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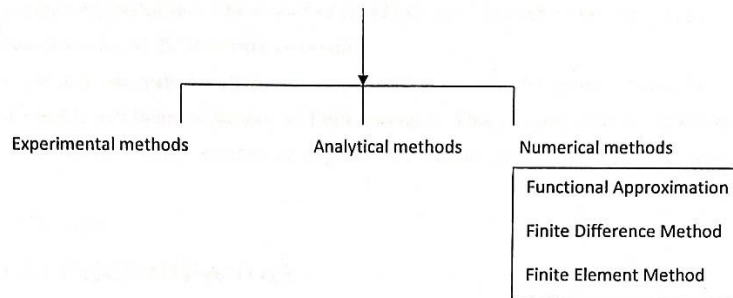
## DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Faculty Name : **Dr.M.Subramanian,** Academic Year : **2024-2025 (Odd)**  
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### FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

#### Finite element analysis

#### Methods of Engineering Analysis



#### Functional Approximation

- Classical methods- Rayleigh-Ritz method (complex structural problems)
- Galerkin methods -weighted residual methods (non structural problems)

#### Finite differential method

- Heat transfer /fluid mechanics/structural mechanics problem
- Differential equation/simultaneous equations generated-solving lead to approximate solution to the problem

#### Finite element method /Finite Element Analysis

-numerical method for solving problems of engineering and mathematical physics

-a body or structure → subdivided into smaller elements of finite elements called finite elements,

-nodes/ elements solved as whole to get solution

- Finite element method, instead of solving the problem for entire body in one operation, we formulate the equation for each finite element and combine them to obtain the solution of the whole body.
- Complicated geometrics, loading/material properties-to solve physical problems/which cannot be solved by analytical method

This method is extensively used in the field of structural mechanics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, mass transfer, electric and magnetic field problem



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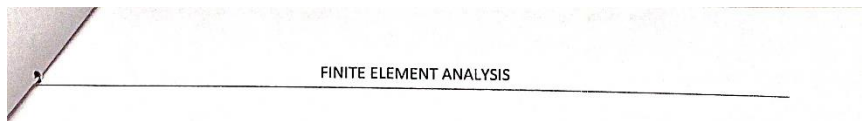
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### Discretization

The process of modeling a structure using suitable number, shape and size of the elements is called discretization. The modeling should be good enough to get the results as close to actual behavior of the structure as possible.

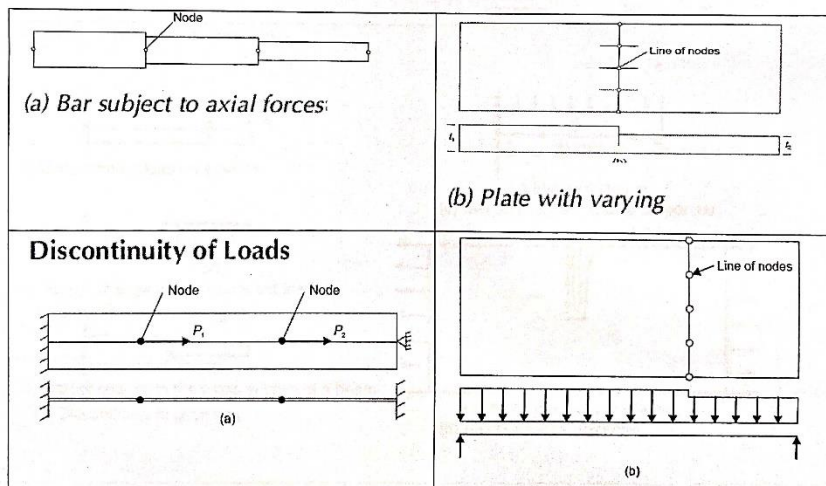
The finite element analysis involves the discretization of the irregular domain into smaller and regular subdomains, known as finite elements. This is equivalent to replacing the domain having an infinite number of degrees of freedom by a system having finite number

Of degrees of freedom.

### NODES AT DISCONTINUITIES

- (a) Geometric
- (b) Load
- (c) Boundary conditions
- (d) Material.

