_{b1y} using Gauss integration. You should use two integration points for the evaluation of \mathbf{f}_b^e

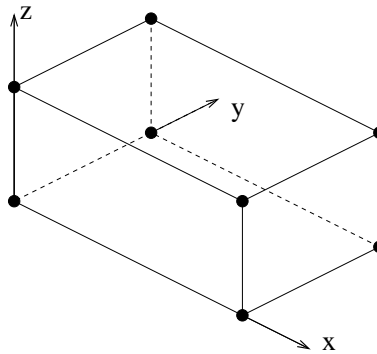
Problem 3 : (10p)

The finite element formulation for heat conduction takes the form:

$$\left(\underbrace{\int_V \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} dV}_{\mathbf{K}} + \underbrace{\int_{S_c} \alpha \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} dS}_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}} \right) \mathbf{a} = \underbrace{\int_{S_c} \mathbf{N}^T \alpha T_\infty dS}_{\mathbf{f}_c} - \underbrace{\int_{S_g} \mathbf{N}^T q_n dS - \int_{S_h} \mathbf{N}^T h dS}_{\mathbf{f}_b} + \underbrace{\int_V \mathbf{N}^T Q dV}_{\mathbf{f}_i}$$

where S_c is the boundary where convection applies, S_h is the boundary where the heat flow is prescribed and S_g is the boundary where the temperature is prescribed.

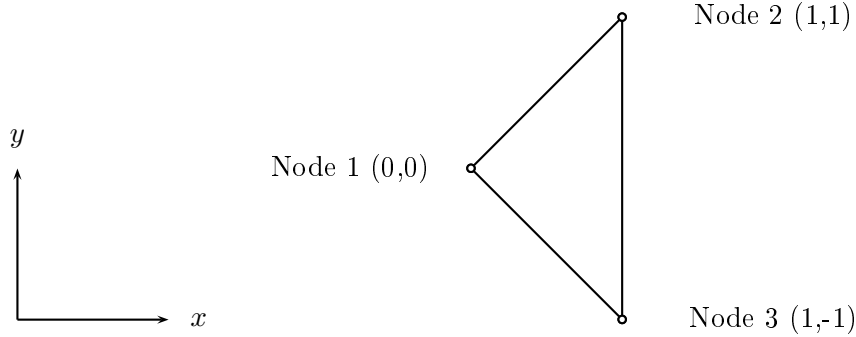
The finite element model is based on brick elements as depicted below.



- a) Show that the matrix $\mathbf{K} + \tilde{\mathbf{K}}$ is positive definite for $\alpha > 0$. \mathbf{D} is symmetric and positive semi definite.
- b) Suggest an approximation for the brick element that satisfies the convergence requirement. (Proof needed).

Problem 4 : (10p)

The element depicted below has been used in a thermo-mechanical analysis.



The result of the analysis is

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{x1} \\ u_{y1} \\ u_{x2} \\ u_{y2} \\ u_{x3} \\ u_{y3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ -1 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 3 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} m$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \\ T_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 140 \\ 180 \\ 250 \end{bmatrix} ^\circ C$$

Calculate the stress distribution in the element using the Hooke's law (plane stress prevails). The stiffness is assumed to be given by

$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \nu & 0 \\ \nu & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \nu) \end{bmatrix}$$

The thermal strains are given by $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^o = \alpha \Delta T [1 \ 1 \ 0]^T$. The stress free temperature is $20^\circ C$ where the expansion coefficient is given by $\alpha = 4 \cdot 10^{-6}$. The Poisson's ratio is given by $\nu = 0.3$ and the Young's modulus is given by $E = 210 \cdot 10^3 MPa$

Problem 5 : (10p)

The finite element formulation for two dimensional heat conduction takes the form:

$$\left(\underbrace{\int_A \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} dA}_{\mathbf{K}} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{L}_c} \alpha \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{N} d\mathcal{L}}_{\bar{\mathbf{K}}} \right) \mathbf{a} = \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{L}_c} \mathbf{N}^T \alpha T_\infty d\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbf{f}_c} - \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{L}_g} \mathbf{N}^T q_n d\mathcal{L} - \int_{\mathcal{L}_h} \mathbf{N}^T h d\mathcal{L}}_{\mathbf{f}_b} + \underbrace{\int_A \mathbf{N}^T Q dA}_{\mathbf{f}_l}$$

where \mathcal{L}_c is the boundary where convection applies, \mathcal{L}_h is the boundary where the heat flow is prescribed and \mathcal{L}_g is the boundary where the temperature is prescribed.

