

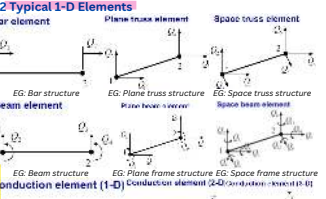


Math CheatSheet

Mathematical Methods In Engineering (Nanyang Technological University)



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The diagram illustrates various finite element types and their degrees of freedom (DOF):

- 2D Elements:**
 - EG: Bar structure subjected to heating:** A 1D element with nodes 1 and 2, subjected to a temperature load T .
 - EG: Plane frame subjected to heating:** A 2D element with nodes 1 and 2, subjected to a temperature load T .
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- 3 Typical 2-D Elements and their element:**
 - Triangular element:** A triangular element with nodes 1, 2, and 3, subjected to a temperature load T .
 - Quadrilateral element:** A quadrilateral element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
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- Example plane stress case: A thin planar sheet subjected to in-plane loading:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Example plane strain case: Piercing members subjected to in-plane loading with faces restrained:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Example:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Comment on degrees of freedom are same as for triangular element:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Then plates subjected to out-of-plane loading:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- 3 DOF per node:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Two DOF per node are allowed in shell element:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- Basic degrees of freedom apply to other elements too:** A rectangular element with nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, subjected to a temperature load T .
- DOF per node:**
 - U_1 is displacement
 - U_2 is rotation
 - U_3 is rotation
- Shell element = Plane stress element + Plate element**
- Quadrilateral shell element**

8 DOF per node. (Degrees of freedom are shown only for node 1.)
 3 translations along three axes and 3 rotations about the three axes.
 In-plane rotations are suppressed during formulation/derivation of stiffness matrix.

6 DOF per node. (Degrees of freedom are shown only for a rectangular element.)
 EG. Rectangular shell elements for flat shell structure/curved shell

4 Some Examples

- 1 Shaped cantilever beam subjected to **tensile/compressive loading**
Bar element model for computing **axial displacement only**
3D solid element model compute **displacements & stresses**
- 2 Hollow cylinder subjected to **bending load**
Beam element model for **nodal displacements only**
3D solid element model if cylinder is **thin** ($d < 20t$) [compute **deformations & stresses**]
3D solid element model if cylinder is **thick** ($d > 20t$) [compute **deformations & stresses**]

5 Major Stages in Practical FEA

Preprocessing

- Building the geometrical model (CAD model)
- Meshing the geometrical model
- Applying B.C.s and loads

Solution

- Choosing type of analysis (Static, Modal, Harmonic, etc)
- Solving finite element equations

Postprocessing

- Plotting deformed shape
- Plotting contour plots of displacements and stresses/strains
- Animating deformed shape/modeshape
- Listing/probing the numerical values of results (eg. displacement, stress/strain, reactions)

6 Spectral Aspects of FEA

Accuracy of results depends on how accurately we model:

Geometrical details

- Ignore small holes, cutouts and logos if **located away from region of interest**

Boundary Loads

- Simplified BCs can apply if **region of interest is away from BCs**
- Simplified loads can apply if **region of interest is away from location of loads**

Boundary conditions:

Minimum necessary boundary condition

BCs applied must be able to **restrain all rigid body motion**

- Three rigid body motions: Translation along x and y dir, rotation in xy plane

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