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## 1 Beam theory

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, F=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (1).

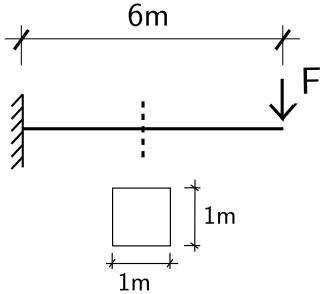


Figure 1: Problem description for cantilever beams

The basic idea to calculate the shear deformation of a beam is

$$\delta = \frac{FL}{GA_v} \quad (1)$$

where  $A_v$  is the not the gross cross sectional area of the beam.  $A_v$  should be the shear area. Thus,

$$\kappa = \frac{A}{A_v} \quad (2)$$

where  $\kappa$  is the form factor, shear correction factor or shear deformation coefficient,  $A$  is the gross sectional area and  $A_v$  is the shear area of the section.

The history of  $\kappa$  value is long.

1. Timoshenko (1940)<sup>1</sup> define the form factor for rectangular section is 1.5.
2. Cowper (1970)<sup>2</sup> gave the formula for the form factor:

$$\kappa = \frac{12 + 11\nu}{10(1 + \nu)} \quad (3)$$

3. Renton (1991)<sup>3</sup> provided a closed form solution for shear area of rectangular sections. For a rectangular section of depth  $2a$  and breadth  $2b$ .

$$\kappa = \frac{6}{5} + \left(\frac{\nu}{1 + \nu}\right)^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{144(b/a)^4}{\pi^6 (2m+1)^2 n^2 [(2m+1)^2 (b/2a)^2 + n^2]} \quad (4)$$

<sup>1</sup>Strength of materials, Timoshenko, Krieger Pub Co, 1940

<sup>2</sup>Cowper, G. R. "The shear coefficient in Timoshenko's beam theory." Journal of applied mechanics 33.2 (1966): 335-340.

<sup>3</sup>Renton, J. D. "Generalized beam theory applied to shear stiffness." International Journal of Solids and Structures 27.15 (1991): 1955-1967.

For square cross section,  $b = a$ , therefore,

$$\kappa = \frac{6}{5} + \left(\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}\right)^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{144}{\pi^6 (2m+1)^2 n^2 [(2m+1)^2 (1/2)^2 + n^2]} \quad (5)$$

The summation of the series are very hard. *Matlab* and *Mathematica* cannot solve it directly. According to the Renton (1991), the intermediate values are given by

$$\kappa = \frac{6}{5} + C_1 \left(\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}\right)^2 \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^4 \quad (6)$$

When  $b = a$ , the equation becomes

$$\kappa = \frac{6}{5} + 0.1392 \left(\frac{\nu}{1+\nu}\right)^2 \quad (7)$$

## 2 Verification of 8NodeBrick elements

### 2.1 Verification of 8NodeBrick cantilever beams

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (2).

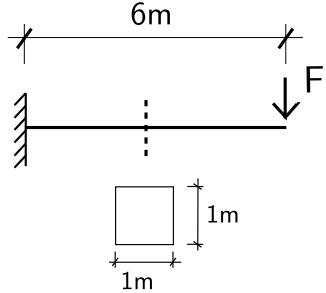


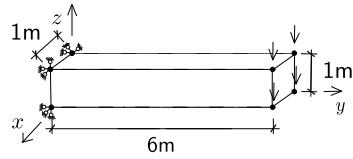
Figure 2: Problem description for cantilever beams

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

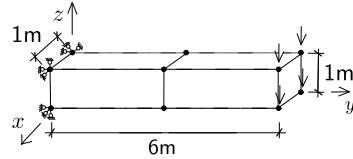
$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}\frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Numerical model:

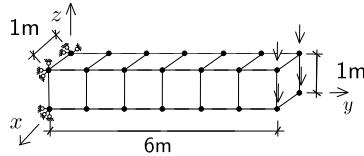
The 8NodeBrick elements were shown in Figure (3).



(a) One 8NodeBrick element



(b) Two 8NodeBrick elements



(c) Six 8NodeBrick elements

Figure 3: 8NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams

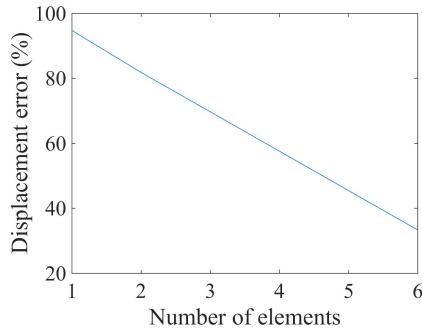
An example ESSI script is shown below.

All the ESSI results were listed in Table (1). The theoretical solution is 8.784E-04 m.

Table 1: Results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams of different element numbers

Element number	1	2	6
8NodeBrick	4.61E-05 m	1.59E-04 m	5.84E-04 m
Error	94.75%	81.87%	33.52%

The errors were plotted in Figure (4).

Figure 4: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of elements

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## 2.2 Verification of 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0 - 0.49$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (5).

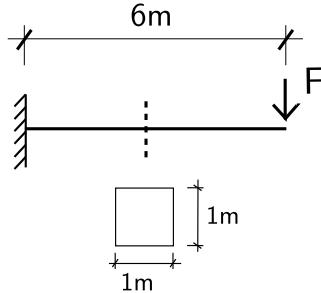


Figure 5: Problem description for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios

The theoretical solution for  $\nu = 0.0$  was calculated below, while the solution for other Poisson's ratio were calculated by the similar process.

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The rotation angle at the end:

$$\theta = \frac{FL^2}{2EI} = \frac{100N \times 6^2 m^2}{2 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} = 2.16 \times 10^{-4} rad = 0.0124^\circ \tag{10}$$

The 8NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios were shown in Figure (6):

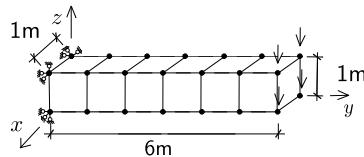


Figure 6: 8NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios

All the displacement results were listed in Table (2) - (4).

Table 2: ***Displacement*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 1 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	5.840E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	33.52%
0.05	5.924E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	32.62%
0.10	5.969E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	32.16%
0.15	5.971E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	32.20%
0.20	5.922E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	32.81%
0.25	5.814E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	34.09%
0.30	5.634E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	36.19%
0.35	5.364E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	39.29%
0.40	4.970E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	43.80%
0.45	4.353E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	50.82%
0.49	3.142E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	64.52%

Then, in the same geometry, the element side length was cut into 0.5m.

Table 3: ***Displacement*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.5 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	7.787E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	11.35%
0.05	7.824E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	11.00%
0.10	7.839E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	10.91%
0.15	7.829E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	11.09%
0.20	7.790E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	11.61%
0.25	7.717E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	12.51%
0.30	7.597E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	13.95%
0.35	7.406E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	16.18%
0.40	7.089E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	19.84%
0.45	6.466E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	26.95%
0.49	4.990E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	43.66%

Finally, in the same geometry, the element side length was cut into 0.25m.

Table 4: ***Displacement*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.25 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.511E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	3.11%
0.05	8.525E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	3.03%
0.10	8.527E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	3.09%
0.15	8.518E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	3.27%
0.20	8.494E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	3.62%
0.25	8.455E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	4.15%
0.30	8.393E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	4.93%
0.35	8.299E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	6.08%
0.40	8.141E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	7.94%
0.45	7.801E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	11.86%
0.49	6.603E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	25.45%

The errors were plotted in Figure (7).

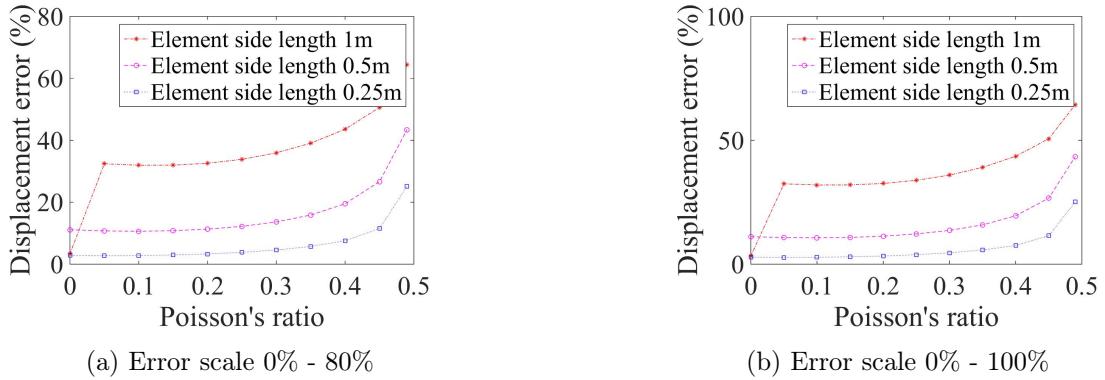


Figure 7: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio  
***Displacement error*** versus Poisson's ratio

The angle results were listed in Table (5).

Table 5: ***Rotation angle*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 1 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	8.25E-03	1.24E-02	33.46%
0.05	8.36E-03	1.24E-02	32.55%
0.10	8.42E-03	1.24E-02	32.08%
0.15	8.42E-03	1.24E-02	32.10%
0.20	8.35E-03	1.24E-02	32.67%
0.25	8.20E-03	1.24E-02	33.90%
0.30	7.95E-03	1.24E-02	35.89%
0.35	7.59E-03	1.24E-02	38.83%
0.40	7.07E-03	1.24E-02	43.00%
0.45	6.30E-03	1.24E-02	49.21%
0.49	4.93E-03	1.24E-02	60.20%

Then, in the same geometry, element side length was cut into 0.5m. The angle results were listed in Table (6).

Table 6: ***Rotation angle*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.5 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.10E-02	1.24E-02	11.28%
0.05	1.10E-02	1.24E-02	10.91%
0.10	1.11E-02	1.24E-02	10.78%
0.15	1.10E-02	1.24E-02	10.90%
0.20	1.10E-02	1.24E-02	11.32%
0.25	1.09E-02	1.24E-02	12.09%
0.30	1.07E-02	1.24E-02	13.33%
0.35	1.05E-02	1.24E-02	15.29%
0.40	1.01E-02	1.24E-02	18.53%
0.45	9.32E-03	1.24E-02	24.87%
0.49	7.52E-03	1.24E-02	39.35%

Finally, in the same geometry, element side length was cut into 0.25m. The angle results were listed in Table (7).

Table 7: ***Rotation angle*** results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.25 m

Poisson's ratio	8NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.20E-02	1.24E-02	3.06%
0.05	1.20E-02	1.24E-02	2.97%
0.10	1.20E-02	1.24E-02	2.99%
0.15	1.20E-02	1.24E-02	3.12%
0.20	1.20E-02	1.24E-02	3.38%
0.25	1.19E-02	1.24E-02	3.79%
0.30	1.19E-02	1.24E-02	4.40%
0.35	1.17E-02	1.24E-02	5.33%
0.40	1.15E-02	1.24E-02	6.87%
0.45	1.11E-02	1.24E-02	10.22%
0.49	9.64E-03	1.24E-02	22.23%

The errors were plotted in Figure (8).

