

Exam 2

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Time limit: 80 minutes

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You may use your course textbook and notes. No electronic devices or other materials are allowed.

You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam, unless otherwise specified. The following rules apply:

- **Organize your work**, in a neat and coherent way. Work without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive very little credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations will still receive partial credit.
- your final answer to each problem.
- If you need more space, use the back of the pages; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Problem	Points	Score
1	20	
2	30	
3	20	
4	30	
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Problem 1 (20 points):

Set up the problem to fit a parabola $\hat{u} = C + Dt + Et^2$ through these (t, b) points, minimizing the sum of the squares of the error:

$$(0, 1), (1, 1), (2, 4). \quad (1)$$

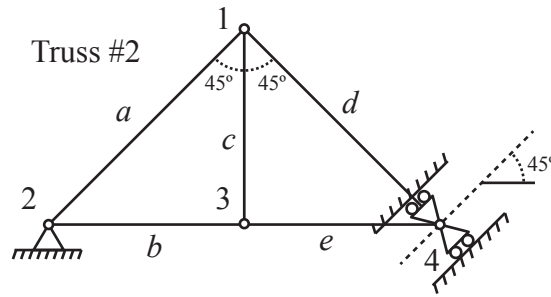
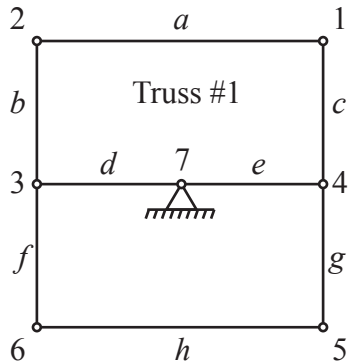
(a) (8 points) Give the matrix A and the vector b for the least squares formulation of the problem.

(b) (8 points) Calculate $A^T A$ and $A^T b$, and give the Matlab command that would give you the coefficients of the fitted parabola.

(c) (4 points) What is the minimum value $E = e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2$?

Problem 2 (30 points):

Consider the following trusses with numbered nodes lettered edges:



(a) (10 points) Is Truss #1 stable? If not, identify the mechanisms and rigid motions and provide the corresponding u 's that conform the null space of the incidence matrix A .

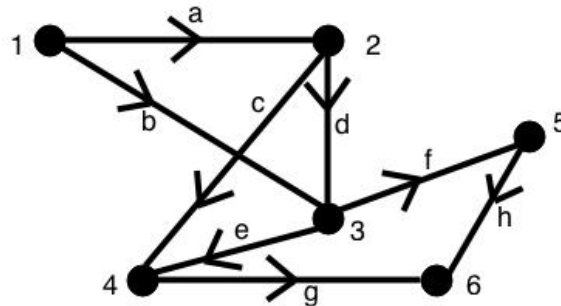
(b) (5 points) In Truss #1, add (draw) the minimum number of bars necessary to block all the mechanisms.

(c) (5 points) Following from the previous question, what is the rank of the new matrix A ? Guess and explain your answer. Do not write the new incidence matrix.

(d) (10 points) Now, let's consider Truss #2. Note that in node 4 the pin joint is mounted on a roller support, which allows node displacements parallel to rolling surface only. Is this truss stable? If not, draw the mechanisms and rigid motions, and provide the corresponding vector displacements, i.e the u 's. Write the matrix A whose null space explains your answer. You can guess the rank.

Problem 3 (20 points):

Consider the following electrical circuit with six nodes (numbered) and eight edges (lettered):



(a) (3 points) Write down the 8×6 incidence matrix A .

(b) (5 points) Describe the vectors x such that $Ax = 0$ and the vectors w such that $A^T w = 0$.

(c) (3 points) Give the physical interpretation of $A^T w = 0$, where $w = (0, 0, 1, -1, 0, -1, 1, -1)^T$.

(d) (3 points) Let A be the incidence matrix, e the vector of potential differences, and w the vector of edge currents. State Kirchhoff's current and voltage law and as relations involving A , e , and w . Suppose no external forces or batteries. (You may like to write down the laws in words first.)

(e) (3 points) Show the following for vectors x , y , and z : If $y = Ax$ and $A^T z = 0$, then $y^T z = 0$.

(f) (3 points) Explain, using the result from the previous question, why Kirchhoff's current implies Kirchhoff's voltage law.

Problem 4 (30 points):

Set up the finite element method for the equation

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(c(x) \frac{du}{dx} \right) = \delta(x - 2/3), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

where

$$c(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x < 1/3 \\ 4 & \text{if } x > 1/3 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

We take boundary conditions

$$w(0) = u(1) = 0 \quad (4)$$

where $w(x) = c(x) \frac{du}{dx}$.

(a) (5 points) Write the weak form of the differential equation. What conditions must the test function $v(x)$ satisfy?

(b) (5 points) Take $h = 1/3$. Draw the hat functions that you will use to solve this problem.

(c) (10 points) Construct the matrix K for this problem.

(d) (5 points) Construct the vector F for this problem.

(e) (5 points) Solve the equation $KU = F$ and write down the FEM solution $U(x)$. Graph the solution.