

ESM 5734
Homework 7
Due date: 31 October 2022 at 11:15 AM

For the following boundary-value problem

$$EI (w'''' - \gamma^2 w''') + f = 0, \quad 0 < x < l,$$

$$w(0) = 0, \quad (\gamma^2 w'' - w''') = 0 \text{ at } x = l,$$

$$w''(0) - \gamma^2 w'(0) = 0, \quad w'(l) = 0, \quad w''(0) = 0, \quad w'''(l) = 0,$$

$$\text{where } E = 2 \text{ GPa, } I = 500 \text{ cm}^4, \quad (\gamma) = 25 \text{ cm, } f = 12 \text{ kN/m}$$

- (a) classify boundary conditions into essential and natural,
- (b) develop a weak formulation of the problem,
- (c) develop a matrix formulation of the problem,
- (d) find expressions for shape functions,
- (e) for a finite element mesh of 4 elements, plot basis functions for node 3,
- (f) evaluate the stiffness matrix for element 1, and
- (g) evaluate the load vector for node 3.