Heat Transfer and Thermal Stress (Turbine Blade)

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1. Introduction

In this simulation report, we analyze the deformation and stress concentrated on a turbine blade (1/4) due to heat, convection, and radiative heat using Ansys. Furthermore, we investigate variations in heat distribution based on different materials and compare the maximum stress based on heat coefficients. Additionally, we compare the results between transient heat transfer conditions and steady-state thermal situations for the turbine blade.

2. Geometry Design (DesignModeler)

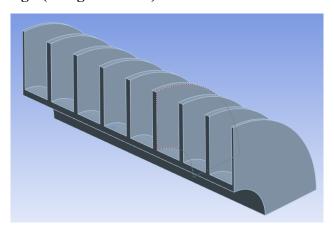


Figure 1. Model of Turbine Blade

3. Material (Aluminum Alloy)

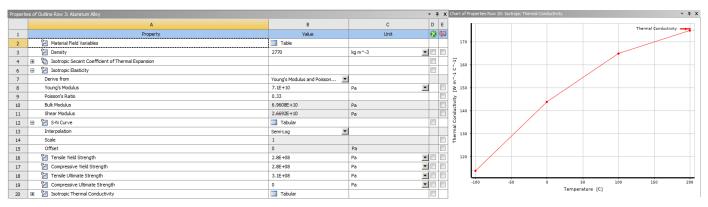


Table 1. Material Properties

4. Experimental Condition

Used Material	Aluminum Alloy			
Mesh	Multizone(Hexa), 2mm			
Thermal Conditions	Convection	30°,Tabular Data		
	Radiation	30°, 1 emissivity		
	Temperature	$200 - 0.25 \times y$		
	Temperature			
Solution	Total Deformation			
	Equivalent Stress			

Table 2. Simulation Conditions

5. Boundary Conditions & Load Conditions

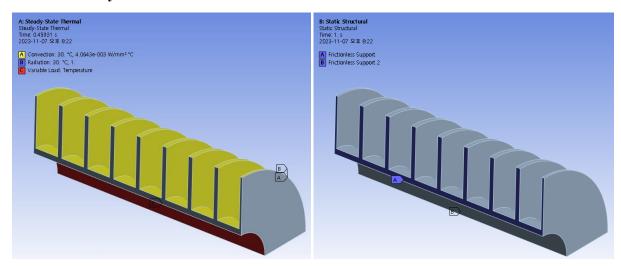


Figure 2. Thermal Conditions and Boundary Conditions

6. Result of Symmetry Model

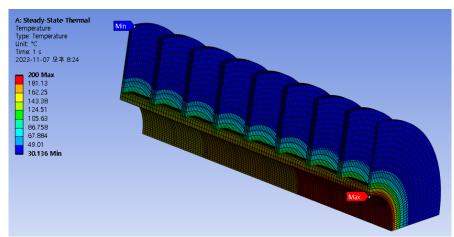


Figure 3. Temperature (Aluminum Alloy)

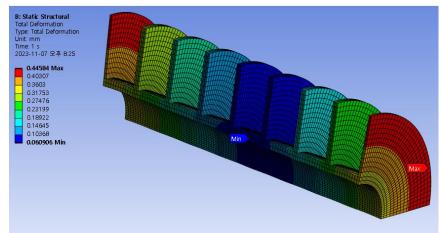


Figure 4. Total Deformation (Aluminum Alloy)

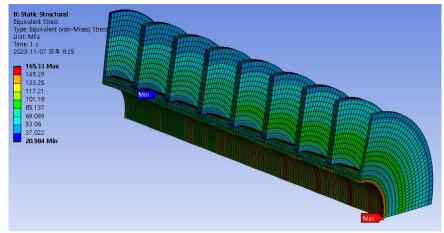


Figure 5. Equivalent Stress (Aluminum Alloy)

8. Analysis

① Change material from aluminum alloy to structural steel. Explain differences in the temperature distribution and maximum stress with values of thermal conductivity(k), thermal expansion coef.(α), and elastic modulus(E).

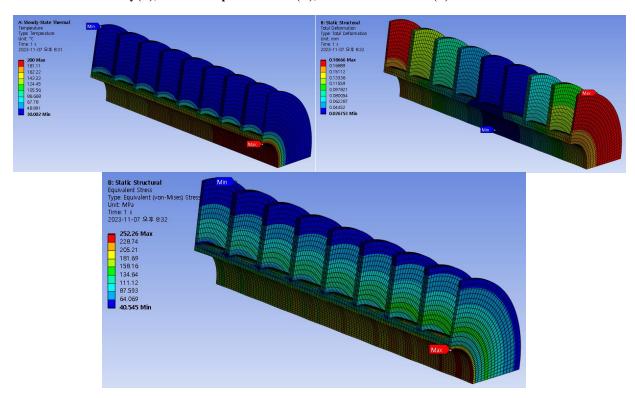


Figure 6. Ansys Simulation Results (Structural Steel)

Solutions	Equivalent Stress [Mpa]		Temperature $[c^{\circ}]$		Total Deformation[mm]	
	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
Aluminum Alloy	165.33	20.984	200	30.136	0.446	0.061
Structural Steel	252.26	40.545	200	30.002	0.187	0.027

