- 1. Consider an 1D bar element with E = 1, L = 1, and A(x) = 1 + x.
  - (a) Obtain the stiffness matrix for finite element method, using equation (373) in section 2.2 of course notes. (10 Points)
  - (b) Obtain the stiffness matrix using the direct method using the methodology described on pages 307-308 of section 2.2 (equations 375-376). Include all the steps in equation 307 in your derivation. (20 Points)
  - (c) Comparison of the two approaches: i) Compare the stiffness matrices; ii) Assume that  $u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1$  (the end point displacements). Plot the displacement field, strain, and stress for the two methods; iii) (extra credit) compare internal energies  $\mathcal{E} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} E(x) \epsilon^2(x) dx$  ( $\epsilon = \frac{du}{dx}$ ). (30 Points) + (20 Points) (extra credit)
- 2. For the truss shown in figure the prescribed dofs are:  $\bar{U}_{\bar{1}} = \bar{U}_{\bar{2}} = \bar{U}_{\bar{4}} = \bar{U}_{\bar{5}} = 0; \bar{U}_{\bar{3}} = \frac{1}{10}$ . Other information is provided in the figure 1.



Figure 1: 3 dof truss with an angled support

- (a) Form element force vectors and stiffness matrices. Note that for element  $e_2$  two different coordinate systems are used at the two ends and an equation of the form (394) in section 2.3 should be employed. Also, the angle  $\theta$  in the figure is the angle that the bar makes with x axis and is different from  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  in the figure used for equation (394). (20 Points)
- (b) Form global stiffness matrix, total force and solve for global  $U_f$ .(20 Points)
- (c) Summarize element local displacements and obtain their axial force. (20 Points)
- (d) Obtain support reactions at B (2), C (1), and D (2). (20 Points)
- 3. In figure 2 <u>Frame element</u>  $e_2$  is hinged to <u>truss element</u>  $e_1$ . For the frame element, a concentrated moment  $\overline{M} = 1$  is applied at x = 0.75 and a distributed load q = x is applied over the length of the frame.
  - (a) Number free and prescribed dofs. (10 Points)
  - (b) Form element force vectors and stiffness matrices. (20 Points)
  - (c) Form global stiffness matrix, total force and solve for global  $U_f$ .(20 Points)



Figure 2: Frame and truss example.

(d) Obtain displacement (y), rotation  $(\theta = \frac{dy}{dx})$ , and moment  $(M = EI\frac{d^2y}{dx^2})$  for the frame element at x = 0.5. Note that  $y(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} N_i^e(\xi) a_i^e$ . Also, since  $\mathbf{B}^e = \frac{d^2\mathbf{N}^e}{dx^2} \Rightarrow M = EI\sum_{i=1}^{4} B_i^e(\xi) a_i^e$ . (30 Points)