

B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2014**Eighth Semester**

Branch : Civil Engineering

FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS (C)

(Old Scheme—Prior to 2010 Admissions)

[Supplementary/Mercy Chance]



Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

*Answer all questions.**Each full question carries 20 marks.*

- I. (a) For the problem of axial vibration of a tapering rod fixed at one end and free at the other, derive the governing differential equation.
 (b) Briefly explain the basic steps involved in finite element analysis using a suitable example.

Or

- II. (a) Explain the Gauss elimination procedure with an example.
 (b) Explain the concept of frontal solvers with an example.

- III. (a) Explain the formulation of finite element equations using Rayleigh-Ritz approach.
 (b) Explain the principle of virtual work in detail.

Or

- IV. (a) Discuss the role of energy principles in finite element formulations.
 (b) Explain the principle of virtual displacements.

- V. (a) Get the explicit shape functions for a rectangular element with corners (0,0), (3,0), (3,2), (0,2), using Lagrange formulae.
 (b) Explain Cn continuity with examples.

Or

- VI. (a) List and explain the essential properties of shape functions for monotonic convergence.
 (b) Explain : (i) Constant Strain Triangular element ; and (ii) Area co-ordinates.

- VII. Evaluate the following integrals using Gauss quadrature :—

$$(a) \quad I = \int_{-2}^2 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$$

$$(b) \quad I = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 x \sin(x+y^2) dx dy.$$

Or

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- VIII. (a) Derive the shape functions for a 4-noded bar element using Lagrangian interpolation.
(b) Derive the shape functions for a 2-dimensional beam element and show the variation of shape functions graphically.
- IX. (a) Explain Mindlin's plate bending theory.
(b) Explain reduced integration. Under what circumstances reduced integration is advantageous?

Or

- X. (a) Discuss axisymmetric problems and state the stress-strain and strain-displacement relations for axisymmetric problems.
(b) Explain how to arrive at the nodal force vector when one side of an axisymmetric triangular element is subjected to uniformly varying load.

(5 × 20 = 100 marks)

