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**TRABAJO N°02:**  
**FEM Modelling: Introduction**  
**Variational Formulation**

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**Assignment 2.1**

On “FEM Modelling: Introduction”:

1. Identify the symmetry and antisymmetry lines in the two-dimensional problems illustrated in the figure. They are:
  - (a) a circular disk under two diametrically opposite point forces (the famous “Brazilian test” for concrete)
  - (b) the same disk under two diametrically opposite force pairs
  - (c) a clamped semiannulus under a force pair oriented as shown
  - (d) a stretched rectangular plate with a central circular hole.
  - (e) and (f) are half-planes under concentrated loads.
  
2. Having identified those symmetry/antisymmetry lines, state whether it is possible to cut the complete structure to one half or one quarter before laying out a finite element mesh. Then draw a coarse FE mesh indicating, with rollers or fixed supports, which kind of displacement BC you would specify on the symmetry or antisymmetry lines.

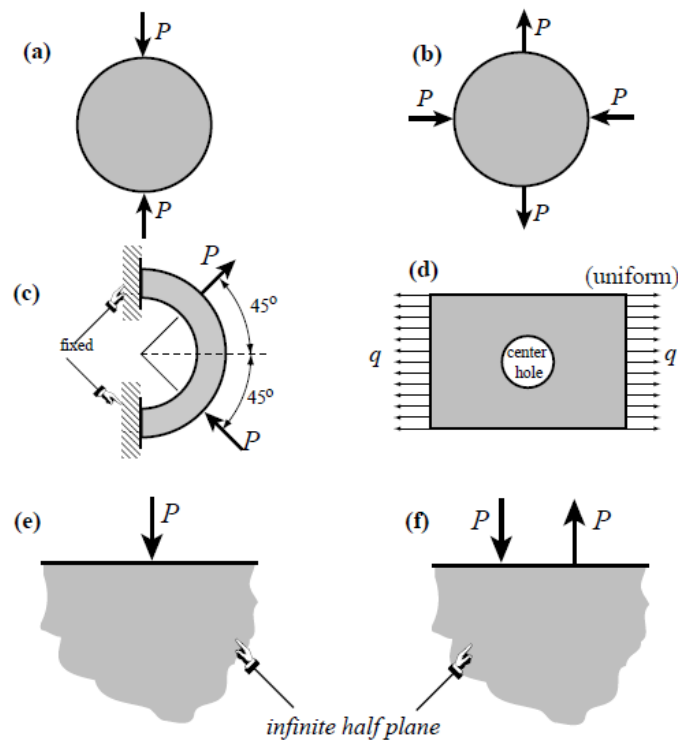


Figure 2.1.- Problems for assignment 2.1

## Assignment 2.2

On “FEM Modelling: Introduction”:

1. The plate structure shown in the figure is loaded and deforms in the plane of the paper. The applied load at  $D$  and the supports at  $I$  and  $N$  extend over a fairly narrow area. List what you think are the likely “trouble spots” that would require a locally finer finite element mesh to capture high stress gradients. Identify those spots by its letter and a reason.

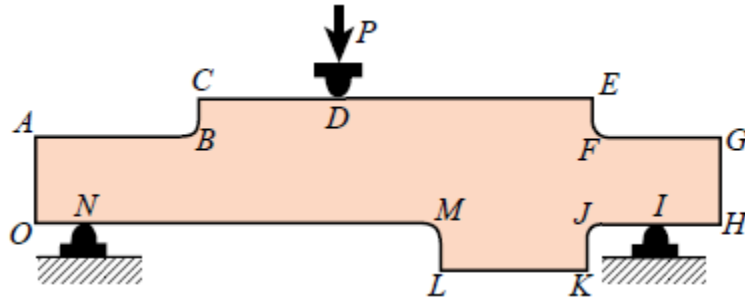


Figure 2.2.- Inplane bent plate

## Assignment 2.3

On “Variational Formulation”:

1. A tapered bar element of length  $l$  and areas  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  with  $A$  interpolated as

$$A = A_i(1 - \xi) + A_j\xi$$

and constant density  $\rho$  rotates on a plane at uniform angular velocity  $\omega$  (rad/sec) about node  $i$ . Taking axis  $x$  along the rotating bar with origin at node  $i$ , the centrifugal axial force is  $q(x) = \rho A \omega^2 x$  along the length in which  $x$  is the longitudinal coordinate  $x = x^e$ .