### Geometric Discontinuities





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<p><b>Discontinuity of Boundary conditions</b></p> <p><i>Slab with intermediate wall and columns</i></p>	<p><b>Material Discontinuity</b></p>
<p><b>DISCRETIZATION PROCESS</b></p> <p>(a) Original beam (b) discretization using three-dimensional elements (c) discretization using elements of different sizes</p>	<p>(a) Original structure (b) Finite element discretization (c) discretization using elements of different sizes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 2.12.</p>
<p><b>Location of Nodes at Discontinuities.</b></p> <p>(i) Concentrated load on a beam (ii) Abrupt change in the distributed load (a) Discontinuity in loading</p>	<p>A bimetallic beam (c) Discontinuity in material properties (d) Discontinuity in material</p>
<p>Abrupt change in the cross section of a beam (b) Discontinuity in geometry</p>	



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(a)  $L_1 = 7\delta$ ,  $n$  elements, force  $P$  applied at the right end.

(e)  $L_1$ , force  $P$  applied at the right end, displacement  $\delta$ .

A tapered bar loaded by axial force  $P$ . A tapered bar loaded by axial force  $P$ .  
uniform two-node elements of equal length..

<p><b>Aspect ratio:</b> Aspect ratio is the ratio of the largest dimension of the element to the smallest dimension of the element. In many cases, if the aspect ratio increases the inaccuracy of the solution increases. The aspect ratio should be close to unity as far as possible.</p>	<p><b>'h' and 'p' versions of finite element method</b></p> <p>In 'h' version, the order of the polynomial approximation for all elements is kept constant and the number of elements increased.</p> <p>In 'p' version the number of elements is maintained constant and the order of polynomial approximation of element is increased.</p>
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Typical element

Typical node



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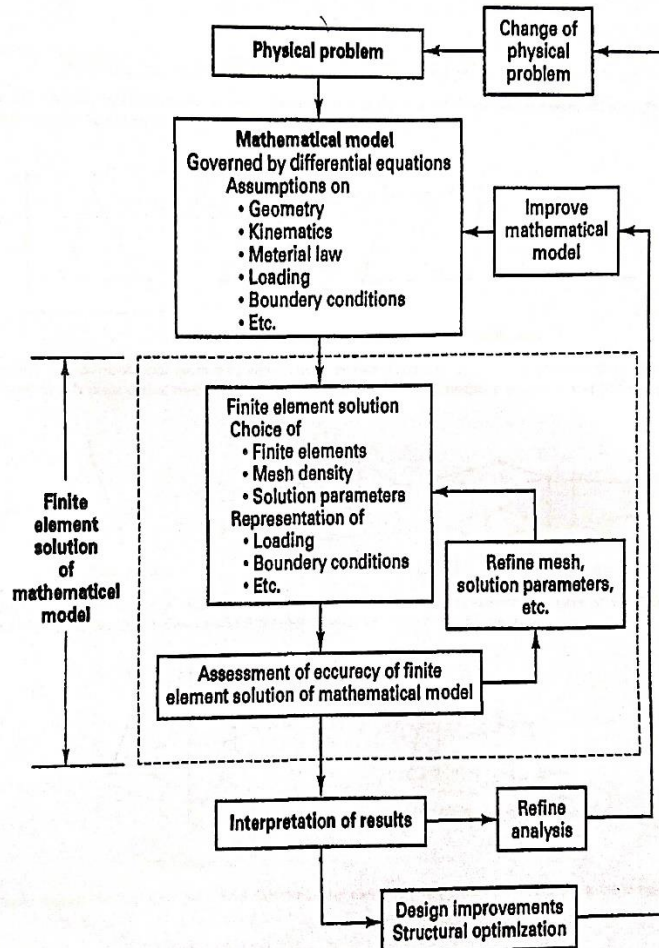
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### FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

The process of finite element analysis





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FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

**finite elements**

(a) Simple two-noded line element (typically used to represent a bar or beam element) and the higher-order line element

