## Computer Aided Analysis and Design Of Building Structures

# **Building Structures Modeling and Analysis Concepts**



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## **Overall Design Process**

- Conception
- Modeling
- Analysis
- Design
- Detailing
- Drafting
- Costing

Integrated Design Process



## **Building Systems**

- Building is an assemblage of various Systems
  - Basic Functional System
  - Structural System
  - HVAC System
  - Plumbing and Drainage System
  - Electrical, Electronic and Communication System
  - Security System
  - Other specialized systems



## The Building Structural System - Physical





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## The Building Structural System - Conceptual

#### • The Gravity Load Resisting System (GLRS)

 The structural system (beams, slab, girders, columns, etc) that act primarily to support the gravity or vertical loads

#### The Lateral Load Resisting System (LLRS)

- The structural system (columns, shear walls, bracing, etc) that primarily acts to resist the lateral loads
- The Floor Diaphragm (FD)
  - The structural system that transfers lateral loads to the lateral load resisting system and provides in-plane floor stiffness



## **Building Response**

- Objective: To determine the load path gravity and lateral loads
- For Gravity Loads How Gravity Loads are Distributed
  - Analysis of Gravity Load Resisting System for:
    - Dead Load, Live Live Load, Pattern Loads, temperature, shrinkage
  - Important Elements: Floor slabs, beams, openings, Joists, etc.
- For Lateral Loads How Lateral Loads are Distributed
  - Analysis of Lateral Load Resisting System for:
    - Wind Loads, Seismic Loads, Structural Un-symmetry
  - Important elements: Columns, shear walls, bracing, beams



# Structural Response To Loads

## The Simplified Structural System





Analysis of Structures



$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{zz}}{\partial z} + p_{vx} = 0$$

Real Structure is governed by "Partial Differential Equations" of various order

#### **Direct solution is only possible for:**

- Simple geometry
- Simple Boundary
- Simple Loading.



The Need for Modeling

A - Real Structure cannot be Analyzed: It can only be "Load Tested" to determine response

- **B** We can only analyze a "Model" of the Structure
- C We therefore need tools to <u>Model the</u> <u>Structure</u> and to <u>Analyze the Model</u>



## The Need for Structural Model





## Finite Element Method: The Analysis Tool

- Finite Element Analysis (FEA) *"A discretized solution to a continuum problem using FEM"*
- Finite Element Method (FEM)

"A numerical procedure for solving (partial) differential equations associated with field problems, with an accuracy acceptable to engineers"





## **Continuum to Discrete Model**

#### **3D-CONTINUM MODEL**

(Governed by partial differential equations)

CONTINUOUS MODEL OF STRUCTURE

(Governed by either partial or total differential equations)

#### DISCRETE MODEL OF STRUCTURE

(Governed by algebraic equations)

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## From Classical to FEM Solution

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## Simplified Structural System





### The Structural System





## The Equilibrium Equations



2. Linear-Dynamic Elastic

$$M\ddot{u}(t) + C\dot{u}(t) + Ku(t) = F(t)$$

**3.** Nonlinear - Static

**Elastic OR Inelastic** 

$$Ku + F_{NL} = F$$

4. Nonlinear-Dynamic Elastic OR Inelastic  $M\ddot{u}(t) + C\dot{u}(t) + Ku(t) + F(t)_{NL} = F(t)$ 



## **Basic Steps in FEA**



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## Discretization of Continuums



## **Global Modeling of Structural Geometry**



Fig. 1 Various Ways to Model a Real Struture



## **Dimensions of Elements**

- 1 D Elements (Beam type)
  - Can be used in 1D, 2D and 3D
  - 2-3 Nodes. A, I etc.
- 2 D Elements (Plate type)
  - Can be used in 2D and 3D Model
  - 3-9 nodes. Thickness
- 3 D Elements (Brick type)
  - Can be used in 3D Model
  - 6-20 Nodes.





