



Subject card

Subject name and code	Basics of Computer Mechanics, PG_00065236						
Field of study	Civil Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	first-cycle studies		Subject group				
Mode of study	Part-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	5		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Structural Mechanics -> Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr inż. Łukasz Smakosz				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	10.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	35
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	35		0.0		0.0	35
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to introduce numerical methods for solving structural mechanics problems, such as the matrix displacement method and the finite element method.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K6_W01] Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of mathematics as well as sciences and engineering disciplines underlying civil engineering at a level necessary to achieve the other programme outcomes.		The student uses matrix calculus to solve structural mechanics problems.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K6_U02] Analyse & solve engineering issues & problems in the field of civil engineering by applying appropriate and relevant established analytical, numerical and experimental methods.		The student has the ability to define basic computational models for analyzing structural mechanics problems. The student has the ability to write algorithms for the direct displacement method in the MATLAB environment.		[SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment [SU3] Assessment of ability to use knowledge gained from the subject [SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools		
	[K6_W05] Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research methods (obtaining information, simulations, experimental methods) in the field of civil engineering.		The student knows the theoretical foundations of the matrix displacement method and the finite element method.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge [SW3] Assessment of knowledge contained in written work and projects		
	[K6_U05] Conducts research (obtaining information, simulations, experimental methods) in the field of construction in order to solve specific tasks and report research results.		The student is able to interpret the results of computer programs and use them for further analyses in the field of structural mechanics.		[SU2] Assessment of ability to analyse information [SU3] Assessment of ability to use knowledge gained from the subject		

Subject contents	Course content – lecture Matrix displacement method. Discretization of the system. Global stiffness and flexibility matrix of a frame structure. Local stiffness matrix of beam, truss, and frame elements. Transformation matrix. Assembly of the global stiffness matrix. Extraction of displacement vectors. Determination of forces in members. Displacement method algorithm. Condensation and modification of the stiffness matrix. Elastic supports. Fundamentals of the finite element method. Plane stress/strain element. Application of the finite element method to solve engineering problems.		
	Course content – laboratory Team-based solving of problems related to lecture topics using the MATLAB environment. Performing system discretization and selecting the appropriate type of beam element. Using functions to automate selected parts of the algorithm. Graphical interpretation of the obtained results.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Knowledge of structural mechanics in the classical approach for statically determinate and indeterminate frame systems. Knowledge of strength of materials. Proficiency in programming in MATLAB.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Written test	60.0%	25.0%
	Laboratory test	60.0%	75.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	1. Rucka M., Burzyński S., Sabik A., Macierzowa analiza konstrukcji prętowych w środowisku Matlab, Wydawnictwo PG, 2018. 2. Chmielewski T., Nowak H., Sadecka L., Metoda przemieszczeń i podstawy MES Obliczenia w środowisku MatLab, PWN, 2016. 3. Kłosowski P., Ambroziak A., Metody numeryczne w mechanice z przykładami w programie MATLAB. Wydawnictwo PG, Gdańsk 2011. 4. Obara P., Metoda przemieszczeń w analizie konstrukcji prętowych, Wydawnictwo Politechniki Świętokrzyskiej, 2011. 5. Rakowski G., Kacprzyk Z., Metoda elementów skończonych w mechanice konstrukcji. Oficyna Wydawnicza Politechniki Warszawskiej, Warszawa 2005.	
	Supplementary literature	1. Branicki Cz., Ciesielski R., Kacprzyk Z., Kawecki J., Kączkowski Z., Rakowski G., Mechanika budowli. Ujęcie komputerowe t. 1, Arkady, Warszawa 1991. 2. Rakowski G., Kacprzyk Z., Metoda elementów skończonych w mechanice konstrukcji .Oficyna Wydawnicza Politechniki Warszawskiej, Warszawa 2005. 3. Zienkiewicz O.C., Metoda elementów skończonych. Arkady, Warszawa 1972.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	1. Divide the given static system into elements. Describe the degrees of freedom. 2. Perform the assembly of the global stiffness matrix for the frame structure. 3. Using a self-prepared program based on the matrix displacement method, draw diagrams of internal forces and sketch the deformation of the given frame structure.		
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable		

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