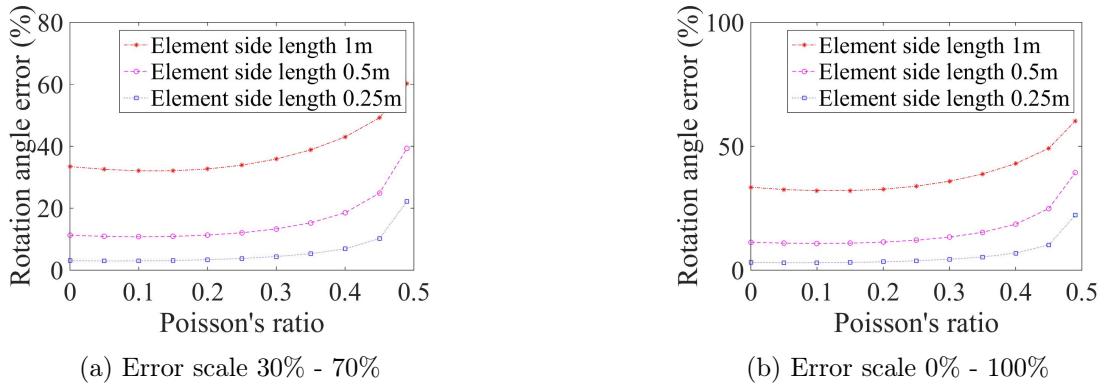


Figure 8: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio  
***Rotation angle error*** versus Poisson's ratio

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

### 2.3 Test of irregular shaped 8NodeBrick cantilever beams

Cantilever model was used as an example. Three different shapes were tested.

In the first test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved one half element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were kept at the same location. The element shape was shown in Figure (9).

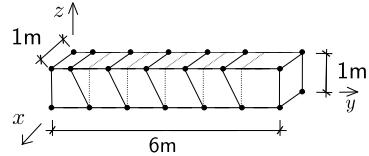


Figure 9: 8NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular *Shape 1*

In the second test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved 90% element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were moved 90% element size in the other direction along the  $y - axis$ . The element shape was shown in Figure (10).

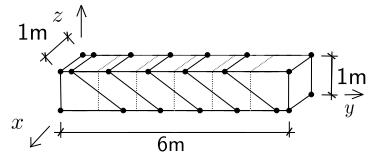


Figure 10: 8NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular *Shape 2*

In the third test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved one half element size with different directions along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were kept at the same location. The element shape was shown in Figure (11).

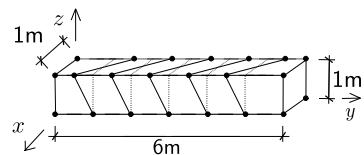
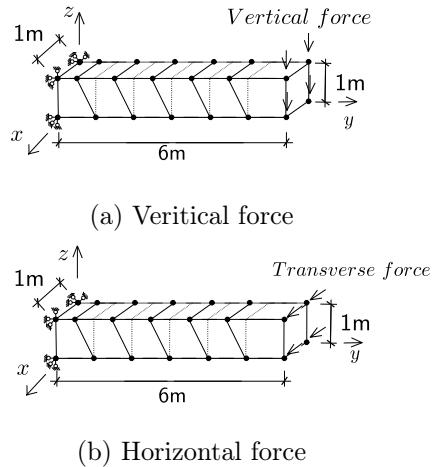
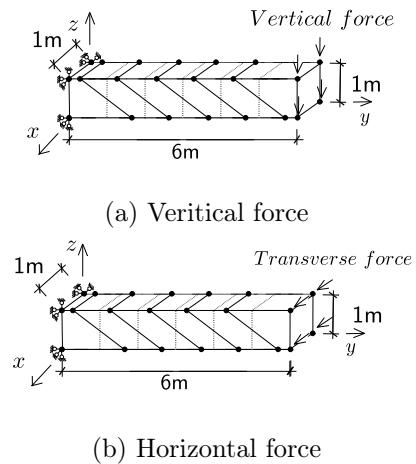
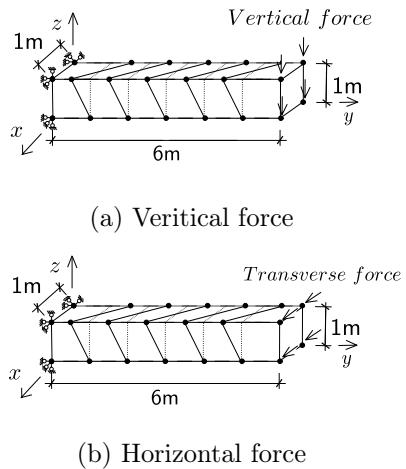


Figure 11: 8NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular *Shape 3*

The boundary conditions were shown in Figure (12), (13) and (14) .

Figure 12: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 1***Figure 13: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 2***Figure 14: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 3***

The ESSI results were listed in Table (8).

Table 8: Results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes

Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
8NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	5.840E-04 m	5.751E-04 m	2.959E-04 m	3.883E-04 m
8NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	5.840E-04 m	4.529E-04 m	1.390E-04 m	4.744E-04 m
Theoretical	-	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m

The errors were listed in Table (9) and (10).

Table 9: Errors for irregular shaped 8NodeBrick compared to theoretical solution

Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
8NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	33.52%	34.53%	66.31%	55.79%
8NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	33.52%	48.44%	84.18%	45.99%

Table 10: Errors for irregular shaped 8NodeBrick compared to normal shape

Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
8NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	0.00%	1.52%	49.33%	33.51%
8NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	0.00%	22.45%	76.20%	18.77%

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

Then, the irregular beam was divided into small elements.

Problem description: Length=12m, Width=2m, Height=2m,  $q=400\text{N/m}$ ,  $E=1\text{E}8\text{Pa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (15).

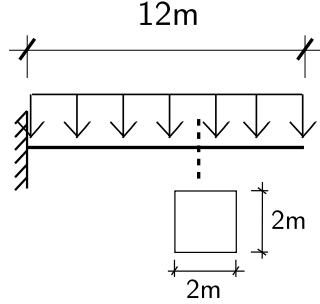


Figure 15: Problem description for cantilever beams under uniform load

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{qL^4}{8EI} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{qL^4}{8E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{400\text{N/m} \times 12^4\text{m}^4}{8 \times 10^8\text{N/m}^2 \times \frac{24}{12}\text{m}^4} + \frac{400\text{N/m} \times \frac{12^2}{2}\text{m}^2}{\frac{10^8}{2}\text{N/m}^2 \times 2\text{m} \times 2\text{m} \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 7.776 \times 10^{-3}\text{m} + 1.728 \times 10^{-4}\text{m} \\
 &= 7.9488 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

The ESSI displacement results were listed in Table (11).

Table 11: Results for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
8NodeBrick	shape1	Vertical ( $z$ )	5.37E-03 m	7.08E-03 m	7.71E-03 m
8NodeBrick	shape1	Transverse ( $y$ )	4.60E-03 m	6.66E-03 m	7.58E-03 m
8NodeBrick	shape2	Vertical ( $z$ )	2.74E-03 m	4.75E-03 m	6.43E-03 m
8NodeBrick	shape2	Transverse ( $y$ )	1.46E-03 m	2.72E-03 m	4.63E-03 m
8NodeBrick	shape3	Vertical ( $z$ )	9.21E-04 m	6.60E-03 m	7.56E-03 m
8NodeBrick	shape3	Transverse ( $y$ )	1.09E-03 m	6.09E-03 m	7.37E-03 m
Theoretical solution			7.95E-03 m	7.95E-03 m	7.95E-03 m

The error were listed in Table (12).

Table 12: Errors for 8NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
8NodeBrick	shape1	Vertical ( $z$ )	32.42%	10.95%	3.01%
8NodeBrick	shape1	Transverse ( $y$ )	42.16%	16.17%	4.69%
8NodeBrick	shape2	Vertical ( $z$ )	65.59%	40.22%	19.05%
8NodeBrick	shape2	Transverse ( $y$ )	81.57%	65.76%	41.81%
8NodeBrick	shape3	Vertical ( $z$ )	88.42%	16.97%	4.89%
8NodeBrick	shape3	Transverse ( $y$ )	86.24%	23.36%	7.28%

The errors were shown in Figure (16), (17) and (18).

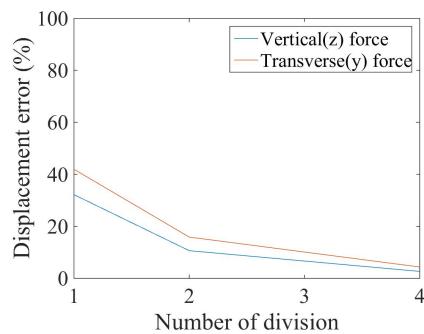


Figure 16: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 1**  
Displacement error versus Number of division

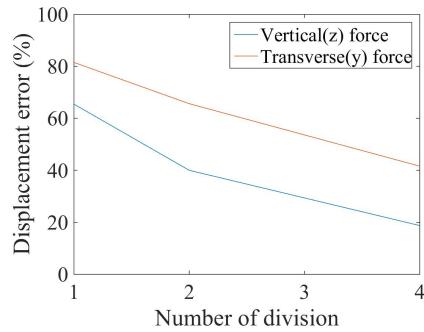


Figure 17: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 2**  
Displacement error versus Number of division

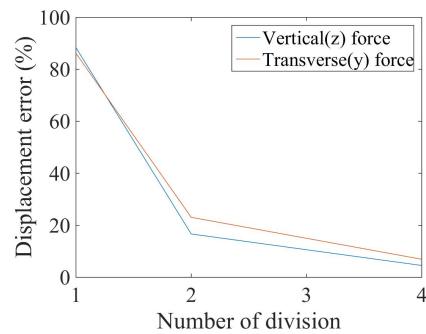


Figure 18: 8NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular *Shape 3*  
Displacement error versus Number of division

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In this section, the beam was cut into smaller elements with element side length 0.5m and 0.25m respectively. And the element side length of the original models is 1.0m. The numerical models were shown in Figure (19), (20) and (21).

Number of division 1:

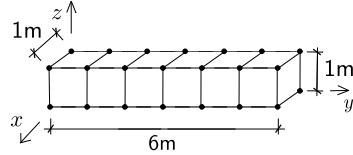


Figure 19: 8NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 1.0m

Number of division 2:

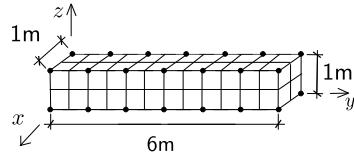


Figure 20: 8NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 0.5m

Number of division 4:

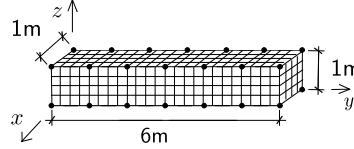


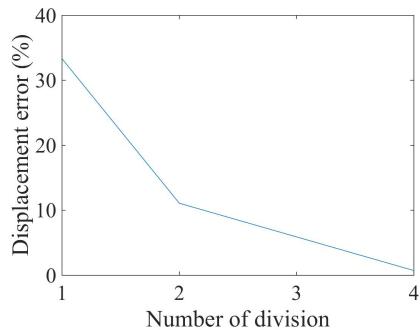
Figure 21: 8NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 0.25m

The ESSI results were listed in Table (13). The theoretical solution is 1.60E-5 m.