## **DOF for 1D Elements**



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## **DOF for 2D Elements**





## **DOF for 3D Elements**





## Frame and Grid Model

- The structure represented by rod or bar type elements
- Does not model the cross-section dimensions
- Suitable for skeletal structures
- The simplest and easiest model to construct, analyze and interpret
- Can be in 2D or in 3D space





**3D Frame** 



## Membrane Model

- Ignore bending stiffness
- Tension / Compression
- In- plane Shear
- For in plane loads
- Principle Stresses
- Suitable for very thin structures / members
- Thin Walled Shells





## **Plane Stress and Plane Strain**



#### Plane Strain Problem

#### Plane Stress Problem

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## **Plate Bending Model**

- Primarily Bending mode
- Moment and Shear are predominant
- Suitable for moderately thick slabs and plates
- For Out-of-plane loads only
- Can be used in 3D or 2D models
- Suitable for planks and relatively flat structures





## **General Plate-Shell Model**

- Combined Membrane and Plate
- Suitable for general application to surface structures
- Suitable for curved structures
- Thick shell and thin shell implementations available
- Membrane thickness and plate thickness can be specified separately
- Numerous results generated. Difficult to design the section for combined actions







- Shear Axial deformation mode in 3D
- Suitable for micro-models
- Suitable for very thick plates / solids
- May not be applicable much to ferocement structures
- Use 6 to 20 node elements

## Soil-Structure Interaction

- Simple Supports
  - Fix, Pin, Roller etc.
  - Support Settlement
- Elastic Supports
  - Spring to represent soil
  - Using Modulus of Sub-grade reaction
- Full Structure-Soil Model
  - Use 2D plane stress elements
  - Use 3D Solid Elements









## **Connecting Different Types of Elements**

	Truss	Frame	Membrane	Plate	Shell	Solid
Truss	ОК	ОК	Dz	ОК	ОК	ОК
Frame	Rx, Ry, Rz	OK	Rx, Ry, Rz, Dz	Rx ? Dx, Dy	Rx ?	Rx, Ry, Rz
Membrane	OK	OK	OK	Dx, Dy	ОК	ОК
Plate	Rx, Rz	ОК	Rx, Rz	ОК	ОК	Rx, Rz
Shell	Rx, Ry, Rz	ОК	Rx, Ry, Rz, Dz	Dx, Dz	ОК	Rx, Rz
Solid	OK	OK	Dz	Dx, Dz	ОК	ОК

# What Type of Analysis should be Carried Out?



Analysis Type

# The type of Analysis to be carried out depends on the Structural System

- The Type of Excitation (Loads)
- The Type Structure (Material and Geometry)
- The Type Response



**Basic Analysis Types** 

Excitation	Structure	Response	<b>Basic Analysis Type</b>
Static	Elastic	Linear	Linear-Elastic-Static Analysis
Static	Elastic	Nonlinear	Nonlinear-Elastic-Static Analysis
Static	Inelastic	Linear	Linear-Inelastic-Static Analysis
Static	Inelastic	Nonlinear	Nonlinear-Inelastic-Static Analysis
Dynamic	Elastic	Linear	Linear-Elastic-Dynamic Analysis
Dynamic	Elastic	Nonlinear	Nonlinear-Elastic-Dynamic Analysis
Dynamic	Inelastic	Linear	Linear-Inelastic-Dynamic Analysis
Dynamic	Inelastic	Nonlinear	Nonlinear-Inelastic-Dynamic Analysis



## Some More Solution Types

- Non-linear Analysis
  - P-Delta Analysis
  - Buckling Analysis
  - Static Pushover Analysis
  - Fast Non-Linear Analysis (FNA)
  - Large Displacement Analysis

#### Dynamic Analysis

- Free Vibration and Modal Analysis
- Response Spectrum Analysis
- Steady State Dynamic Analysis

## Static Vs Dynamic

#### Static Excitation

- When the Excitation (Load) does not vary rapidly with Time
- When the Load can be assumed to be applied "Slowly"

#### Dynamic Excitation

- When the Excitation varies rapidly with Time
- When the "Inertial Force" becomes significant
- Most Real Excitation are Dynamic but are considered "Quasi Static"
- Most Dynamic Excitation can be converted to "Equivalent Static Loads"



## Elastic Vs Inelastic

#### Elastic Material

 Follows the same path during loading and unloading and returns to initial state of deformation, stress, strain etc. after removal of load/ excitation

#### Inelastic Material

- Does not follow the same path during loading and unloading and may not returns to initial state of deformation, stress, strain etc. after removal of load/ excitation
- Most materials exhibit both, elastic and inelastic behavior depending upon level of loading.



