

**CEE 530/ME 524. Introduction to the FEM**  
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**Homework 2, Due Fri 9/16, 2016 by 4:00 PM**

1. Consider the one dimensional rod of unit area, length  $L$ , and modulus  $E$  shown in the figure below. The bar is subjected to a sinusoidal body force  $b = b_0 \sin(\pi x/L)$  and boundary conditions  $u(0) = 0$  and  $Eu'(L) = 0$ .

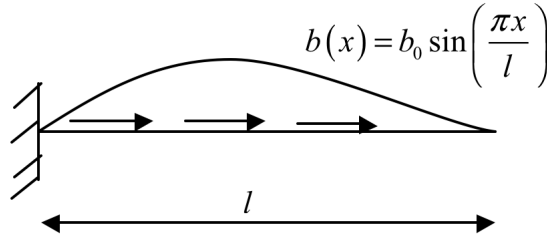


Figure 1: Rod under body load

The exact solution for this boundary value problem is given as

$$u = \frac{b_0 L^2}{\pi^2 E} \left( \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} + \frac{\pi x}{L} \right)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{b_0 L}{\pi} \left( \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} + 1 \right)$$

- (a) Verify that the above solution satisfies the governing differential equation

$$\sigma' + b = 0, \quad \sigma = Eu'$$

- (b) Use the weak-form Galerkin method to find an approximate solution  $u_h$  to this problem. Use the following functions to construct trial and test functions.

$$\psi_1 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{4L}\right), \quad \psi_2 = \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right)$$

Show that these functions are appropriate for the weak-form Galerkin method. Compare the approximate displacement function,  $u_h$ , and the approximate stress function,  $\sigma_h$ , with the exact solutions. For this, plot both the exact and approximate solutions in the same graph. Use  $b_0 = 10$ ,  $E = L = 1$ .

2. Consider the following boundary value problems. Determine if the given solution approximations are acceptable for the weak-form Galerkin method. If an approximation is not acceptable, specify how it can be fixed.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(Eu')' + b &= 0, x \in (0, L) \\ Eu'(0) &= p, \\ u(L) &= 0 \\ u_h &= a_1 \frac{x}{L} + a_2 \frac{x^2}{L^2}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(Eu')' + b &= 0, x \in (0, L) \\ u(0) &= 1, \\ u(L) &= 2 \\ u_h &= a_1 \frac{x}{L} + a_2 \frac{x^2}{L^2} + a_3 \left( \frac{x}{L} - \frac{x^2}{L^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

3. Derive the weak form of the following advection-diffusion problem with a convective boundary condition at  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(\kappa T')' - cT' + s(x) &= 0, \quad x \in (0, 1) \\ T(0) &= 1, \\ h(T(1) - 10) + \kappa T'(1) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

In the above equations,  $\kappa$ ,  $c$ , and  $h$  are given constants.