

Finite Element Methods in Mechanical Design

Introduction- structural element and system- assembly and analysis of a structure- boundary conditions- general pattern- standard discrete system- transformation of coordinates- examples - direct physical approach to problems in elasticity- direct formulation- displacement approach - minimization of total potential- convergence criteria - discretization error- nonconforming elements and patch test- solution process- numerical examples

Boundary value problems - integral or weak statements- weighted residual methods- Galerkin method- virtual work as weak form of equations in solid mechanics- variational principles

Elements types: triangular, rectangular, quadrilateral, sector, curved, isoparametric elements - shape functions- completeness of polynomials - Lagrange family- Serendipity family- global and local finite element approximation- mapped elements- coordinate transformations- numerical integration -example problems.

Application to structural mechanics problems: plane stress and plane strains, Axisymmetric stress analysis, three dimensional stress analysis, bending of plates.

Dynamic equations- stiffness, mass and damping matrices- consistent and diagonal mass matrices- Extraction of natural frequencies and modes

Computer procedures for Finite element analysis

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