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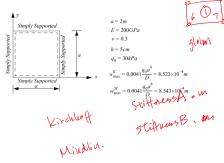
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November 15, 2023 Due December 15, 2023

## CEE 232 THEORY OF PLATES AND SHELLS Final Project

Please develop a finite element program in Matlab to compute the deflection of a rectangular plate with size  $(a \times b)$  subject to uniformly distributed loading  $q_0$  using 4-node Kirchhoff and Mindlin plate elements. You can refer to the appendix of this document for overall structure of the program and the pre- and post-processing details. You can modify any part of the enclosed program as you see fit. You are essentially responsible to formulate two subroutines to compute the elemental stiffness matrix and load vector of a Kirchhoff and a Mindlin plate

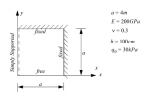
1. Validate your program by comparing your solution to the solution given below for the case of a simply-supported square plate.



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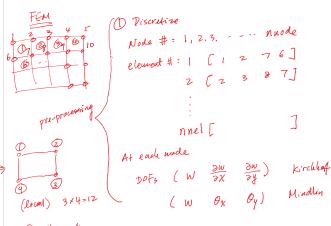
2. Use your program to compute the maximum deflection for the case given below



3. Write a summary (no more than 20 pages) to describe the development of Kirchhoff and Mindlin element and address the following issues using the two numerical examples:

- (a) The mesh sensitivity of two plate elements
- (b) The shear locking phenomena and the mitigation measure for Mindlin element
- (c) The behavior of Mindlin element as function of plate thickness in comparison to Kirchhoff plate element.

Please submit your summary and complete Matlab code before December 15 (11:59PM). The project grade will be based on: 1) accuracy and completeness of the work (80%); and 2) presentation and organization of the material (20%).



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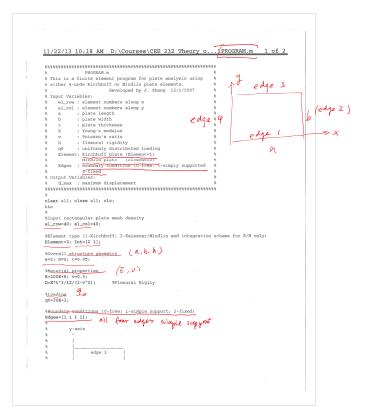
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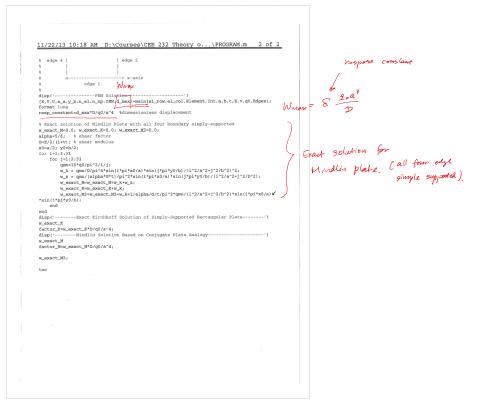
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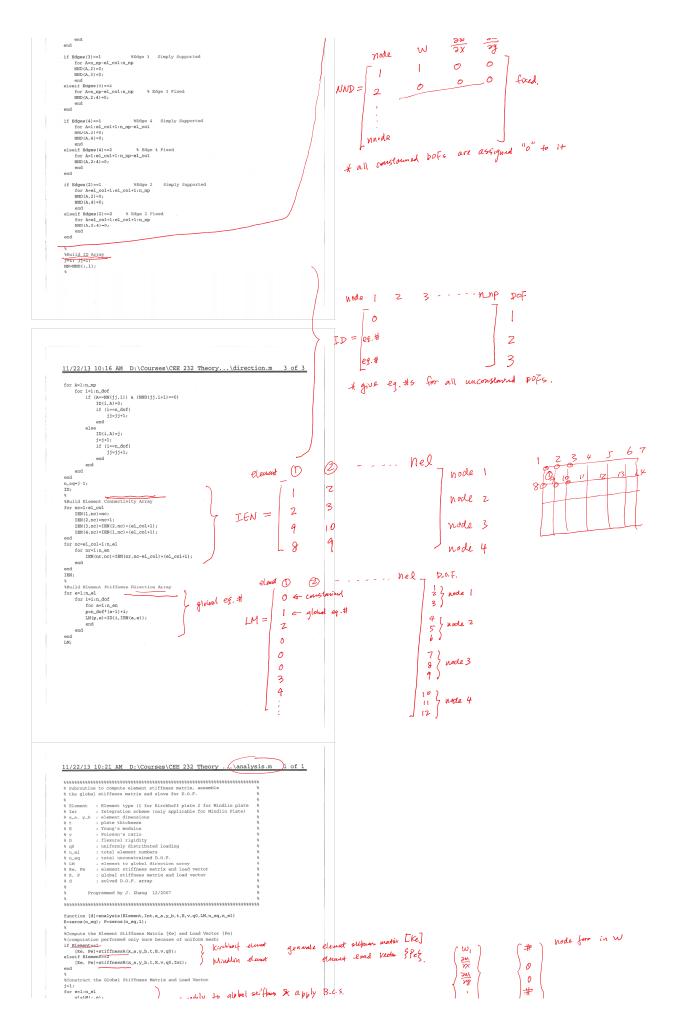


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