

Mechanical Design

Structural analysis with the Finite elements method

IDENTIFICATION

CODE : GCU-3-S2-EC-MAS-2
ECTS : 2.0

HOURS

Lectures : 10.0 h
Seminars : 12.0 h
Laboratory : 8.0 h
Project : 0.0 h
Teacher-student
contact : 30.0 h
Personal work : 20.0 h
Total : 50.0 h

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Practical work report
Project report on a numerical
discretisation of a structure

TEACHING AIDS

Duplicated documents
Numerical matrix calculation
software

TEACHING LANGUAGE

French

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AIMS

This sheet falls within the Course Unit GCU-S6-STRUCT-2 (Structures - 2) and contributes to:

General Skills in Science for the Engineer:

- A1 - Analyze a real or virtual system (or problem) [level 2]
- A2 - Operate a model of a real or virtual system [level 2]

Skills specific to the speciality domain :

- C7 - Building structure [design, dimension and control a...] [level 1]
- C8 - Civil Engineering Structures [design, dimension and control a...] [level 1]

By allowing the student to work and be assessed on the following knowledge:

- determining displacements, strain and stress fields in hyper-static structures made of bars, beams and in 2D systems.
- simulating the mechanical problem in the framework of a numerical computation of balance equations written in weak form.

By allowing the student to work and be assessed on the following abilities:

- developing knowledges about fundamental theory and approximation assumption of displacement field using the principle of virtual power [PV*P]
- solve the discretised weak form using numerical techniques
- apply these tools to bar systems, beam systems and 2D systems

CONTENT

principe of virtual power [PV*P]

Finite element method:

Framework of the method, approximations, finite element families, stiffness matrix and nodal force ; application on bar, beam and 2D systems.

Practical works:

Computation of the stiffness matrix of bar and 2D elements and their assembly in order to solve a structural mechanics problem.

Experimental analysis of a 2D structure by using two methods: strain measurement and digital image correlations method.

Comparison with an analytical approach and a finite element numerical methods.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Jean-Louis Batoz et Gouri Ghatt. Modélisation des structures par éléments finis. Hermès, 1990.
ZIENKIEWICZ O.C. et TAYLOR R.L. The Finite Element Method, vol. 1 et 2. MCGRAW-HILL, 1991.

PRE-REQUISITE

Initiation to structural analysis
Continuum Solid Mechanics