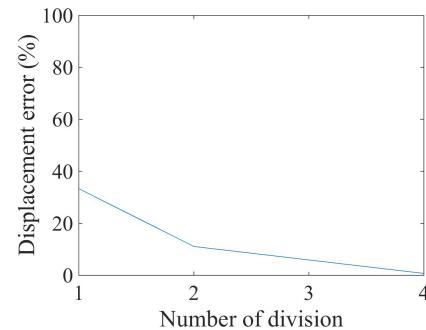
Table 13: Results for 8NodeBrick clamped beams with more elements

Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
8NodeBrick	1.10E-05 m	1.47E-05 m	1.64E-05 m
Error	33.33%	11.09%	0.73%

The errors were plotted in Figure (22).



(a) Error scale 0% - 40%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 22: 8NodeBrick clamped beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of division

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## 2.4 Verification of 8NodeBrick stress in cantilever beams

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N,  $E=1E8Pa$ ,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (23).

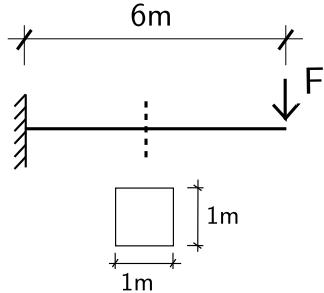


Figure 23: Problem description for cantilever beams of stress verification

The theoretical solution for the stress was calculated below.

The 8NodeBrick elements were shown in Figure (24).

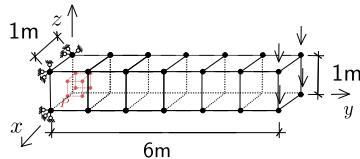


Figure 24: 8NodeBrick for cantilever beams of stress verification

The bending moment at the Gassian Point is

$$M = F(L - P_y) = 100N \times (6 - 0.2113)m = 578.87N \cdot m \quad (12)$$

The bending modulus is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{1}{12}m^4 \quad (13)$$

Therefore, the theoretical stress is

$$\sigma = \frac{M \cdot z}{I} = \frac{578.87N \cdot m \times (0.5 - 0.2113)m}{\frac{1}{12}m^4} = 2005Pa \quad (14)$$

To get a better result, the same geometry beam was also cut into small elements. When more elements were used, the theoretical stress was calculated again with the new coordinates. The calculation process is similar to the process above.

The numerical models were shown in Figure (25), (26) and (27).

Number of division 1:

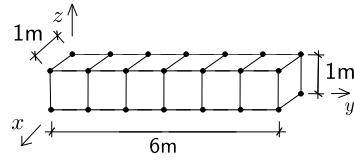


Figure 25: 8NodeBrick stress with element side length 1.0m

Number of division 2:

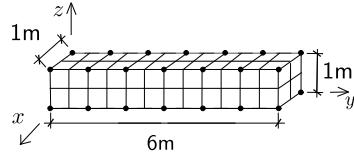


Figure 26: 8NodeBrick stress with element side length 0.5m

Number of division 4:

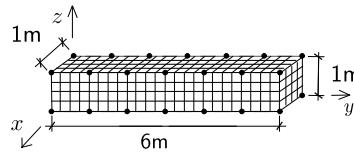


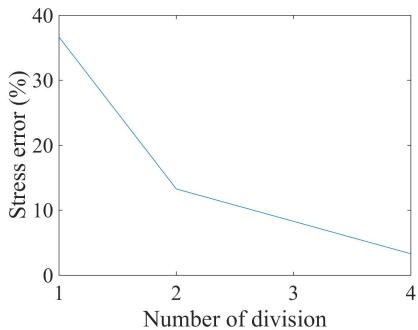
Figure 27: 8NodeBrick stress with element side length 0.25m

All the stress results were listed in Table (14).

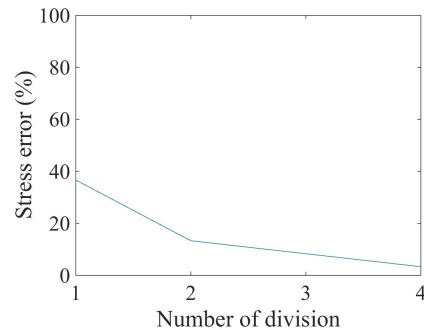
Table 14: Results for 8NodeBrick stress with more elements

Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
8NodeBrick	1270.17 Pa	2418.60 Pa	3085.48 Pa
Theoretical	2005.26 Pa	2789.23 Pa	3191.27 Pa
Error	36.66%	13.29%	3.31%

The errors were plotted in Figure (28).



(a) Error scale 0% - 40%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 28: 8NodeBrick cantilever beams for stress verification  
Stress error versus Number of division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## 2.5 Verification of 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (15)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_c \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00406 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 2.2015 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (16)$$

where  $\alpha_c$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>4</sup>  $\alpha_c$  is 0.00406.

The 8NodeBrick were shown in Figure (29) - (34).

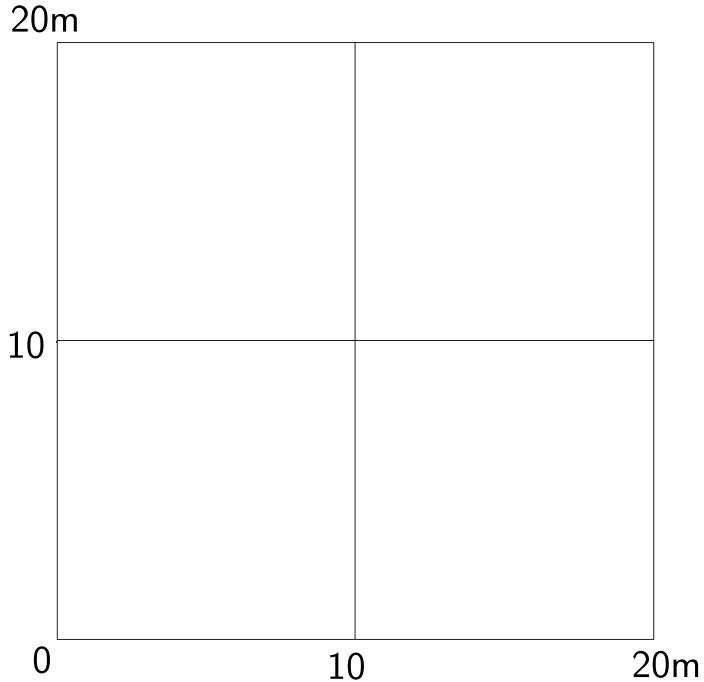


Figure 29: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>4</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page120, 1959.

