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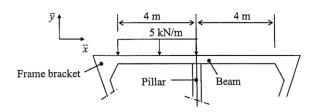
FINITE ELEMENTS

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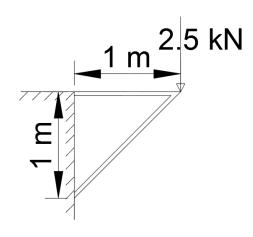
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PARTIAL EXAM

 A deck beam of flexural rigidity EI = 6912 kN.m2 subjected to a uniformly distributed load as shown in Figure is supported by frame brackets and a pillar [40 Pts].



- a) Assemble the global structural stiffness matrix of the deck beam using the stiffness matrix of a beam element with length L given below, [13]
- b) Determine the angular displacement of the beam at the pillar if a uniformly distributed load of 5 kN/m is applied over a span of 4 m. Assume that the pillar constrains only the vertical displacement and the brackets rigidly restrict any movement of the beam ends.
 [6]
- c) Calculate all reactions at the brackets and pillar and demonstrate that the beam structure is in equilibrium. [15] Keep in mind the reactions where the external force is applied!
- d) If the brackets were only partially constrained describe how you would solve the beam bracket problem. [6]
- 2. A frame structure attached to the stern of a boat is designed to withstand a vertical load of 2.5 kN as shown below. The cross section of the frame area *A* of 0.005 m² and the second moment of area *I* of 0.2 x 10⁻⁴ m⁴. Young's Modulus $E = 2.1 \times 10^8$ kN/m². [60 Pts]
 - a) Using the stiffness matrix of a general beam element given below, assemble the global structural stiffness matrix of the frame structure.[11 Marks]



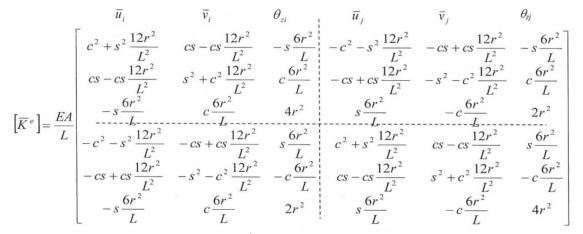
- b) If the frame is rigidly fixed to the stern of the boat, calculate the displacements of the tip of the frame due to the vertical load. [26 Marks]
- c) Finally, determine all reactions at the stern supports and demonstrate that the frame structure is in equilibrium. [23 marks]

Stiffness Matrices:

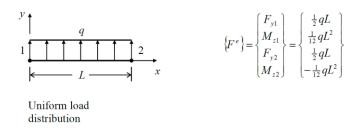
$$\begin{bmatrix} K^{e} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{EI}{L^{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6L & -12 & 6L \\ 6L & 4L^{2} & -6L & 2L^{2} \\ -12 & -6L & 12 & -6L \\ 6L & 2L^{2} & -6L & 4L^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K^e] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[K^{e}] = \frac{EA}{L} \begin{bmatrix} C^{2} & CS & -C^{2} & -CS \\ CS & S^{2} & -CS & -S^{2} \\ -C^{2} & -CS & C^{2} & CS \\ -CS & -S^{2} & CS & S^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



Where C = $\cos \alpha$, S = $\sin \alpha$ and r = $\sqrt{(I/A)}$, radius of gyration of cross-section. And the equivalent nodal loads for a uniformly distributed load q over a beam of length L is:



Don't waste your time, select your final matrix accordingly and don't forget to put comments on your results!!