(b) Simple two-dimensional elements with corner nodes (typically used to represent plane stress/strain) and higher-order two-dimensional elements with intermediate nodes along the sides

(c) Simple three-dimensional elements (typically used to represent three-dimensional stress state) and higher-order three-dimensional elements with intermediate nodes along edges

(d) Simple axisymmetric triangular and quadrilateral elements used for axisymmetric problems



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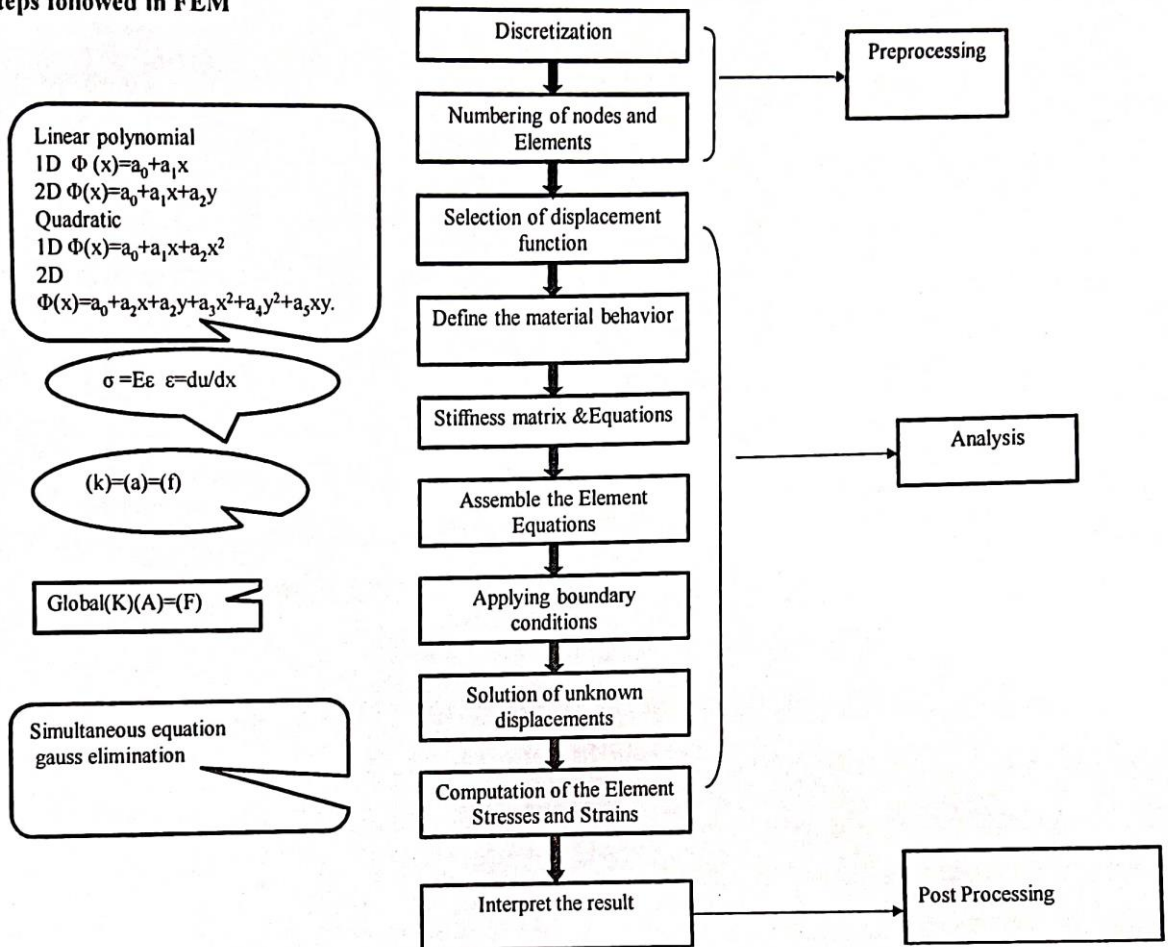
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### FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

#### Procedure of FEM

#### Steps followed in FEM



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