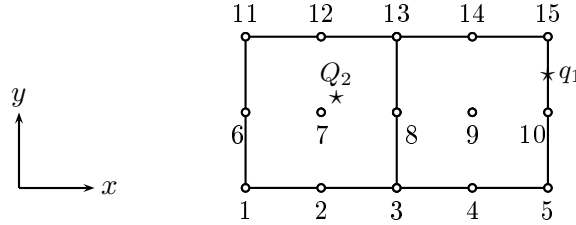


Figure 2: Mesh consisting of two nine-node elements.

The boundary conditions for the problem is given below

Prescribed temperature along nodes 1-2-3-4-5, i.e. $T = g$

Prescribed heat flow along 1-6-11, i.e. $q_n = h \neq 0$

Isolated along 5-10-15, except for the boundary point source q_1

Convection along 11-12-13-14-15, i.e. $q_n = \alpha(T - T_\infty)$

Moreover, heat is also supplied via the point source Q_2 .

In the system of equations below mark

x – components that are known and different from zero. Assume that that the element stiffness, \mathbf{K}^e matrix is fully populated.

? – components that are unknown and different from zero

all blank positions are interpreted as zero.

Problem 6 (FHL064) : (10p)

Equilibrium for a beam along with the Bernoulli beam theory can be summarized as

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = -q \quad ; \quad \frac{dM}{dx} = V, \quad M = -E^*I^* \frac{d^2w}{dx^2}$$

where q is the load per unit length, w the deflection, M is the bending moment and V is the shear force. E^*I represents material and geometry dependent parameters which is assumed to solely depend on the coordinate, x .

- a) From the relations above, establish the weak form.
- b) Based on the weak form, establish the finite element formulation.
- c) What are the natural and essential boundary conditions for a FE-formulation for Bernoulli beams ?

Problem 6 (FHLF01) : (10p)

The solution to the differential equation

$$-\text{div}(\nabla\phi) = 2(x + y) - 4$$

in a region Ω coincides with the minimum to

$$\Pi = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^T \nabla\phi - \phi [2(x + y) - 4] \right) dV$$

The region, Ω considered here is defined by its corner nodes (0,0), (1,0), (1,1) och (0,1) and the boundary conditions are given by

$$\phi(0, y) = 0$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\phi(1, y) = 0$$

$$\phi(x, 1) = 0$$

- a) Suggest an approximation that involves two parameters that fulfills the boundary conditions.
- b) Based on the minimization problem establish $\mathbf{K}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}$ where \mathbf{a} is a vector that contains the two unknown parameters. NOTE that no integrals have to be evaluated.

Some hints that might be helpful

Hint: Green-Gauss's theorem states:

$$\int_A \phi \operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} dA = \oint_{\mathcal{L}} \phi \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{n} d\mathcal{L} - \int_A (\nabla \phi)^T \mathbf{q} dA$$

Hint: The strain components are defined as

$$\epsilon_{xx} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x}, \quad \epsilon_{yy} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y}, \quad \epsilon_{zz} = \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z}$$

and

$$\gamma_{xy} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{xz} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial x}, \quad \gamma_{yz} = \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial y},$$

Hint: A quadratic matrix is positive semidefinite if

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{a} \geq 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{a}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{a} = 0 \quad \text{for some} \quad \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

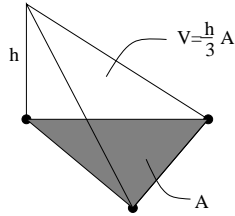
Hint: The interpolation formula of Lagrange is given by

$$l_k^{n-1} = \frac{(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{k-1})(x - x_{k+1}) \dots (x - x_n)}{(x_k - x_1) \dots (x_k - x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k+1}) \dots (x_k - x_n)}$$

Hint: Fourier's law is given by $\mathbf{q} = -\mathbf{D} \nabla T$

Hint: Hooke's law for thermo-elasticity is given by $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} (\boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^o)$

Hint:



Hint: The position, ξ_i , of the integration points and weights, H_i , for n number of integration points can be found from

n	ξ_i	H_i
1	0	2
2	$-1/\sqrt{3}, 1/\sqrt{3}$	1,1
3	$0, \sqrt{3/5}, -\sqrt{3/5}$	8/9, 5/9, 5/9

where integration from -1 to 1 is assumed.

Hint:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} (ad - bc) & 0 & 0 \\ -d + b & d & -b \\ c - a & -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$