Find the consistent node forces as functions of  $\rho$ ,  $A_i$ ,  $A_j$ ,  $\omega$  and  $l$ , and specialize the result to the prismatic bar  $A = A_i = A_j$ .

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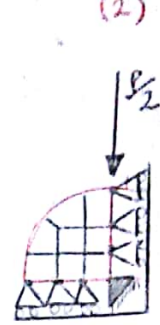
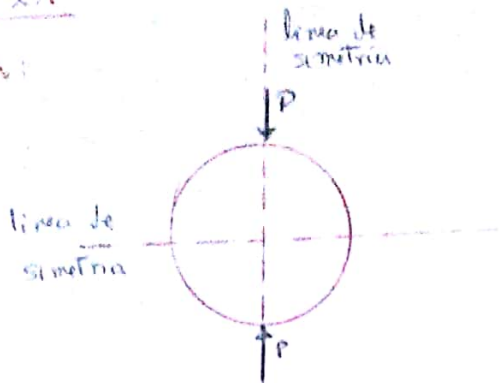
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Problema 2.1

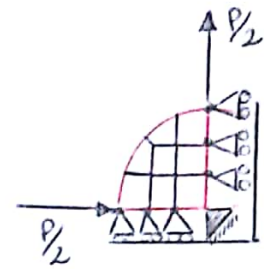
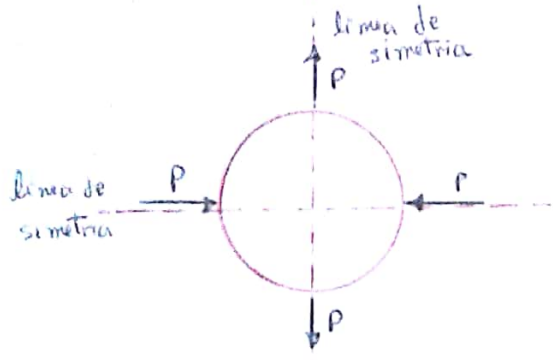
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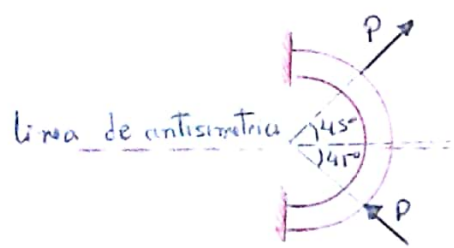


En mallas de curvas mediante coord. isoparamétricas Zienkiewicz, O.C y D.V. Philips.

