

SUBJECT SPECIFICATION

1. BASIC DATA

1.1. Title

NONLINEAR FEM

1.2. Code

BMEEOTMMN62

1.3. Type

module with associated contact hours

1.4. Contact hours

- lectures: 2 hours/week

1.5. Evaluation

midterm grade

1.6. Credits

3

1.7. Coordinator

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1.8. Department

Department of Structural Mechanics (<http://www.epito.bme.hu/me>)

1.9. Website

<http://www.epito.bme.hu/BMEEOTMMN62>

1.10. Language of instruction

Hungarian and English

1.11. Curriculum requirements

- elective in the Structural engineering (MSc) programme

1.12. Prerequisites

- none

1.13. Effective date

from 1 September 2017.

2. OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

2.1. Objectives

The main goal in this subject is, that the students get to know the solution with the finite element method (FEM) of the nonlinear mechanical problems typical in engineering practice, alongside with the mathematical background of the solutions. The specialities of one- and multidimensional problems will be discussed. There will be interpreted the nonlinear behaviour of the most important structures (beams, frames, plates, shells) from the practical use, with a focus on the important questions about the effect of large displacements and plastic deformations. Beyond the general nonlinearity the students will learn the special techniques (finite strip method, finite volume method, boundary element method, meshfree methods, smooth and finite particle methods, etc.). As an organic part of the course, students will analyse case studies solved by computer simulation, in order to deeper understand the modeling techniques of various nonlinearities and connect theory and practice.

2.2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this subject, the student:

A. Knowledge

1. understands the mathematical and mechanical reasons of the principal differences between the linear and nonlinear FEM,
2. understands the variational principles required for the nonlinear modeling, and the strategy of a finite element analysis based on that,
3. knows the calculation methods of strain, stiffness, mass matrices and load vectors in modified and general Lagrangian- and Eulerian description in the case of 1D, 2D and 3D modeling,
4. is familiar with the basic variations of the mathematical solution methods of the nonlinear finite element modeling, with an emphasis on the most important engineering problems,
5. understands the application of the Kármán-model for the calculation of beams and plates,
6. is familiar with the return algorithms for the calculation of the limit states of structures with elastic-hardening plastic materials, knows the material models of the calculation and the background of the crack propagation,
7. knows the basic finite element models of mixed- and hybrid variational formulations,
8. is familiar with the basic of the finite strip, finite volume, meshfree and boundary element method,
9. knows the principles of the finite element modeling using the particle based-, spline-, smoothing-techniques, and the possibilities of these methods,

B. Skills

1. handles the finite element programs reliably for the solution of nonlinear mechanical problems and interprets the variables of the programs with their mechanical content,
2. elaborates necessary algorithms for the modeling of structures undergoing large displacements and deformations,
3. is able to elaborate algorithms for the analysis of engineering structures with physically nonlinear material behaviour (nonlinear elastic, plastic, damage models, etc.),
4. designs the complex algorithms required for engineering problems with multiple nonlinearities,
5. chooses and handles the appropriate finite element model for a technical problem with nonlinear effects,
6. designs the algorithms of special finite elements (splines, meshfree, smooth and particle elements), and applies the softwares based on the special elements,
7. processes and critically interprets the literature,
8. uses clear and precise expressions in the oral and written communication,

C. Attitudes

1. works together with the tutor/lecturer and the fellow students while learning,
2. endeavors to discover and logical use the tools necessary to the problem solving of nonlinear mechanical problems,
3. endeavors to the precise and error-free problem solving,
4. aspires to prepare a well-organized documentation in writings, and pursues the precise self-expression in oral communication

D. Autonomy and responsibility

1. independently carries out the conceptual and numerical analysis of structural engineering problems,
 2. is open to accept well-founded critical comments.
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2.3. Methods

Lectures, exercises, oral and written communication, application of IT tools and technologies.

2.4. Course outline

week	Topics of lectures
1.	Classification of the numerical solution methods of mechanical problems based on error estimation. Stationarity and orthogonality conditions in Finite element modeling.
2.	Basics of finite element analysis of nonlinear problems with Euler- and Lagrange description. Solution steps of a finite element analysis of a nonlinear 1-dimensional problem.
3.	Solution of 2- and 3-dimensional nonlinear problems using FEM.
4.	Types of numerical solutions, stability, convergence.
5.	Large deflections of beams and plates calculated with the Kármán-model.
6.	Large displacements of 3D frames.
7.	Calculation of the load carrying capacity of plates made of metals with elasto-plastic behaviour. Return algorithms.
8.	Calculation of the load carrying capacity of structures made of reinforced concrete with elasto-plastic behaviour.
9.	Analysis of transient problems. Application of mixed and hybrid variational formulations.
10.	Application of finite strip and finite volume method.
11.	Application of the Boundary Element Method.
12.	Application of splines. Meshfree methods.
13.	Smooth and particle finite element modeling.
14.	Summary.

The above programme is tentative and subject to changes due to calendar variations and other reasons specific to the actual semester. Consult the effective detailed course schedule of the course on the subject website.

2.5. Study materials

- Books: Kuczma-Wilmanski, Computer Methods in Mechanics, 2009.
- Lecture notes: Bojtár Imre – Gáspár Zsolt, Nonlinear FEM, 2017.

2.6. Other information

1. Attendance at lectures is mandatory.
2. Students attending tests/exams must not communicate with others without explicit permission during the test/exam, and must not have an electronic or non-electronic device capable of communication switched on.

2.7. Consultation

The instructors are available for consultation during their office hours, as advertised on the department website. Special appointments can be requested via e-mail: bojt.ar.imre@epito.bme.hu.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

3. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE LEARNING OUTCOMES

3.1. General rules

- Evaluation of learning outcomes described in Section 2.2. is based on one mid-term written checks and one homework.
- The duration of the mid-term test is 60 minutes.
- The dates of checks and the deadlines of homeworks can be found in the "Detailed semester schedule" on the website of the subject.

3.2. Assessment methods

Evaluation form (type)	abbrev.	assessed learning outcomes (2.2)
Mid-term test (summarizing check)	ZH	A 1-9, B 1-6
Homework (continuous partial check)	HF	A 1-6, B 1-7, B 9, C 1-4, D 1-2

Dates and deadlines of evaluations can be found in the „Detailed course schedule“ on the subject’s website.

3.3. Evaluation system

Evaluation	score
ZH (Mid-term test)	60%
HF (Homework)	40%
sum in the midterm	100%

3.4. Requirement and validity of signature

There is no signature from the subject.

3.5. Grading system

- A minimum presence of 70% is required to gain a signature
- In the case of complying with the requirements on attendance the results are determined as follows.
- No requirements are made on the successfulness of the midterm-test.
- Homework must be submitted and must be accepted as completed to gain a semester mark.
- The midterm result is computed by the results of the mid-term tests and of the homework.
- The semester result is computed by the weighted average A of the mid-term test and the homework as in section 3.3.:

Average	grade
$80\% \leq A$	5 (Excellent)
$70\% \leq A < 80\%$	4 (Good)
$60\% \leq A < 70\%$	3 (Satisfactory)
$50\% \leq A < 60\%$	2 (Passed)
$A < 50\%$	1 (Failed)

3.6. Retake and repeat

- In this subject mid-term test can be retaken once.
- There is no second retake in this subject.
- Homeworks not submitted by deadline can be submitted after paying late fee until the end of the last class of the semester.

3.7. Estimated workload

activity	hours/semester
contact lesson	14x2=28
preparation for lessons during the semester	14x2=28
preparation for the checks	14
preparation of homework	20
in total	90

3.8. Effective date

from 1 September 2017.