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#### **MINOR IN:**

## **APPLIED MECHANICS** IN MODERN ENGINEERING PRACTICE

Can be enrolled as part of the Graduate study programme in Civil Engineering module Structures

4 optional courses in the 2. semester

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Sveučilište u Rijeci Građevinski fakultet Can be enrolled as a **life-long education programme** (available to nonstudents) Carried out in English language Improved knowledge, skills and competences + new employment opportunities

Certificate of an acquired minor degree in Applied mechanics in modern engineering practice

#### Academic graduate programme in CIVIL ENGINEERING







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### **Stability of Structures**





There is practical need to analyse safety against the instabilities caused by structural geometry and internal forces combined.

The new technical discipline arises for that purpose – stability of structures.

#### Theory

The problem of the geometrical instability is expressed by unified differential equations as a result of combined kinematic and material expressions as well as equilibrium relations.





$$\frac{d^4w}{dx^4} + \frac{P}{EI}\frac{d^2w}{dx^2} = \frac{q}{EI}$$

Leonhard Euler (1707 – 1783) mathematician



#### **Experiments**

Experimental setup models the practical problem and confirms the theoretical results.





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Figure 2. Vertical web buckling.

#### **Numerical solutions**

Complex practical problems can be solved with numerical methods. The most often used is Finite Element Method.



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Different types of plate and shell structures in Civil Engineering: **walls**, **membranes**, **plates and shells**.

What is the difference between **beams** and **plates**?

**Beam structures** 

**Plate structures** 



$$w_{B} = w_{A}$$
$$u_{B} = -z \left(\frac{dw}{dx}\right)_{A}$$

Displacements of all points are determined by the neutral axis displacement



Displacements of all points are determined by the neutral **plane** displacement

What is the difference between thin and thick plates?

Bernouli I + II: Kirchhoff

$$\varphi_{x} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x} \quad \varphi_{y} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial y}$$

Shear strain is neglected



#### Bernouli I: Reissner-Mindlin

$$\varphi_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} + \gamma_{\mathbf{xz}} \quad \varphi_{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}}{\partial \mathbf{y}} + \gamma_{\mathbf{yz}}$$

Shear strain is **NOT** neglected



How are **forces**, **displacements**, **strains** and **stresses** related?



Introduction to numerical methods for static and dynamic analysis of plate structures – **finite difference method, Rayleigh-Ritz method** and **the finite element method.** 



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### **Energy Methods in Applied Mechanics**



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Procedures for approximate solutions satisfying the weak form will be described, with emphasis on the Finite element method

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A wide variety of complex mechanical problems can be analysed with software implementing the Finite element method

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### Introduction to plasticity and damage modelling

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#### **UNIAXIAL STRESS STATE**

• Plastic deformations







#### **ELASTO-PLASTIC BENDING**

 cross-section gradual plastification and plastic joint development







4 Strain

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#### **MULTI-AXIAL STRESS STATE** – when does yielding/plastification occur?



#### Application in computer simulations



FRACTURE MECHANICS – when and why does a crack develop in a material?



Linear elastic fracture mechanics – brittle material fracture

Ductile fracture of the material – a plastic zone (damage) forms behind the crack



#### DAMAGE MECHANICS

• Models of progressive damage (softening) leading to material failure



Experimental determination of parameters that describe the fracture resistance of materials



# **APPLIED MECHANICS** IN MODERN ENGINEERING PRACTICE

Detailed description of the courses can be found on *www.gradri.hr*. <u>https://gradri.uniri.hr/en/lifelong-education/</u>

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**REMARK:** As part of the graduate study program it is possible to choose only part of the Minor courses, but then the Minor cannot be acquired.

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