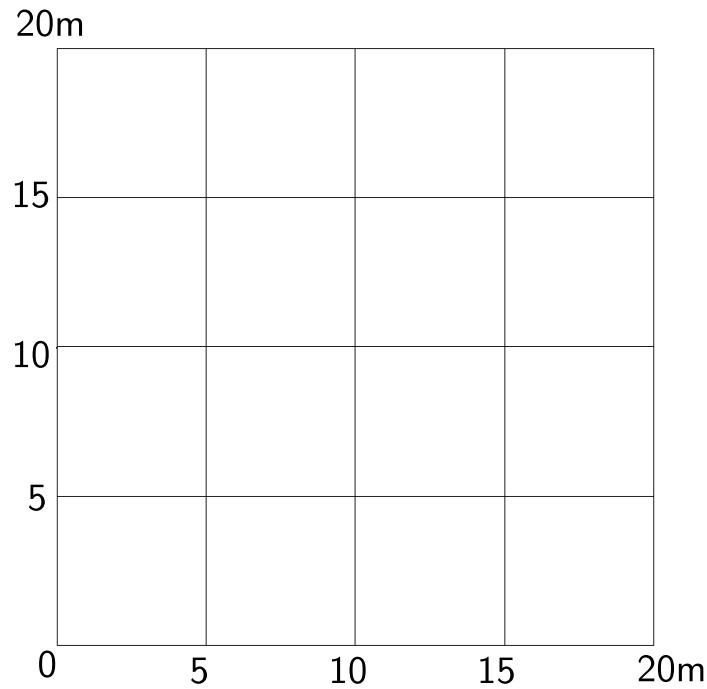


Figure 30: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 5m

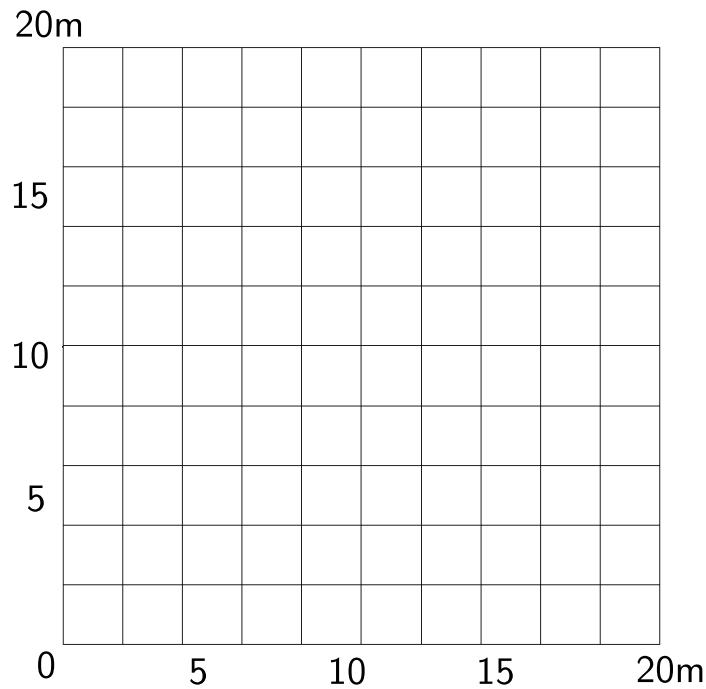


Figure 31: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 2m

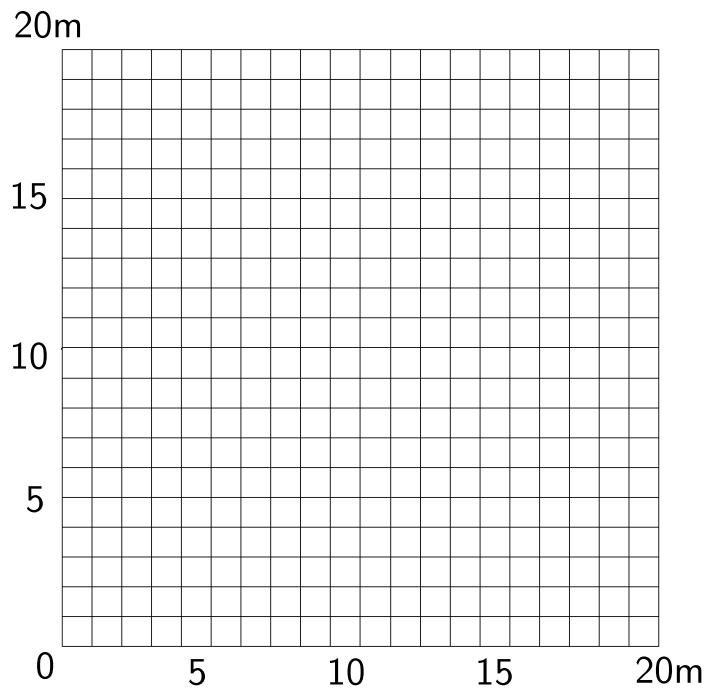


Figure 32: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 1m

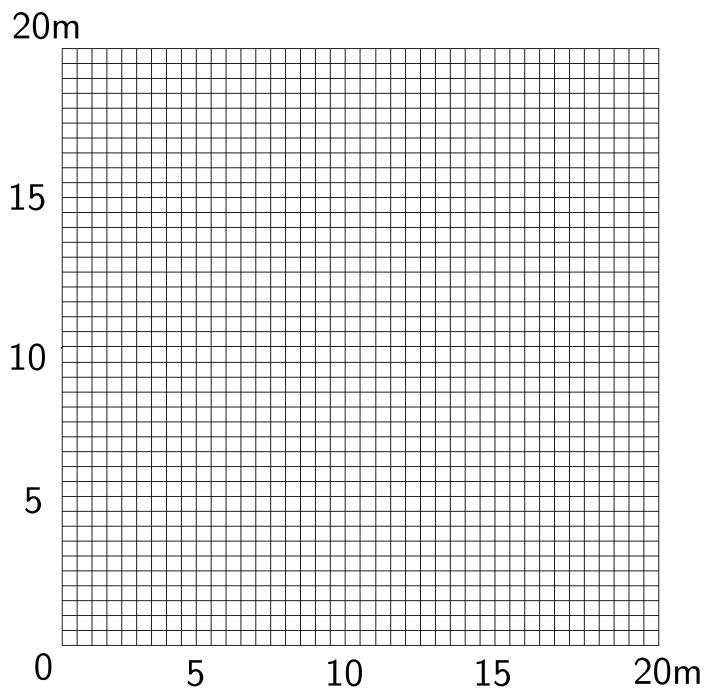


Figure 33: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.5m

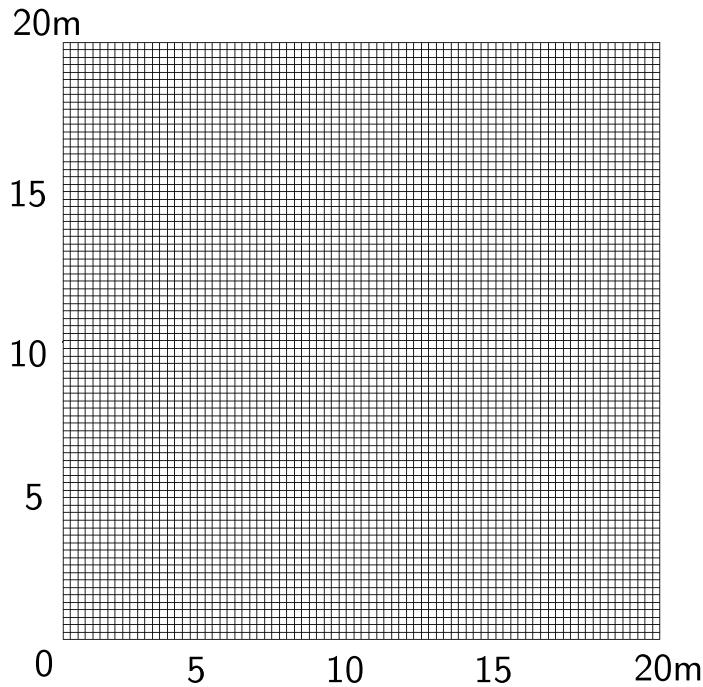


Figure 34: 8NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (15).

Table 15: Results for 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers	
Element side length	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
10m	9.75E-05 m	9.75E-05 m	9.75E-05 m	2.20E-03 m
5m	3.28E-04 m	3.32E-04 m	3.32E-04 m	2.20E-03 m
2m	1.04E-03 m	1.10E-03 m	1.12E-03 m	2.20E-03 m
1m	1.56E-03 m	1.74E-03 m	1.79E-03 m	2.20E-03 m
0.5m	1.80E-03 m	2.30E-03 m	2.12E-03 m	2.20E-03 m
0.25m	1.87E-03 m	2.14E-03 m	2.23E-03 m	2.20E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (16).

Table 16: Errors for 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers
Element side length	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
10m	95.57%	95.57%	95.57%
5m	85.09%	84.94%	84.91%
2m	52.98%	50.09%	49.25%
1m	28.93%	21.17%	18.72%
0.5m	18.26%	4.58%	3.56%
0.25m	15.05%	2.70%	1.37%

The errors were plotted in Figure (35).

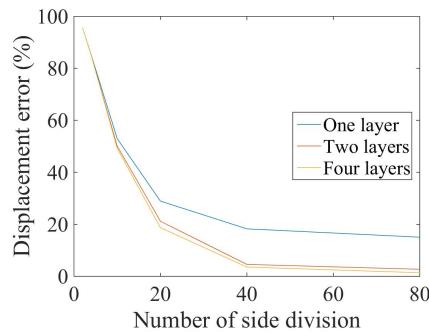


Figure 35: 8NodeBrick square plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

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## 2.6 Verification of 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (17)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_s \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00126 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 7.0936 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (18)$$

where  $\alpha_s$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>5</sup>  $\alpha_s$  is 0.00126.

The 8NodeBrick were shown in Figure (36) - (41).

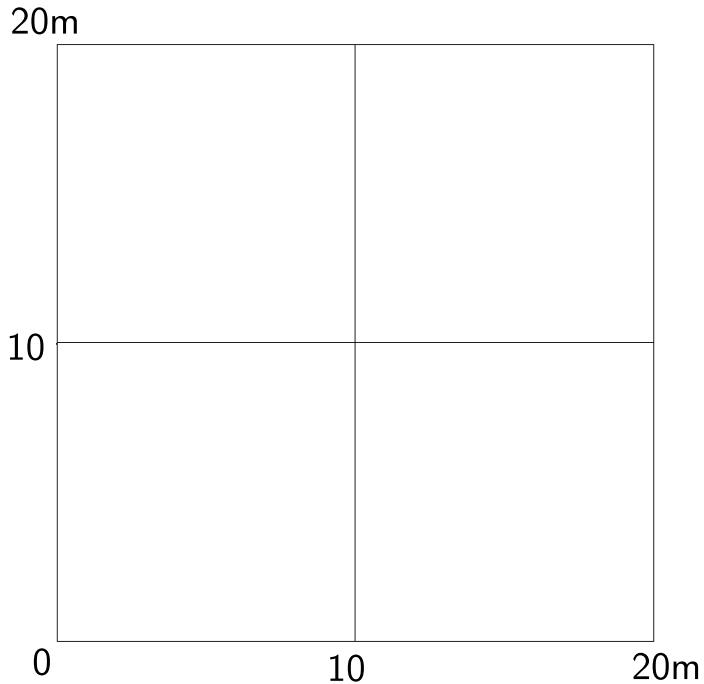


Figure 36: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>5</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page202, 1959.

