

**CONFIDENTIAL**



**UTHM**

Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia

**UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA**

**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER II  
SESSION 2018/2019**

COURSE NAME : FINITE ELEMENT METHOD  
COURSE CODE : BDA 31003  
PROGRAMME CODE : BDD  
EXAMINATION DATE : JUNE / JULY 2019  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS ONLY

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF SEVEN (7) PAGES

**TERBUKA**  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Q1** A two-dimensional truss structure is illustrated in **Figure Q1**. The cross-sectional area,  $A$  of all bars is  $0.01 \text{ m}^2$  and the modulus elasticity,  $E = 100 \text{ GPa}$ . The span length  $L = 2 \text{ m}$  and the applied horizontal force,  $F = 1 \text{ kN}$ . By following the node and element definitions as seen in **Figure Q1**, and letting node 3 as origin  $(0, 0)$ ;

- (a) Answer the following question:
  - i. How many degrees of freedoms per node
  - ii. How many nodes in the structure
  - iii. What is the order of the global stiffness matrix of the structure (for example:  $5 \times 5$ )

(5 Marks)
- (b) Label the coordinate for each node and load clearly.
 

(4 Marks)
- (c) Construct the finite element table to calculate the stiffness of each element.
 

(8 Marks)
- (d) Then evaluate the stiffness matrix of element 3 and 4 **ONLY**

(8 Marks)

**Q2** A beam structure supported by an axial spring is shown in **Figure Q2**. The length of the beam is  $3 \text{ m}$  and supported by a spring with a stiffness constant of  $1000 \text{ N/m}$  at half length of the beam. The beam square cross section profile  $10 \text{ cm} \times 12 \text{ cm}$ . Along the span from node 1 to node 3 a distributed loading of  $12 \text{ kN/m}$  is applied. The modulus elasticity of the beam material  $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$ . Other information can be found from **Figure Q2**. By following the node and element definitions as seen in **Figure Q2**:

- (a) Generate the stiffness matrix of every element and the elemental force vector.
 

(6 marks)
- (b) Assemble the global stiffness matrix and the global force vector before considering any constraints.
 

(4 marks)
- (c) By considering all the boundary conditions (constraints), solve for displacement matrix  $\{U\}$ .
 

(6 marks)
- (d) Evaluate the reaction forces and reaction moment of the nodes.
 

(9 marks)

**Q3** A rectangular fin shown in Figure Q2 is made of aluminium alloy, are installed at an exhaust to remove heat whose temperature is 80 °C. The temperature of the ambient air is 25 °C and thermal conductivity of the aluminium alloy is 168 W/m. °C. The natural convective heat transfer coefficient associated with the surrounding air is 28 W/m<sup>2</sup> °C while the fins are 40 mm long, 8 mm wide, and 1 mm thick.

- (a) Determine the temperature distribution along the fin using only two elements (15 marks)
- (b) Examine the heat loss,  $Q$  of the fin. (10 marks)

**Q4** A two dimensional structure is isolated in two edges; edge 1-3-5 and edge 2-4. The edge 5-6-7-4 is exposed to the air with temperature of  $T_f = 20^\circ\text{C}$  and the convection coefficient  $h = 20 \text{ W/m}^2\text{C}$ . The bottom edge is maintained at temperature  $T = 80^\circ\text{C}$ . The conductivity of the material is uniform,  $k = 80 \text{ W/mC}$ .

- (a) Identify the coordinates for each node for every 3 elements (6 marks)
- (b) Calculate the conductance matrix and the thermal load vector of each element (12 marks)
- (c) Distinguish the global system matrix equation  $[Kc] \{T\} = \{F\}$  before and after considering all constraints. (7 marks)

You do not required to calculate the exact value for the temperature distribution.

**Q5** **Figure Q5** shows a two-dimensional plate structure made of triangular elements. The plate thickness is 1mm and is made of aluminium alloy with Young's modulus  $E = 70 \text{ GPa}$  and Poisson's ration  $\nu = 0.3$ . After the structure has been loaded, the displacement measurement records for element A are shown in **Table Q5**:

**Table Q5:** Recorded displacement measurement

Node	$u$ (mm)	$v$ (mm)
1	0	0
2	0.1	0.1
3	0.1	0.1

Based on the experimental displacement data shown in **Table Q5**, find the elemental stress of element A.