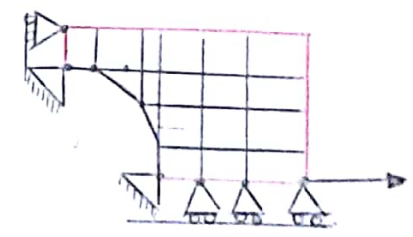
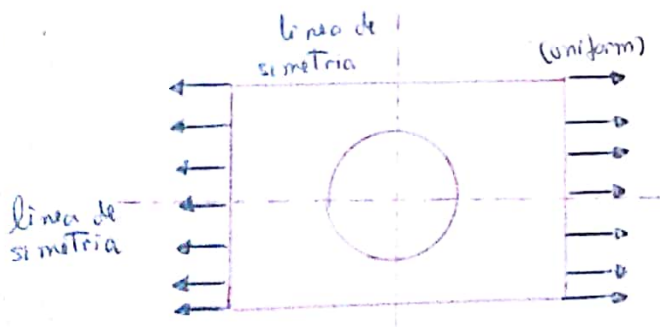
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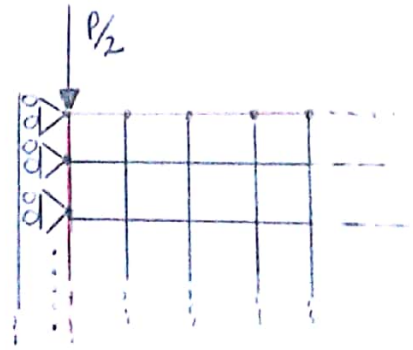
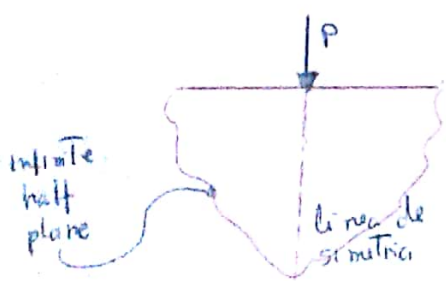
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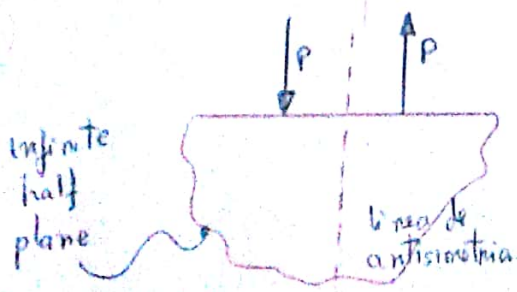
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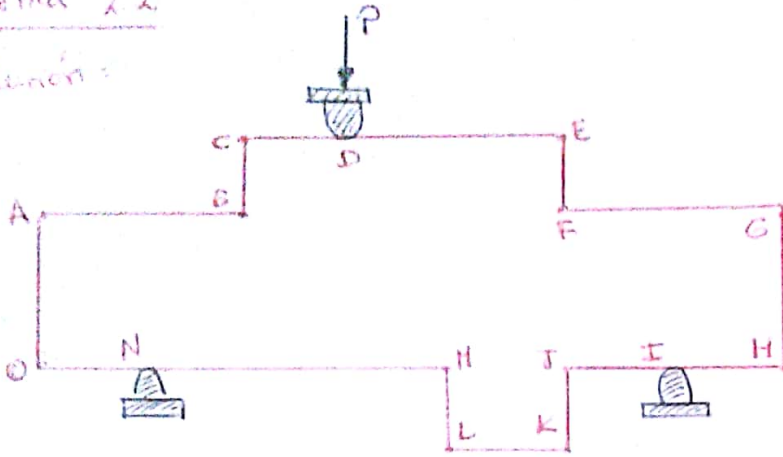


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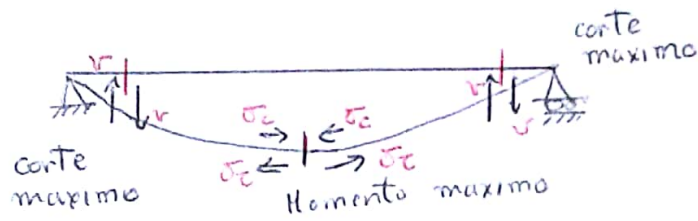


