

1. Deduction and Programming: consider the boundary value problem for the function $u(\mathbf{x})$ in two dimensional domain D enclosed by the surface S , governed by the Poisson's equation and the boundary conditions as follows.

$$\nabla \bullet \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) + \bar{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in D \quad (1)$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{u}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in S_u \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{n} \bullet \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{t}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in S_t = S \setminus S_u \quad (3)$$

where \bar{f} and \bar{t} are given values, and \mathbf{n} is the normal vector to the surface S_t .

(1) Show that eqs. (1) to (3) can be obtained by minimizing the total potential energy U defined by:

$$U[u] = \int_D \left[\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial u(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 \right\} - u(\mathbf{x}) \bar{f}(\mathbf{x}) \right] dV - \int_{S_t} u(\mathbf{x}) \bar{t}(\mathbf{x}) dS \quad (4)$$

with the boundary conditions given by eqn (2).

(2) Let u be the solution for the following weak form:

$$\int_D [\nabla w(\mathbf{x}) \bullet \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) - w(\mathbf{x}) \bar{f}(\mathbf{x})] dV - \int_{S_t} w(\mathbf{x}) \bar{t}(\mathbf{x}) dS = 0 \quad (5)$$

where w is an arbitrary weight function. Show that if $w(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ and $u(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{u}(\mathbf{x})$ on S_u , u in eqn (5) coincides with the solution u in eqs. (1) to (3).

(3) Programming: As shown by Fig. 1, let the domain D be the triangular region, in which u satisfies eqn (1) subjected to no body force ($\bar{f} = 0$) and the following boundary conditions:

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{x} \in S_{BC} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{n} \bullet \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{x} \in S_{AB} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{n} \bullet \nabla u(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbf{x} \in S_{AC} \quad (8)$$

Use finite element method to determine the distribution of u within domain D and show the validity of your result together with FEM codes.

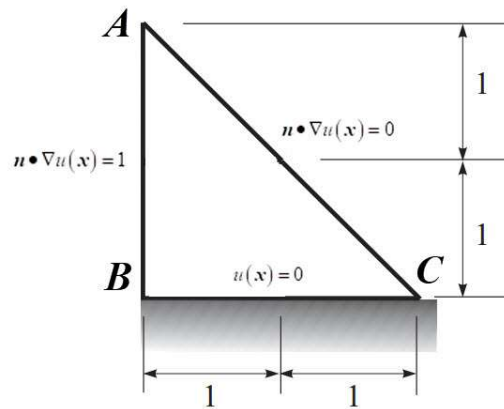


Fig. 1 Problem 1

2. Programming: Use the minimum possible number of Bernoulli-Euler beam elements, unless stated otherwise, to analyze the beam structures shown in Fig. 2. Show your results together with FEM codes.
(Note: dia. means diameter.)

Steel members ($E_s = 207\text{Gpa}$)

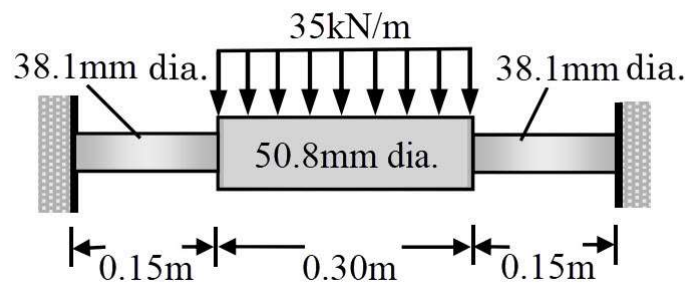


Fig. 2 Problem 2