Hints: You have to decide whether the problem is plane stress or plane strain. You also have to calculate the strain displacement matrix [B] and the stiffness matrix [k] of the element, prior to analyzing the elemental stress.

- (a) Based on the plate condition, explain briefly the *plane* case of the plate?

(4 marks)

- (b) Evaluate the stress lever  $\sigma_{xx}$ ,  $\sigma_{yy}$  and  $\sigma_{xy}$  of element A.

(21 marks)

**-END OF QUESTIONS-**

FINAL EXAMINATION

SEMESTER / SESSION : SEM II / 2018/2019

PROGRAMME CODE : BDD

COURSE NAME : FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

COURSE CODE : BDA 31003

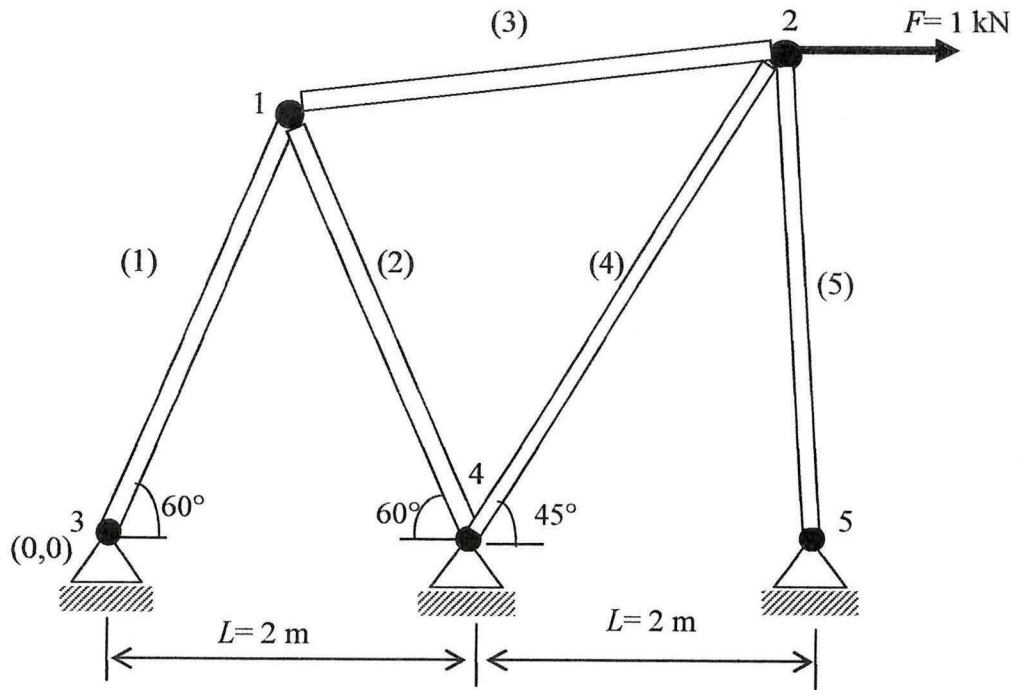
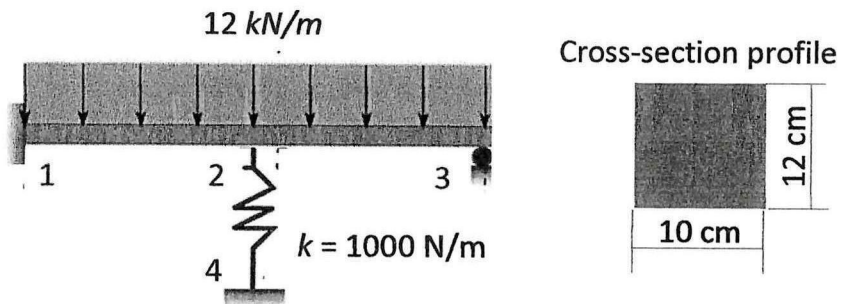


