

ME40064: System Modelling & Simulation
ME50344: Engineering Systems Simulation

Tutorial 5: The Use of Numerical Integration Techniques within the Finite Element Method

Example Solutions – PART A

1. Create Gauss scheme for N=1,2,3.

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function [gauss] = CreateGaussScheme(npoints)

%Creates Gauss-Legendre integration weights & points for npoints
if(npoints < 1) || (npoints > 3)
    error('Gauss:argchk','Scheme not implemented.')
end

gauss.np = npoints;
gauss.wt = zeros(npoints,1);
gauss.xi = zeros(npoints,1);

if(npoints==1)

    gauss.wt(1) = 2.0;
    gauss.xi(1) = 0.0;

elseif(npoints==2)

    gauss.wt(:) = 1.0;
    gauss.xi(1) = -sqrt(1/3);
    gauss.xi(2) = sqrt(1/3);

elseif(npoints==3)

    gauss.wt(1) = 8/9;
    gauss.wt(2) = 5/9;
    gauss.wt(3) = 5/9;
    gauss.xi(1) = 0.0;
    gauss.xi(2) = -sqrt(3/5);
    gauss.xi(3) = sqrt(3/5);

end

end
```

2. The following is the worked solution for Int_{01} , the same process would follow for Int_{00} .

2.

2.1

$$\text{Int}_{01} = \int_{-1}^1 \lambda \left(\frac{1-\xi}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1+\xi}{2} \right) J d\xi$$

Gauss scheme for $N=1$ $\therefore w_1 = 2$, $\xi_1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Int}_{01} &= 2 \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1-0}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1+0}{2} \right) \cdot J \\ &= \frac{\lambda J}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Gauss scheme for $N=2$ $\therefore w_1 = 1$, $\xi_1 = -\sqrt{1/3}$
 $w_2 = 1$, $\xi_2 = \sqrt{1/3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Int}_{01} &= 1 \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{1/3}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{1/3}}{2} \right) J \\ &\quad + 1 \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{1/3}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{1/3}}{2} \right) J \\ &= \lambda J \left[\frac{1-1/3}{4} + \frac{1-1/3}{4} \right] = \frac{\lambda J}{4} \left[\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda J}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Gauss scheme for $N=3$ \therefore

$$w_1 = 8/9, \quad \xi_1 = 0$$

$$w_2 = 5/9, \quad \xi_2 = -\sqrt{3/5}$$

$$w_3 = 5/9, \quad \xi_3 = \sqrt{3/5}$$

$$I_{\text{int}0,1} = \frac{8}{9} \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1-0}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1+0}{2} \right) J \quad \underline{2.2}$$

$$+ \frac{5}{9} \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3/5}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{3/5}}{2} \right) J$$

$$+ \frac{5}{9} \cdot \lambda \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{3/5}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3/5}}{2} \right) J$$

$$= \frac{8}{9} \lambda J \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{9} \lambda J \cdot \left(\frac{1-3/5}{4} \right) + \frac{5}{9} \lambda J \left(\frac{1-3/5}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \lambda J + \frac{5}{9} \lambda J \cdot \frac{1}{10} + \frac{5}{9} \lambda J \cdot \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda J}{3}$$

\therefore When $N=2$ or 3 GQ gives the exact answer for this integral, but for $N=1$, there is some error associated with the scheme.

3. The Matlab code to evaluate this integral is:

```
%% x^5 - 3x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 8 %%  
  
N=3;  
gq= CreateGaussScheme(N);  
Int=0;  
for i=1:N  
    xi = gq.xi(i);  
    Int = Int + gq.wt(i)*(xi^5 - 3*xi^4 + 2*xi^3 + xi^2 + 4*xi + 8);  
end  
Int
```

The analytical derivation follows on the next page.

3.

3.1

Integrate :

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^5 - 3x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 4x + 8 \, dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^6}{6} - \frac{3x^5}{5} + \frac{2x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{4x^2}{2} + 8x \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{6}} - \cancel{\frac{3}{5}} + \cancel{\frac{2}{4}} + \frac{1}{3} + \cancel{\frac{4}{2}} + 8 \right)$$

$$- \left(\cancel{\frac{1}{6}} + \cancel{\frac{3}{5}} + \cancel{\frac{2}{4}} - \frac{1}{3} + \cancel{\frac{4}{2}} - 8 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{3}{5} - \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 8 + 8$$

$$= \underline{\underline{15.4667}}$$