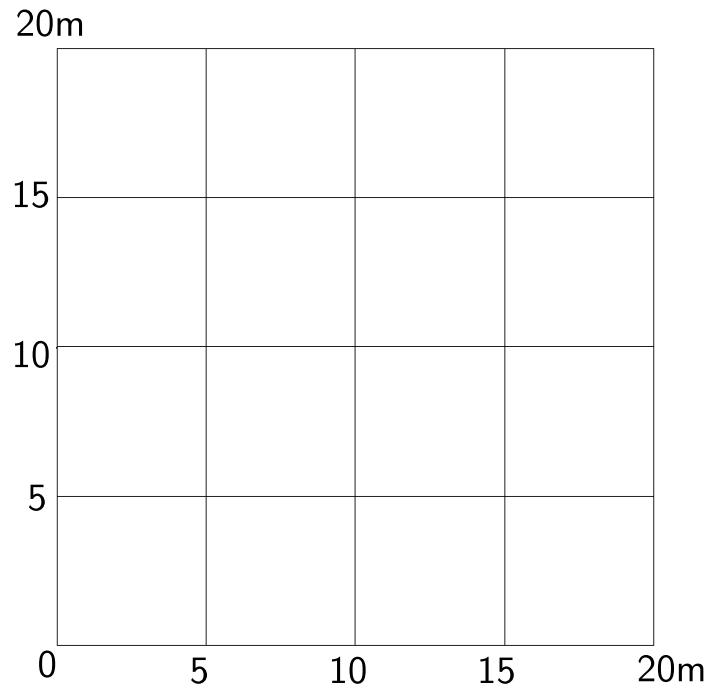


Figure 37: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 5m

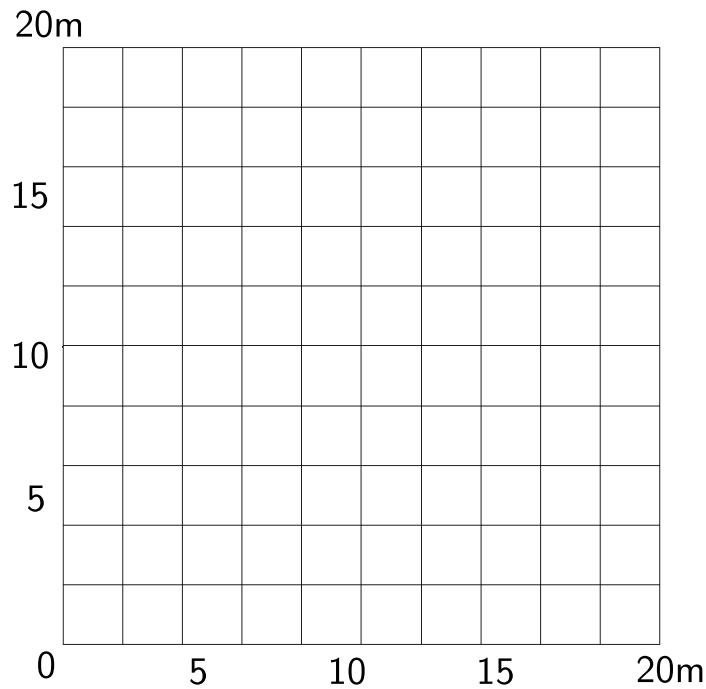


Figure 38: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 2m

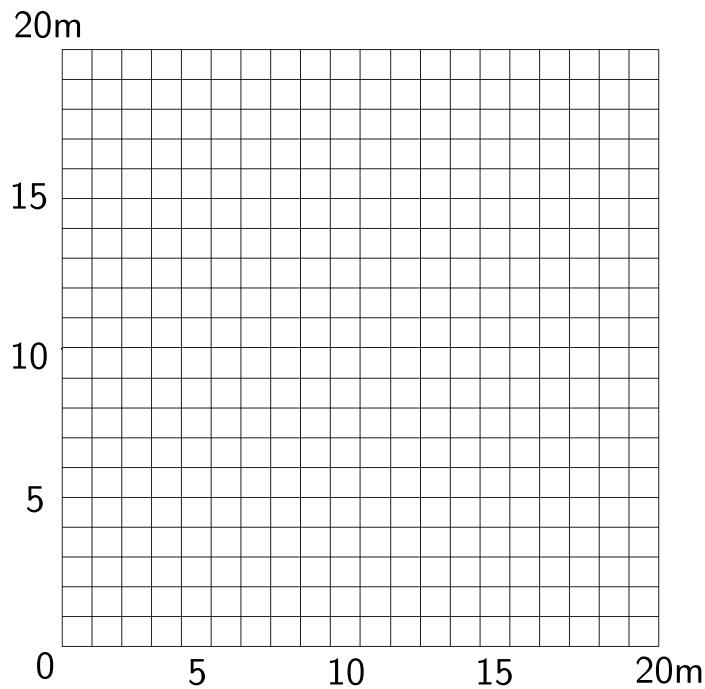


Figure 39: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 1m

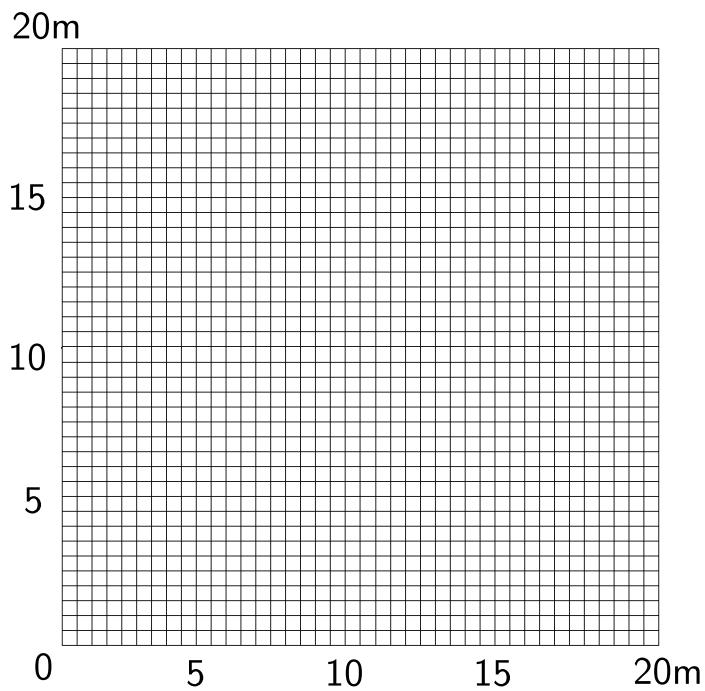


Figure 40: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.5m

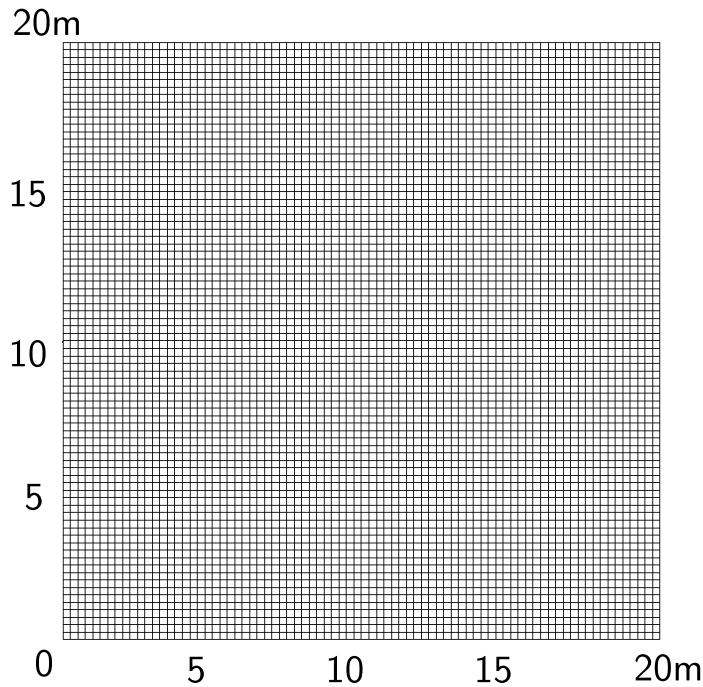


Figure 41: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (17).

Table 17: Results for 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	2layers	4layers	
Element side length	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
10m	3.75E-004 m	3.76E-004 m	7.09E-03 m
5m	1.34E-003 m	1.35E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
2m	4.16E-003 m	4.27E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
1m	5.98E-003 m	6.22E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.5m	6.75E-003 m	7.04E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.25m	8.07E-003 m	7.30E-003 m	7.09E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (18).

Table 18: Errors for 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick
Number of layers	2layers	4layers
Element side length	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
10m	94.72%	94.71%
5m	81.05%	80.91%
2m	41.31%	39.79%
1m	15.64%	12.38%
0.5m	4.88%	0.70%
0.25m	13.74%	2.86%

The errors were plotted in Figure (42).

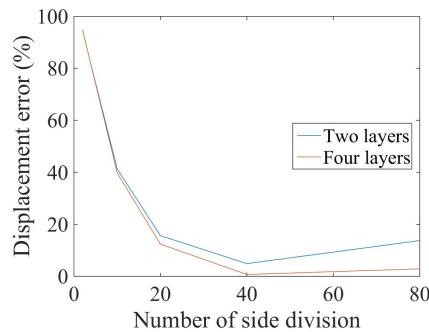


Figure 42: 8NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Displacement error versus Number of side division

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## 2.7 Verification of 8NodeBrick circular plate with all edges clamped

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (19)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>6</sup> is

$$d = \frac{qa^4}{64D} = \frac{100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 1.7106 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (20)$$

The 8NodeBrick were shown in Figure (43) - (48).

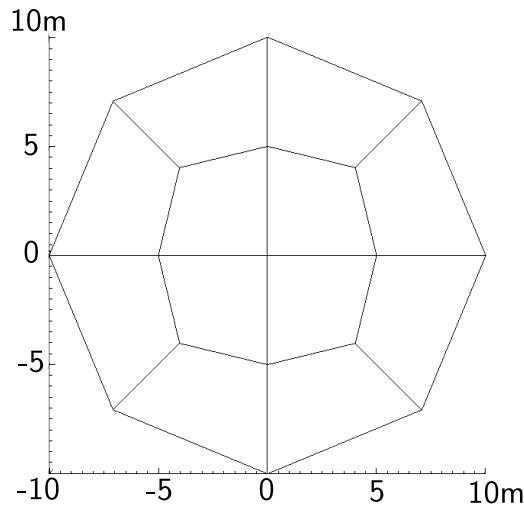


Figure 43: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>6</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

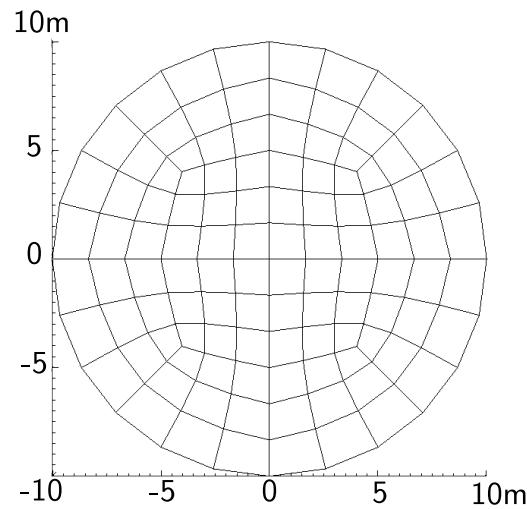


Figure 44: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 5m

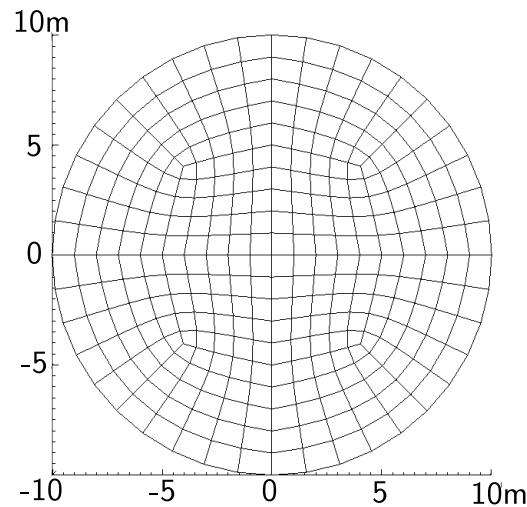


Figure 45: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 2m

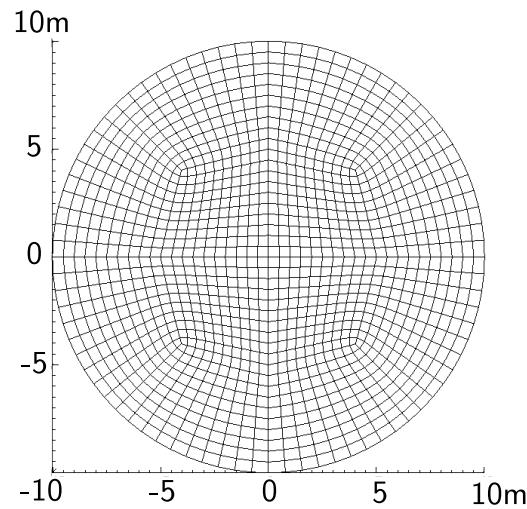


Figure 46: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 1m

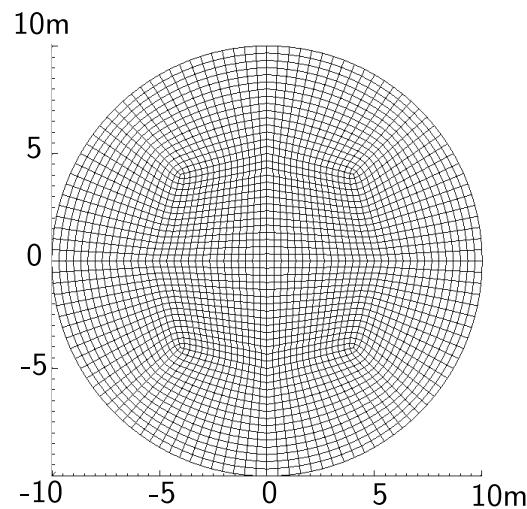


Figure 47: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.5m

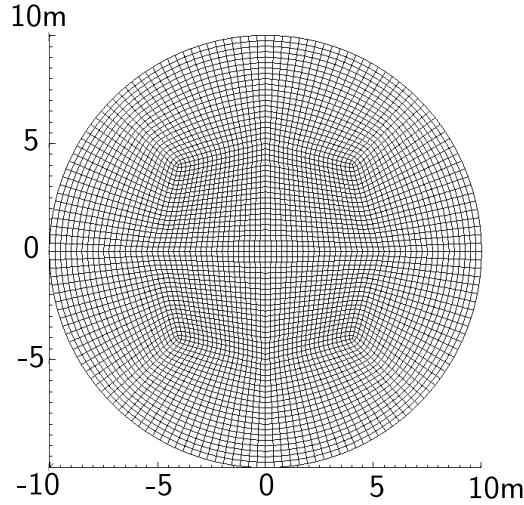


Figure 48: 8NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (19).

Table 19: Results for 8NodeBrick circular plate with four edges clamped

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers	
Number of diameter divisions	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
4	1.97E-04 m	1.99E-04 m	2.00E-04 m	1.71E-03 m
12	7.95E-04 m	8.47E-04 m	8.62E-04 m	1.71E-03 m
20	1.13E-03 m	1.25E-03 m	1.28E-03 m	1.71E-03 m
40	1.36E-03 m	1.54E-03 m	1.60E-03 m	1.71E-03 m
60	1.41E-03 m	1.62E-03 m	1.68E-03 m	1.71E-03 m
80	1.43E-03 m	1.64E-03 m	1.71E-03 m	1.71E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (20).

