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History of the Finite Element Analysis

- 1940 ----- Basic ideas of FEA were developed by aircraft engineers in early 1940's. They are uesd matrix methods.
- 1943 ----- Courant (Variational methods)
- 1945 Hrennikoff- Field of structural engineering
- 1947 ----- Levy- Introduce flexibility/ force method
- 1953 ----- Levy Stiffness method for analysis aircraft structures
- 1954 ----- Argyris & Kelsey Matrix structural analysis
- 1956 ----- Turner, Clough, Martin and Topp (Stiffness)
- 1960 ----- Clough ("Finite Element", plane problems)
- 1961 ----- Turner Large deflection and thermal analysis problem
- Image: 1962 ----- Gallagher Non-linearities problems
- 1968 ----- Zinkiewicz Visco elasticity problems
- 1969 ----- Weighted Residual method for structural analysis
- 1990s ----- Analysis of large structural systems

> 1940s	1950s	> 1960s	1970s	1980s
In 1941 & 1943:modern development of the FEM In1947:developed the flexibility or force method.	 In 1953 :the stiffness or displacement method developed In 1954 : Using energy principles to created matrix structural analysis 1956: provided the first treatment of two-dimensional elements. 	 In 1960 :developed plane stress analysis used both triangular and rectangular elements. In 1961 : A flat, rectangular-plate bending-element stiffness matrix was developed. In 1963: Extension of the finite element method to three- dimensional problems. In 1965 :dynamic analysis in the development of the consistent-mass matrix. In 1968: extended the method to viscos elasticity problems. 	 In 1976 : considered problems with large-displacement nonlinear dynamic behavior. 	 In 1980s : developed large- scale integration and workstations with windows- style graphical user interfaces.

Brief history

- 1941 & 1943, With the work of Hrennikoff and McHenry in the field of structural engineering, the modern development of the finite element method started in the 1940s.
- In 1947, Levy developed the flexibility or force method, and his study recommended that a different approach should be used in 1953.
- In 1954, Using energy principles, Argyris and Kelsey created matrix structural analysis techniques.
- In 1956 Turner et al. provided the first treatment of two-dimensional elements. They created stiffness matrices for two-dimensional triangular and rectangular elements, beam elements, and truss elements in plane stress.
- In 1960 Clough developed the term "finite element" when plane stress analysis used both triangular and rectangular elements.
- In 1961, A flat, rectangular-plate bending-element stiffness matrix was developed by Melosh.
- In 1963 Extension of the finite element method to three-dimensional problems with the development of a tetrahedral stiffness matrix was done by Melosh.
- In 1963 Melosh's realization that the finite element method could be set up in terms of a variational formulation, it began to be used to solve nonstructural applications.
- In 1965 Archer considered dynamic analysis in the development of the consistent-mass matrix.
- In 1968, Zienkiewicz et al. extended the method to visco elasticity problems.
- In 1969, using weighted residual techniques, first by Szabo and Lee to obtain the elasticity equations previously employed in structural analysis.
- In 1976, Belytschko considered problems associated with large-displacement nonlinear dynamic behavior and improved numerical techniques for solving the resulting systems of equations.
- In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Large-scale integration and workstations with windows-style graphical user interfaces were first developed, along with the computer

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