Figure Q1



Element	Node	Node
1	1	2
2	2	3
3	2	4

Figure Q2

TERBUKA

FINAL EXAMINATION

SEMESTER / SESSION : SEM II / 2018/2019

PROGRAMME CODE : BDD

COURSE NAME : FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

COURSE CODE : BDA 31003

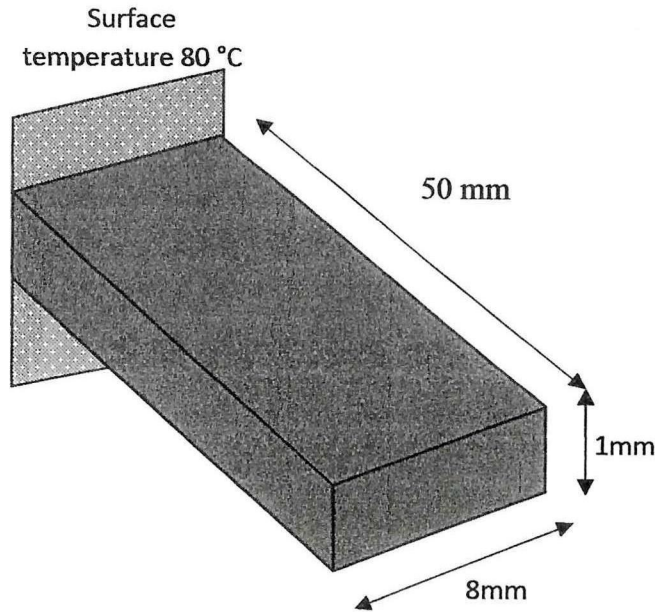


Figure Q3

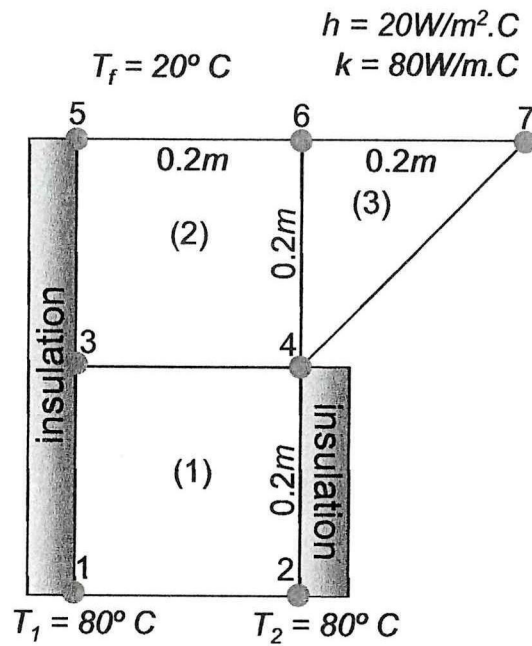


Figure Q4

TERBUKA

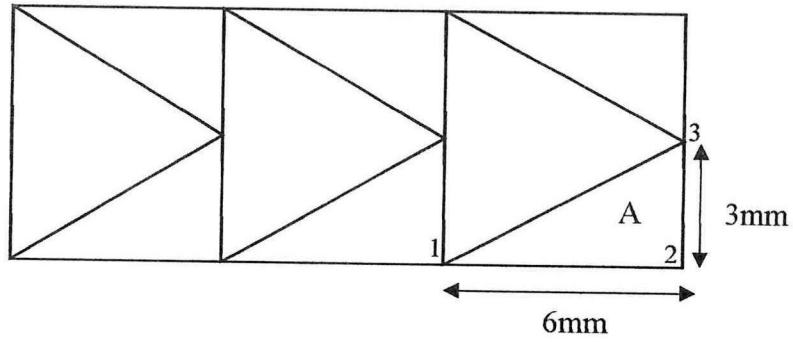
**FINAL EXAMINATION**

SEMESTER / SESSION : SEM II / 2018/2019

PROGRAMME CODE : BDD

COURSE NAME : FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

COURSE CODE : BDA 31003



**Figure Q5**

**TERBUKA**