Table 20: Errors for 8NodeBrick circular plate with four edges clamped

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers
Number of diameter divisions	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
4	88.43%	88.32%	88.30%
12	53.43%	50.35%	49.47%
20	33.79%	27.00%	24.93%
40	20.14%	9.47%	6.03%
60	17.11%	5.34%	1.51%
80	16.01%	3.80%	0.19%

The errors were shown in Figure (49).

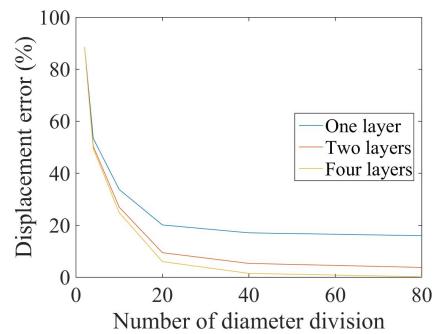


Figure 49: 8NodeBrick circular plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## 2.8 Verification of 8NodeBrick circular plate with all edges simply supported

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (21)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>7</sup> is

$$d = \frac{(5 + \nu)qa^4}{64(1 + \nu)D} = \frac{(5 + 0.3) \times 100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times (1 + 0.3) \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 6.956 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (22)$$

The 8NodeBrick were shown in Figure (50) - (55).

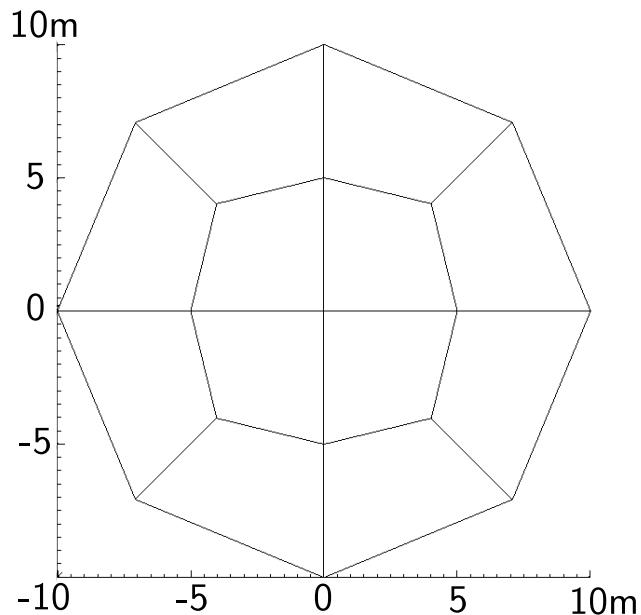


Figure 50: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>7</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

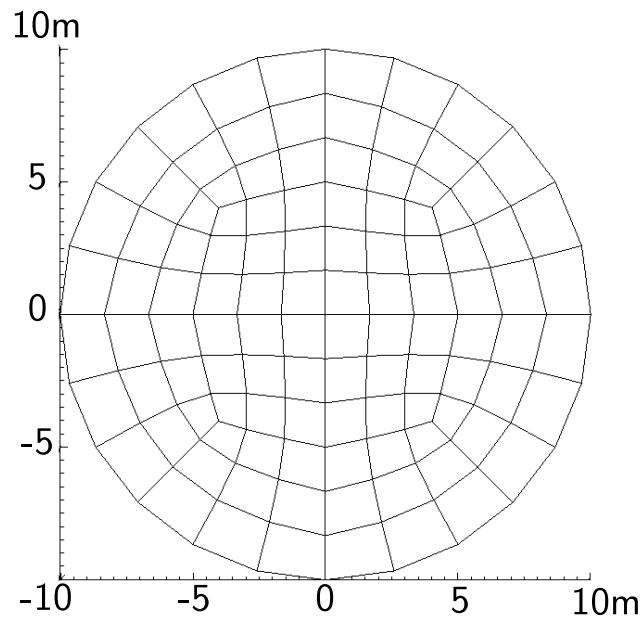


Figure 51: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 5m

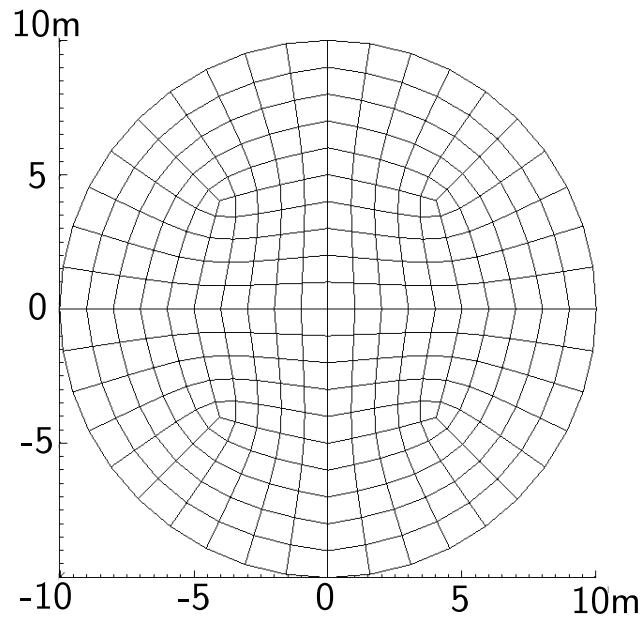


Figure 52: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 2m

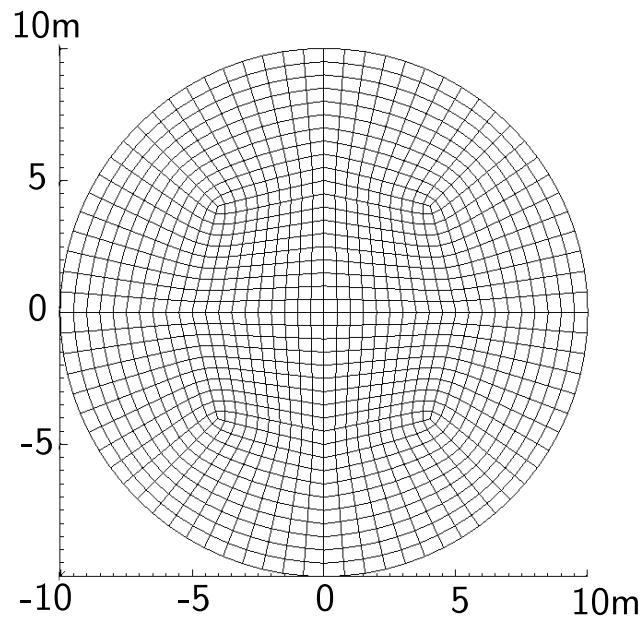


Figure 53: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 1m

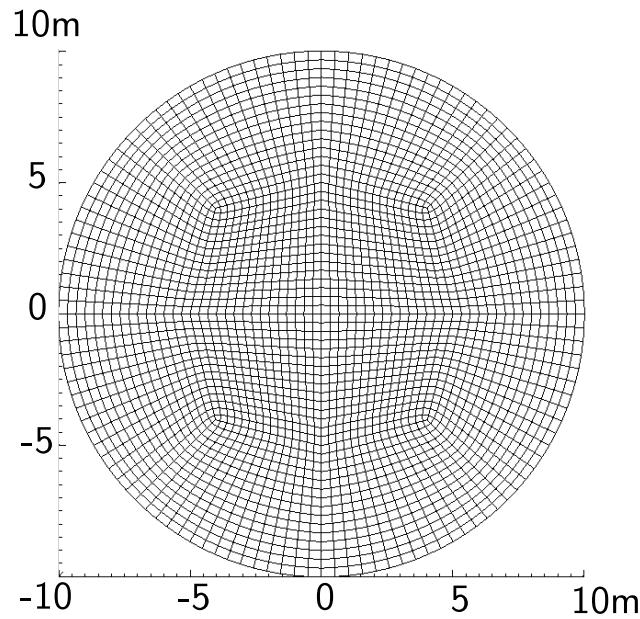


Figure 54: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.5m

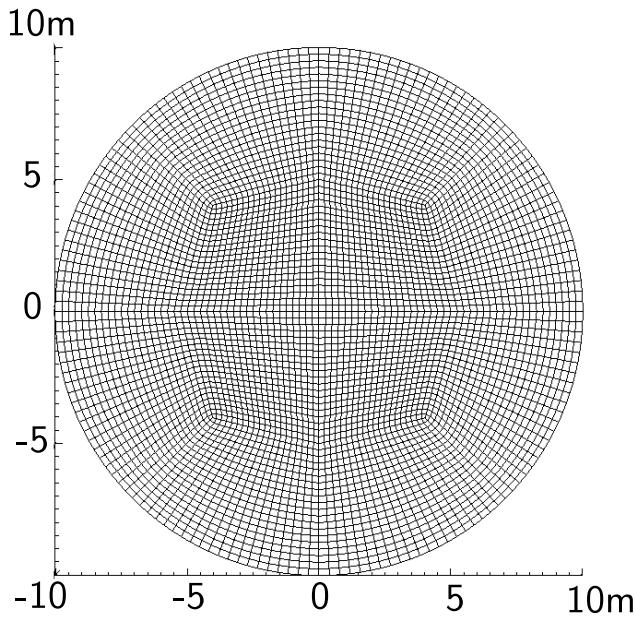


Figure 55: 8NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (21).

Table 21: Results for 8NodeBrick cicular plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	2layers	4layers	
Number of diameter divisions	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
4	6.35E-04 m	6.39E-04 m	6.96E-03 m
12	3.46E-03 m	3.57E-03 m	6.96E-03 m
20	4.96E-03 m	5.18E-03 m	6.96E-03 m
40	6.05E-03 m	6.37E-03 m	6.96E-03 m
60	6.30E-03 m	6.65E-03 m	6.96E-03 m
80	6.39E-03 m	6.76E-03 m	6.96E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (22).

Table 22: Errors for 8NodeBrick cicular plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	8NodeBrick	8NodeBrick
Number of layers	2layers	4layers
Number of diameter divisions	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
4	90.87%	90.82%
12	50.19%	48.65%
20	28.64%	25.47%
40	13.09%	8.40%
60	9.45%	4.36%
80	8.10%	2.85%

The errors were plotted in Figure (56).

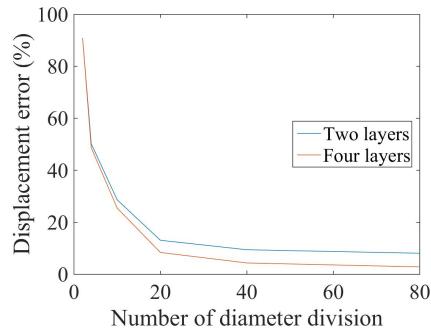


Figure 56: 8NodeBrick circular plate with edge simply supported  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here.

### 3 Verification of 27NodeBrick elements

#### 3.1 Verification of 27NodeBrick cantilever beams

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (57).

