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BENG (HONS) MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION 2019/2020

FINITE ELEMENT AND DIFFERENCE SOLUTION

MODULE NO. AME6006

Date: 15th January 2020

Time: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

There are FOUR questions on this paper.

Answer ALL questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

- Q1 **Figure Q1** shows a plane truss consisting of three members. Pin joints 1 are fixed and joints 2 are roller to rigid body surface and we also have an inclined roller at joints 3. A point force of 1000kN is applied to joint 2 as shown. All members have an cross sectional area of either $A_{1,2}$ ($6.0 \times 10^{-4}m^2$), and A_3 ($6\sqrt{2} \times 10^{-4}m^2$). The length of member 1 is 1m. Young Modulus for all members is 210GPa.
- a) Write down the element stiffness matrix for each member, and then assembly the overall stiffness matrix for the whole structure, clearly showing all its coefficients.
 - (13 marks)
- b) Calculate displacement and reaction forces The element stiffness matrix can be written as follows:

(12 marks)



Total 25 Marks



Figure Q1

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Q2 The coordinates of a three node plane stress triangle element of uniform

thickness ^{*t*} are (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) and (x_3, y_3) as shown in **Figure Q2**. Young Modulus *E* = 200 GPa for all members and n = 0.27, *sy* = 250 MPa (ductile material). Where:

$$d = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{cases}$$

Find:

- a) Planar strain at center
- b) Planar stress at center
- c) Principle stresses at center

d) Von Mises stress at center

- e) Factor of safety, if the stress from d) represents the most extreme situation
 - (5 marks)

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Figure Q2

Total 25 Marks

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Q3 A Kirchhoff plate, loaded by point force F acting at the center point, is simply supported on two edges and free on the other two edges as shown in the **Figure** Q3. Use the approximation $w = uZ_0(\frac{x}{L})(\frac{y}{L})$

Determine the displacement at the center point. Problem parameters E_{μ} , μ_{μ} and t are constants.



Q4 The **Figure Q4** shows the beam structure and use two beam elements of equal length. Point force of magnitude F is acting on node 2. Young's modulus of the material E and the second moment of cross-section I are constants.

Determine displacement u_{Z2} and rotation θ_{Y2} at node 2 of the beam structure as shown in Figure Q4.

