Examination, May 2018

FEM in Structural Engineering

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: i) Answer any Five questions.

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- ii) All questions carry equal marks.
- iii) Assume missing data suitably.
- Explain finite element method. Give an example for its application and compare FEM method with other methods.
- 2. a) Outline step by step procedure for the determination of stress and deformations in a structure by FEM.
  - b) Discuss the following problems
    - i) Eigen value problems
    - ii) Propagation problems
- a) Describe the Gaussian elimination approach for the solution of large system of simultaneous equations.
  - b) Discuss with formulae "Range kutta method".
- 4. What are the criteria in selecting interpolation polynomials? Explain convergence requirements in finite element formulation. Derive the shape function for a four nodded plate bending element by lagrangian interpolating function.

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- Find the approximate deflection of a simply supported beam under a UDL using:
  - a) Rayleigh-Ritz method
  - b) Galerkin method
  - c) Finite difference method
  - d) FEM method
- What is the use of Hermitian interpolation function? Derive shape functions for a 6-noded quadrilateral element.
- 7. Discuss static analysis and formulation of equilibrium equations for
  - a) Frames
  - b) Shells

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- 8. Write short notes on any four of the following:
  - a) Static condensation
  - b) Convergence requirement
  - c) Jacobeans method
  - d) Choleskians decomposition
  - e) Assembly of element matrices and vectors
  - f) In corporation of boundary conditions

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