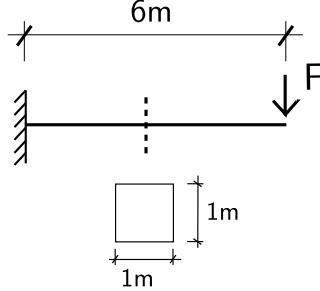


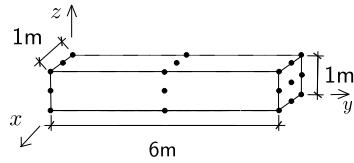
Figure 57: Problem description for cantilever beams

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

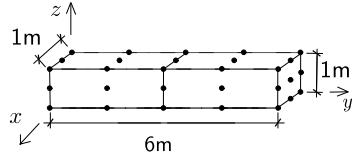
$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Numerical model:

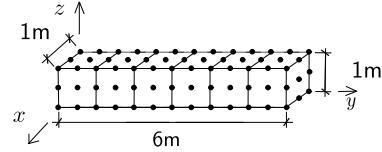
The 27NodeBrick elements were shown in Figure (58).



(a) One 27NodeBrick element



(b) Two 27NodeBrick elements



(c) Six 27NodeBrick elements

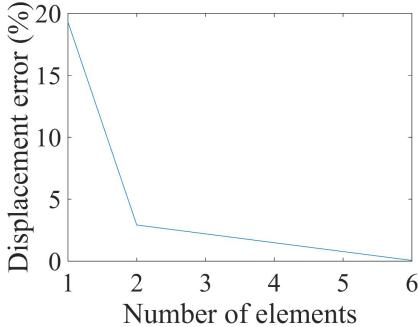
Figure 58: 27NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams

All the ESSI results were listed in Table (23).

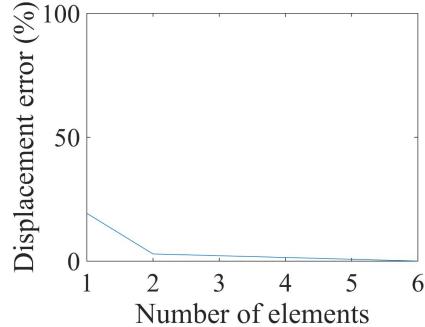
Table 23: Results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams of different element numbers

Element number	1	2	6
27NodeBrick	7.07E-04 m	8.50E-04 m	8.75E-04 m
Error	19.52%	3.19%	0.34%

The errors were plotted in Figure (59).



(a) Error scale 0% - 20%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 59: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of elements

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

### 3.2 Verification of 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0 - 0.49$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (60).

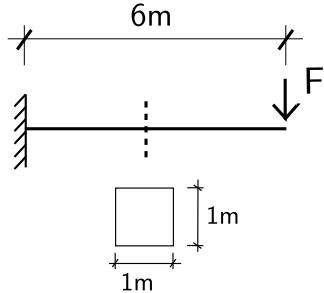


Figure 60: Problem description for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios

The theoretical solution for  $\nu = 0.0$  was calculated below, while the solution for other Poisson's ratio were calculated by the similar process.

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

The rotation angle at the end:

$$\theta = \frac{FL^2}{2EI} = \frac{100N \times 6^2 m^2}{2 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} = 2.16 \times 10^{-4} rad = 0.0124^\circ \tag{25}$$

The 27NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios were shown in Figure (61):

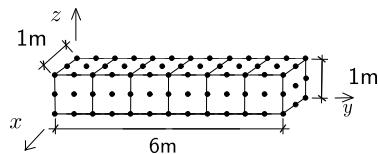


Figure 61: 27NodeBrick elements for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios

All the displacement results were listed in Table (24).

Table 24: ***Displacement*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 1 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.755E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.34%
0.05	8.757E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.39%
0.10	8.751E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.54%
0.15	8.735E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.80%
0.20	8.708E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	1.19%
0.25	8.667E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	1.74%
0.30	8.608E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	2.50%
0.35	8.520E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	3.57%
0.40	8.385E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	5.18%
0.45	8.147E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	7.96%
0.49	7.711E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	12.94%

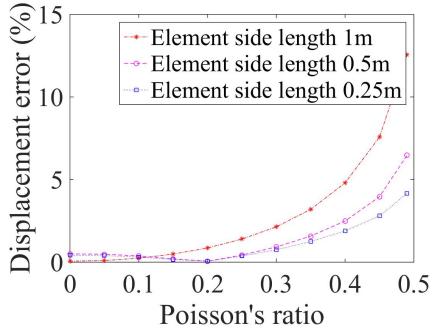
Table 25: ***Displacement*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.5 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.804E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.23%
0.05	8.808E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.19%
0.10	8.805E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.08%
0.15	8.796E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.12%
0.20	8.778E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	0.40%
0.25	8.752E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	0.78%
0.30	8.715E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	1.28%
0.35	8.663E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	1.95%
0.40	8.588E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	2.89%
0.45	8.465E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	4.36%
0.49	8.248E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	6.88%

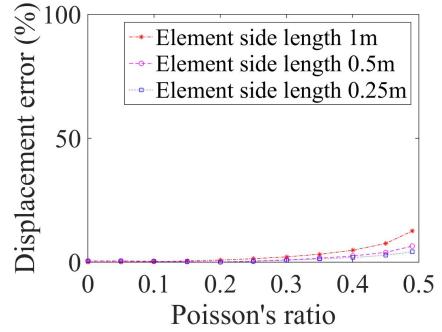
Table 26: ***Displacement*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.25 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.797E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.15%
0.05	8.801E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.11%
0.10	8.799E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.01%
0.15	8.792E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.16%
0.20	8.778E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	0.40%
0.25	8.758E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	0.71%
0.30	8.730E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	1.12%
0.35	8.692E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	1.63%
0.40	8.641E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	2.29%
0.45	8.567E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	3.21%
0.49	8.452E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	4.58%

The errors were plotted in Figure (62).



(a) Error scale 0% - 15%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 62: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio  
***Displacement error*** versus Poisson's ratio

The angle results were listed in Table (27).

Table 27: ***Rotation angle*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 1 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.238E-02	1.24E-02	0.19%
0.05	1.237E-02	1.24E-02	0.24%
0.10	1.236E-02	1.24E-02	0.34%
0.15	1.233E-02	1.24E-02	0.53%
0.20	1.230E-02	1.24E-02	0.80%
0.25	1.225E-02	1.24E-02	1.18%
0.30	1.219E-02	1.24E-02	1.70%
0.35	1.210E-02	1.24E-02	2.45%
0.40	1.196E-02	1.24E-02	3.55%
0.45	1.172E-02	1.24E-02	5.47%
0.49	1.130E-02	1.24E-02	8.89%

Table 28: ***Rotation angle*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.5 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.242E-02	1.24E-02	0.12%
0.05	1.241E-02	1.24E-02	0.11%
0.10	1.241E-02	1.24E-02	0.06%
0.15	1.239E-02	1.24E-02	0.05%
0.20	1.237E-02	1.24E-02	0.21%
0.25	1.235E-02	1.24E-02	0.44%
0.30	1.231E-02	1.24E-02	0.74%
0.35	1.226E-02	1.24E-02	1.16%
0.40	1.218E-02	1.24E-02	1.76%
0.45	1.206E-02	1.24E-02	2.76%
0.49	1.183E-02	1.24E-02	4.63%

Table 29: ***Rotation angle*** results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams  
with element side length 0.25 m

Poisson's ratio	27NodeBrick angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.242E-02	1.24E-02	0.17%
0.05	1.242E-02	1.24E-02	0.15%
0.10	1.241E-02	1.24E-02	0.09%
0.15	1.240E-02	1.24E-02	0.02%
0.20	1.238E-02	1.24E-02	0.17%
0.25	1.235E-02	1.24E-02	0.38%
0.30	1.232E-02	1.24E-02	0.64%
0.35	1.228E-02	1.24E-02	0.98%
0.40	1.222E-02	1.24E-02	1.42%
0.45	1.214E-02	1.24E-02	2.06%
0.49	1.202E-02	1.24E-02	3.08%

The errors were plotted in Figure (63).

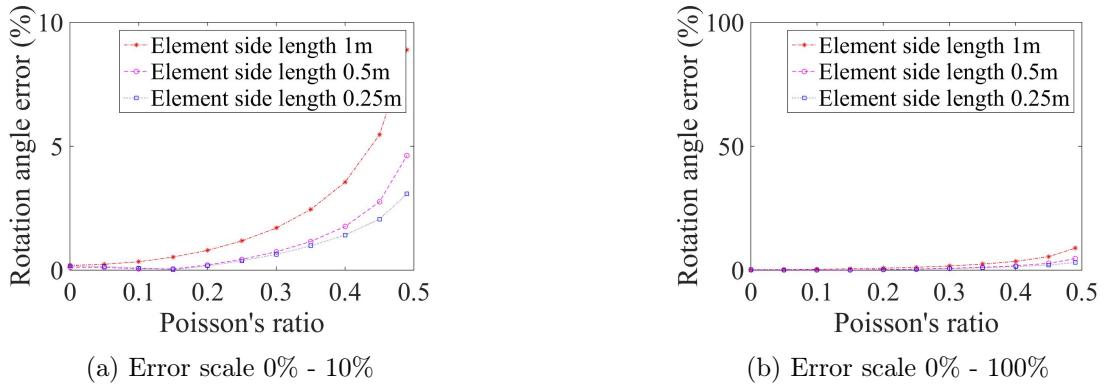


Figure 63: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio  
***Rotation angle error*** versus Poisson's ratio

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Then, different values of elastic modulus were also tried. The errors were plotted below.

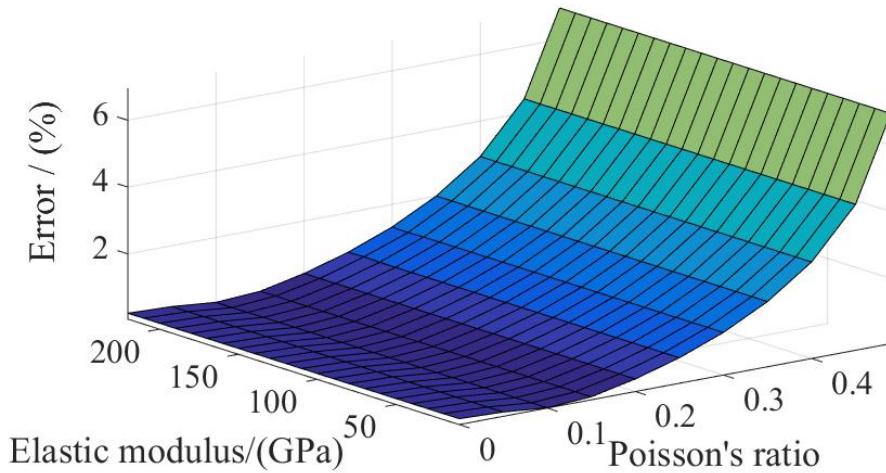


Figure 64: The influence of Poisson's ratio and elastic modulus on the errors

According to Fig.(64)), the different values of elastic modulus will not influence the error.

However, the different Poisson's ratio will influence the error. The error will increase with the Poisson's ratio increase.

### 3.3 Test of irregular shaped 27NodeBrick cantilever beams

Cantilever model was used as an example. Three different shapes were tested.

In the first test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved one half element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were kept at the same location. The element shape was shown in Figure (65).

