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Preface

The first edition of this book appeared over 20 years ago and the second and third editions followed subsequently. Translations of the book appeared in Spanish, Korean, Greek, and Chinese languages. We received positive feedback from professors who taught from the book and from students and practicing engineers who used the book. We also benefited from the feedback received from the students in our courses for the past 30 years. We have incorporated several suggestions in this edition. The underlying philosophy of the book is to provide a clear presentation of theory, aspects of problem modeling and implementation into computer programs. The pedagogy of earlier editions has been retained and enhanced in this edition.

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION

- Introduction of the superposition principle.
- Treatment of symmetry and antisymmetry.
- Additional examples and exercise problems.
- The patch test.
- Beams and Frames chapter moved to follow the Truss chapter.
- Revised Excel VB programs.
- Programs in JAVASCRIPT to run on web browsers such as IE, Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari.
- Executable graphics programs together with the source codes.
- Additional examples and exercise problems.

New material has been introduced in several chapters. Worked examples and exercise problems have been added to supplement the learning process. Exercise problems stress both fundamental understanding and practical considerations. Problem modeling aspects have been added from early chapters. Principle of superposition is introduced in Chapter 1. Symmetry and antisymmetry considerations in two-dimensional problems are clearly presented. There are additional examples and exercise problems. The patch test is discussed and related problems have been added. The included

programs have a common structure, which should enable the users to follow the development easily. Programs in JAVASCRIPT have been added. This will enable the users to solve finite element analysis problems using web browsers such as IE, Firefox, Safari, or Google Chrome. Excel VB programs have been revised. All programs have been thoroughly checked. The downloadable program set includes executable versions for programs involving graphics. The programs have been provided in Visual Basic, Microsoft Excel/Visual Basic, MATLAB, and JAVASCRIPT, together with those provided earlier in QBASIC, FORTRAN, and C. The Solutions Manual has been updated.

Chapter 1 gives a brief historical background and develops the fundamental concepts. Equations of equilibrium, stress–strain relations, strain–displacement relations, and the principles of potential energy are reviewed. The concept of Galerkin's method is introduced.

Properties of matrices and determinants are reviewed in Chapter 2. The Gaussian elimination method is presented, and its relationship to the solution of symmetric banded matrix equations and the skyline solution is discussed. Cholesky decomposition and conjugate gradient method are discussed.

Chapter 3 develops the key concepts of finite element formulation by considering one-dimensional problems. The steps include development of shape functions, derivation of element stiffness, formation of global stiffness, treatment of boundary conditions, solution of equations, and stress calculations. Both the potential energy approach and Galerkin's formulations are presented. Consideration of temperature effects is included.

Finite element formulation for plane and three-dimensional trusses is developed in Chapter 4. The assembly of global stiffness in banded and skyline forms is explained. Computer programs for both banded and skyline solutions are given.

Beams and application of Hermite shape functions are presented in Chapter 5. The chapter covers two-dimensional and three-dimensional frames.

Chapter 6 introduces the finite element formulation for two-dimensional plane stress and plane strain problems using constant strain triangle (CST) elements. Problem modeling and treatment of boundary conditions are presented in detail. Formulation for orthotropic materials is provided.

Chapter 7 treats the modeling aspects of axisymmetric solids subjected to axisymmetric loading. Formulation using triangular elements is presented. Several real-world problems are included in this chapter.

Chapter 8 introduces the concepts of isoparametric quadrilateral and higher-order elements and numerical integration using Gaussian quadrature. Formulation for axisymmetric quadrilateral element and implementation of conjugate gradient method for quadrilateral element are given.

Chapter 9 presents three-dimensional stress analysis. Tetrahedral and hexahedral elements are presented. The frontal method and its implementation aspects are discussed.

Scalar field problems are treated in detail in Chapter 10. While Galerkin as well as energy approaches have been used in every chapter with equal importance, only Galerkin's approach is used in this chapter. This approach directly applies to the given differential equation without the need of identifying an equivalent functional to
minimize. Galerkin’s formulation for steady-state heat transfer, torsion, potential flow, seepage flow, electric and magnetic fields, fluid flow in ducts, and acoustics are presented.

Chapter 11 introduces dynamic considerations. Element mass matrices are given. Techniques for evaluation of eigenvalues (natural frequencies) and eigenvectors (mode shapes) of the generalized eigenvalue problem are discussed. Methods of inverse iteration, Jacobi, tridiagonalization, and implicit shift approaches are presented.

Preprocessing and postprocessing concepts are developed in Chapter 12. Theory and implementation aspects of two-dimensional mesh generation, least-squares approach to obtain nodal stresses from element values for triangles and quadrilaterals, and contour plotting are presented.

At the undergraduate level some topics may be dropped or delivered in a different order without breaking the continuity of presentation. We encourage the introduction of the Chapter 12 programs at the end of Chapter 6. This helps the students to prepare the data in an efficient manner.

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