Table 3. Simulation Results

Material Property	Structural Steel	Aluminum Alloy	
Thermal expansion coefficient (α)	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} ^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	$2.3 \times 10^{-5} ^{\circ}\text{C}^{-1}$	
Thermal conductivity (k)	60.5 W. m ⁻¹ . °C ⁻¹	Temperature dependent	
Elastic Modulus (E)	200 [Gpa]	71 [Gpa]	

Table 4. Thermal Coefficients

Conduction formula is below,

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = k \frac{dT}{dx}$$

The thermal conductivity values for Structural Steel and Aluminum Alloy are as shown in Table 4. According to Table 1, Aluminum Alloy exhibits a thermal conductivity that varies between 114 and 175 depending on temperature, which means it conducts heat more rapidly and disperses it more efficiently compared to Structural Steel.

The stress with temperature variation is as follows:

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon = E\alpha\Delta T$$

For both Structural Steel and Aluminum Alloy, the coefficients of thermal expansion (α) and Elastic Modulus are as listed in Table 4. When we substitute these values into the equations mentioned above, we arrive at the following conclusions:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{steel} &= 200 \times 10^9 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \times \Delta T = 2.4 \times \Delta T \; [Mpa] \\ \sigma_{al} &= 71 \times 10^9 \times 2.3 \times 10^{-5} \times \Delta T = 1.633 \times \Delta T \; [Mpa] \end{split}$$

Hence, it can be determined that the stress induced by heat is greater when the material is Structural Steel as compared to Aluminum Alloy. This observation is consistent with the results presented in the simulation data in Table 3.

2 Try a transient heat transfer (initial temperature of $22^{\circ}C$) and transient structural analysis. Discuss on the difference between the steady and transient analysis.

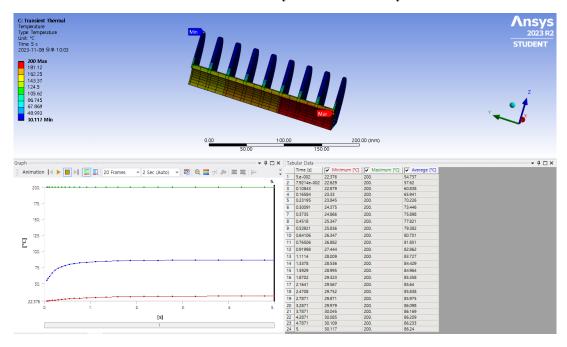


Figure 7. Transient Thermal Temperature (Aluminum Alloy)

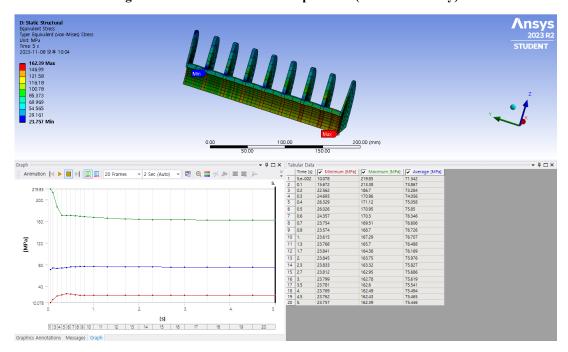


Figure 8. Transient Thermal Equivalent Stress (Aluminum Alloy)

Transient Thermal Analysis

- > Transient thermal analysis models the changes in temperature and heat distribution over time.
- > This method is useful for situations where temperature changes occur over time, such as when an initial temperature distribution is given, and the changes in temperature due to heat transfer and storage need to be tracked over time.
- It can account for the effects of time-dependent heat transfer and heat storage and model both long-term and short-term thermal variations.

Steady-State Thermal Analysis

- > Steady-state thermal analysis examines the temperature distribution resulting from given conditions where the temperature distribution no longer changes.
- This approach models the state where the temperature has stabilized over time, and the temperature and heat distribution remain constant.
- > It is primarily used for evaluating thermal designs and performance after a system has reached a stable temperature state.

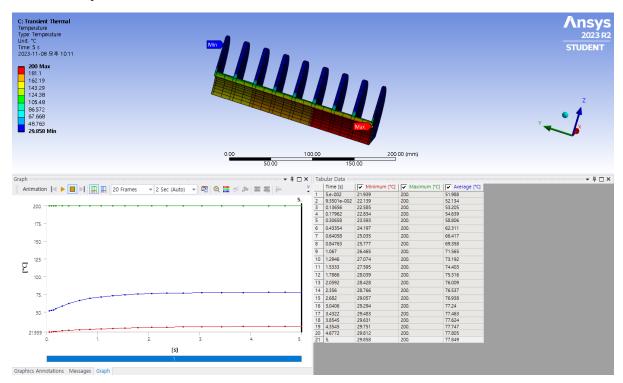


Figure 9. Transient Thermal Temperature (Structural Steel)

As evident from the above figure, it can be observed that Aluminum Alloy, which has higher thermal conductivity, exhibits a faster temperature convergence rate compared to Structural Steel.