## Problema 2.2

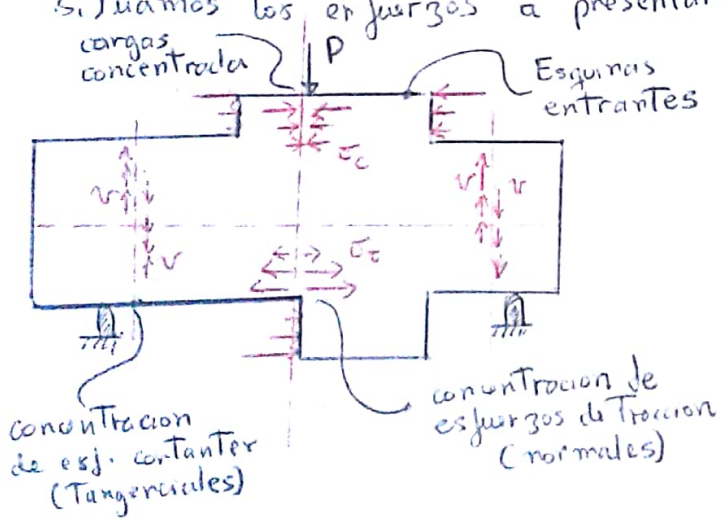
Solución:



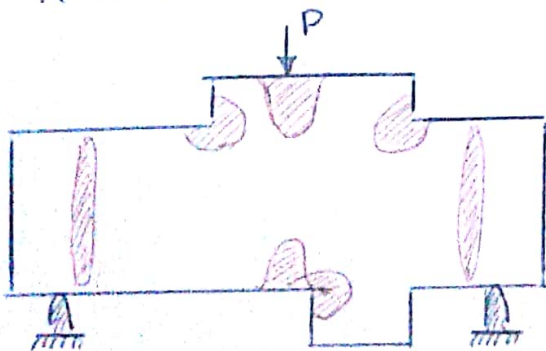
- 1° Para conocer la distribución de esfuerzos, recordaremos el comportamiento a flexión de una viga; aproximadamente; el caso solicitado será similar:



- 2° Si tuamos los esfuerzos a presentarse:



- 3° Finalmente indicamos las zonas de gradientes de alto orden:



## Problema 23

Solución:

+ Considerando el área interpolada de la barra conica:

$$A = A_i(1-\xi) + A_j\xi \dots (I)$$

\* Considerando la representación o variación de la fuerza centrífuga en función de la posición, además de otros parámetros:

$$q(x) = \rho \cdot A \cdot \omega^2 \cdot x \dots (II)$$

+ Considerando los métodos variacionales, para determinar el vector de fuerzas nodales, tenemos:

$$f_{ext} = \int_0^l q \begin{bmatrix} 1-\xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} l d\xi \dots (III)$$

Reemplazando (I) en (III):

$$f_{ext} = \int_0^l \underline{\rho A \omega^2 l} \begin{bmatrix} 1-\xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} l d\xi$$

$$f_{ext} = \int_0^l \rho (A_i(1-\xi) + A_j\xi) \cdot \omega^2 \cdot l \begin{bmatrix} 1-\xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} \cdot l d\xi$$

$$f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \int_0^1 (A_i - A_i\xi + A_j\xi) \begin{bmatrix} 1-\xi \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} d\xi$$

$$f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \int_0^1 \begin{bmatrix} A_i - A_i\xi + A_j\xi - A_i\xi + A_i\xi^2 - A_j\xi^2 \\ A_i\xi - A_i\xi^2 + A_j\xi^2 \end{bmatrix} d\xi$$

$$f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} A_i\xi - \frac{2A_i\xi^2}{2} + \frac{A_j\xi^2}{2} + \frac{A_i\xi^3}{3} - \frac{A_j\xi^3}{3} \\ \frac{A_i\xi^2}{2} - \frac{A_i\xi^3}{3} + \frac{A_j\xi^3}{3} \end{bmatrix} \right) \Big|_0^1$$

$$f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \begin{bmatrix} A_i(1) - \frac{2(A_i)}{2} + \frac{A_j}{2} + \frac{A_i}{3} - \frac{A_j}{3} \\ \frac{A_i}{2} & \frac{A_i}{3} & \frac{A_j}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{A_i + A_j}{3} & \frac{A_j}{6} \\ \frac{A_i + A_j}{6} & \frac{A_j}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ finalmente para el caso  $A = A_i = A_j$ :  $f_{ext} = \rho \omega^2 l^2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{A}{2} \\ \frac{A}{2} \end{bmatrix}$