## Linear Vs Nonlinear

#### • Linearity

- The response is directly proportional to excitation
- (Deflection doubles if load is doubled)

#### Non-Linearity

- The response is not directly proportional to excitation
- (deflection may become 4 times if load is doubled)
- Non-linear response may be produced by:
  - Geometric Effects (Geometric non-linearity)
  - Material Effects (Material non-linearity)
  - Both





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## Physical Object Based Modeling, Analysis and Design

## **Continuum Vs Structure**

- A continuum extends in all direction, has infinite particles, with continuous variation of material properties, deformation characteristics and stress state
- A Structure is of finite size and is made up of an assemblage of substructures, components and members
- Dicretization process is used to convert Structure to Finite Element Models for determining response



## **Physical Categorization of Structures**

- Structures can be categorized in many ways.
- For modeling and analysis purposes, the overall physical behavior can be used as basis of categorization
  - Cable or Tension Structures
  - Skeletal or Framed Structures
  - Surface or Spatial Structures
  - Solid Structures
  - Mixed Structures





Spherical Dome







Plane Frames



Beam-Slab Building





Storage Structures



Transmission Towers



**Box Girder Bridges** 



Hyperbolic Paraboloid



Prism1





Variable Arch

## Structure Types

- Cable Structures
  - Cable Nets  $\bullet$
  - Cable Stayed •
- **Bar Structures** 
  - 2D/3D Trusses •
  - 2D/3D Frames, Grids •
- Surface Structures
  - Plate, Shell
  - In-Plane, Plane Stress •
- Solid Structures  $\bullet$



## Structure, Member, Element

- Structure can considered as an assemblage of "Physical Components" called Members
  - Slabs, Beams, Columns, Footings, etc.
- Physical Members can be modeled by using one or more "Conceptual Components" called Elements
  - 1D elements, 2D element, 3D elements
  - Frame element, plate element, shell element, solid element, etc.
- Modeling in terms Graphical Objects to represent Physical Components relieves the engineers from intricacies and idiosyncrasy of finite element discretization



## **Structural Members**



**Dimensional Hierarchy of Structural Members** 

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## Load Transfer Path For Gravity Loads

- Most loads are basically "Volume Loads" generated due to mass contained in a volume
- Mechanism and path must be found to transfer these loads to the "Supports" through a Medium
- All types of Static Loads can be represented as:
  - Point Loads
  - Line Loads
  - Area Loads
  - Volume Loads



## The Load Transfer Path

- The Load is transferred through a medium which may be:
  - A Point
  - A Line
  - An Area
  - A Volume
  - A system consisting of combination of several mediums
- The supports may be represented as:
  - Point Supports
  - Line Supports
  - Area Supports
  - Volume Supports



## **Graphic Object Representation**

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Object	Load	Geometry Medium	Support Boundary	
Point	Point Load Concentrated Load	Node	Point Support Column Support	
Line	Beam Load Wall Load Slab Load	Beam / Truss Connection Element Spring Element	Line Support Wall Support Beam Support	
Area	Slab Load Wind Load	Plate Element Shell Element Panel/ Plane	Soil Support	
Volume	Seismic Load Liquid Load	Solid Element	Soil Support	

ETABS uses graphic object modeling concept

## Load Transfer Path is difficult to Determine



## Load Transfer Path is difficult to Determine



#### Transfer of a Point Load to Point Supports Through Various Mediums



## **Objects in ETABS**

#### Building Object Specific Classification

- Plank One way slabs
- Slab One way or Two way slabs
- Deck Special one way slabs
- Wall Shear Walls, Deep Beams, In-Fill Panel
- Frame Column, Beam or Brace

#### • Finite Elements

- Shell
- Plate
- Membrane
- Beam
- Node



## Shell Element

#### General

Total DOF per Node = 6 (or 5)
Total Displacements per Node = 3
Total Rotations per Node = 3
Used for curved surfaces

#### Application

•For Modeling surface elements carrying general loads

#### **Building Specific Application**

•May be used for modeling of general slabs systems. But not used generally





## **Plate Element**

#### General

Total DOF per Node = 3
Total Displacements per Node = 1
Total Rotations per Node = 2
Plates are for flat surfaces

#### Application

•For Modeling surface elements carrying out of plane loads

#### **Building Specific Application**

For representing floor slabs for Vertical Load AnalysisModel slabs



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## Membrane Element

#### General

Total DOF per Node = 3 (or 2)
Total Displacements per Node = 2
Total Rotations per Node = 1 (or 0)
Membranes are modeled for flat surfaces

#### Application

•For Modeling surface elements carrying in-plane loads

#### **Building Specific Application**

- •For representing floor slabs for Lateral Load Analysis.
- Model Shear walls, Floor Diaphragm etc





## Meshing Slabs and Walls

"Zipper"

In general the mesh in the slab should match with mesh in the wall to establish connection

Some software automatically establishes connectivity by using constraints or "Zipper" elements