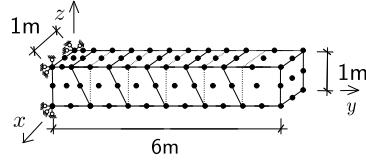


Figure 65: 27NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular ***Shape 1***

In the second test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved 90% element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were moved 90% element size in the other direction along the  $y - axis$ . The element shape was shown in Figure (66).

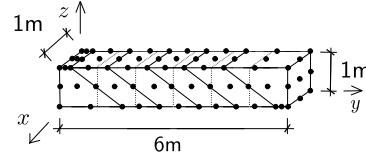


Figure 66: 27NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular ***Shape 2***

In the third test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved one half element size with different directions along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were kept at the same location. The element shape was shown in Figure (67).

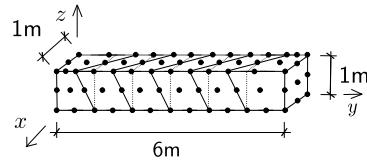
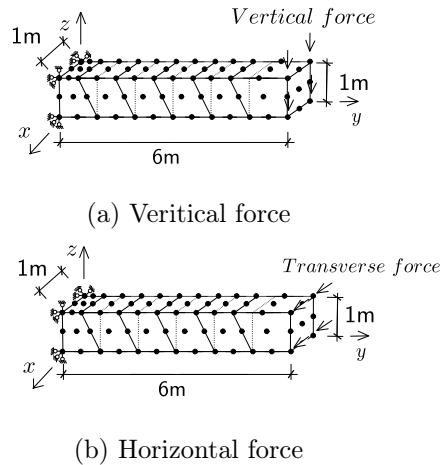
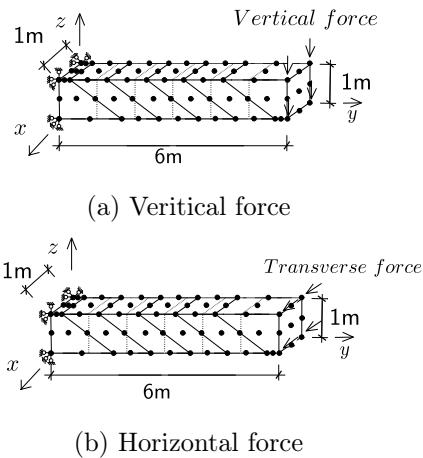
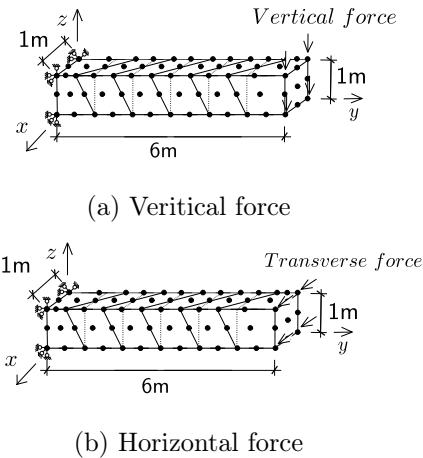


Figure 67: 27NodeBrick cantilever beams for irregular ***Shape 3***

The boundary conditions were shown in Figure (68), (69) and (70) .

Figure 68: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 1***Figure 69: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 2***Figure 70: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 3***

The ESSI results were listed in Table (30).

Table 30: Results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes

Displacements for irregular shaped element					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
27NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	8.755E-04 m	8.819E-04 m	8.709E-04 m	8.837E-04 m
27NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	8.755E-04 m	8.831E-04 m	8.462E-04 m	8.824E-04 m
Theoretical	-	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m

The errors were listed in Table (31) and (32).

Table 31: Errors for irregular shaped 27NodeBrick compared to theoretical solution

Errors for irregular shaped element, compared to theoretical solutions					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
27NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	0.34%	0.40%	0.85%	0.60%
27NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	0.34%	0.54%	3.67%	0.46%

Table 32: Errors for irregular shaped 27NodeBrick compared to normal shape

Errors for irregular shaped element, compared to normal shape					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
27NodeBrick	Vertical ( $z$ )	0.00%	0.74%	0.52%	0.94%
27NodeBrick	Transverse ( $y$ )	0.00%	0.87%	3.34%	0.79%

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

Then, the beam was divided into small elements.

Problem description: Length=12m, Width=2m, Height=2m, Force=400N/m, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (71).

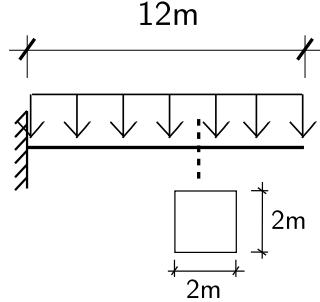


Figure 71: Problem description for cantilever beams under uniform pressure

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{qL^4}{8EI} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{qL^4}{8E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{400N/m \times 12^4 m^4}{8 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{2^4}{12} m^4} + \frac{400N/m \times \frac{12^2}{2} m^2}{\frac{10^8}{2} N/m^2 \times 2m \times 2m \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 7.776 \times 10^{-3} m + 1.728 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 7.9488 \times 10^{-3} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

The ESSI displacement results were listed in Table (33).

Table 33: Results for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

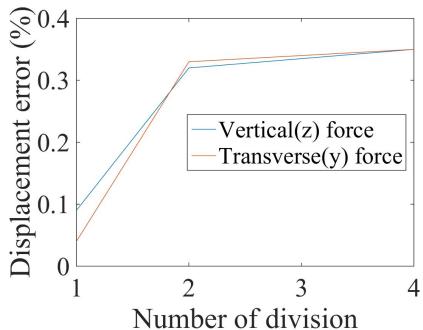
Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
27NodeBrick	shape1	Vertical ( $z$ )	7.913E-03 m	7.946E-03 m	7.948E-03 m
27NodeBrick	shape1	Transverse ( $y$ )	7.903E-03 m	7.946E-03 m	7.948E-03 m
27NodeBrick	shape2	Vertical ( $z$ )	7.741E-03 m	7.930E-03 m	7.947E-03 m
27NodeBrick	shape2	Transverse ( $y$ )	7.371E-03 m	7.894E-03 m	7.944E-03 m
27NodeBrick	shape3	Vertical ( $z$ )	1.982E-03 m	7.946E-03 m	7.948E-03 m
27NodeBrick	shape3	Transverse ( $y$ )	1.979E-03 m	7.947E-03 m	7.948E-03 m
Theoretical solution			7.9488E-03 m	7.9488E-03 m	7.9488E-03 m

The error were listed in Table (34).

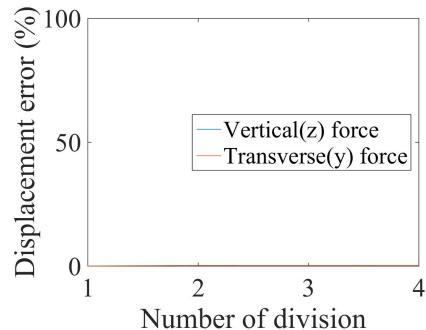
Table 34: Errors for 27NodeBrick cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
27NodeBrick	shape1	Vertical ( $z$ )	0.45%	0.04%	0.01%
27NodeBrick	shape1	Transverse ( $y$ )	0.32%	0.03%	0.01%
27NodeBrick	shape2	Vertical ( $z$ )	2.61%	0.23%	0.03%
27NodeBrick	shape2	Transverse ( $y$ )	7.27%	0.69%	0.06%
27NodeBrick	shape3	Vertical ( $z$ )	75.06%	0.04%	0.01%
27NodeBrick	shape3	Transverse ( $y$ )	75.11%	0.03%	0.01%

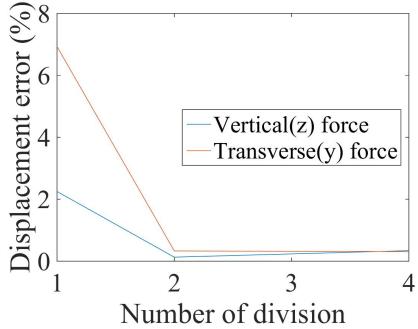
The errors were shown in Figure (72), (73) and (74).



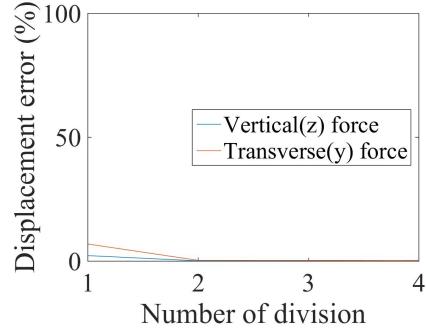
(a) Error scale 0% - 0.4%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

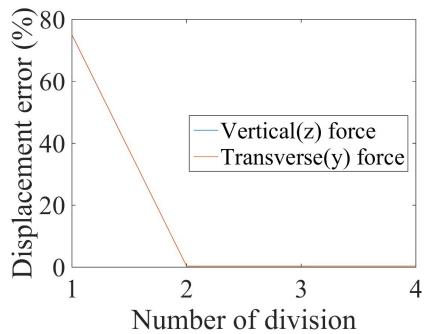
Figure 72: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 1**  
Displacement error versus Number of division

(a) Error scale 0% - 8%

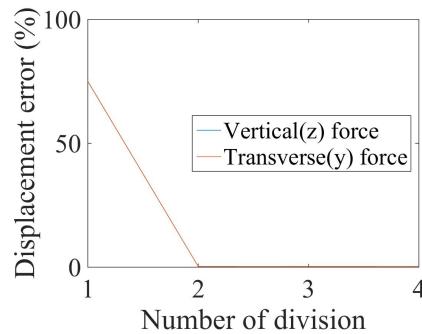


(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 73: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 2**  
Displacement error versus Number of division



(a) Error scale 0% - 80%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 74: 27NodeBrick cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 3**

Displacement error versus Number of division

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In this section, the beam was cut into smaller elements with element side length 0.5m and 0.25m respectively. And the element side length of the original models is 1.0m. The numerical models were shown in Figure (75), (76) and (77).

Number of division 1:

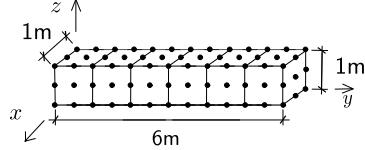


Figure 75: 27NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 1.0m

Number of division 2:

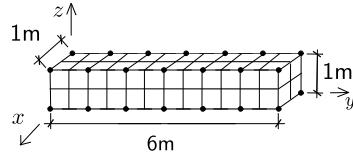


Figure 76: 27NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 0.5m

Number of division 4:

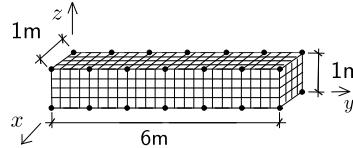


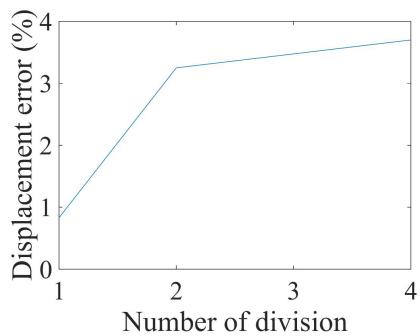
Figure 77: 27NodeBrick clamped beams with element side length 0.25m

The ESSI results were listed in Table (35). The theoretical solution is 1.60E-5 m.

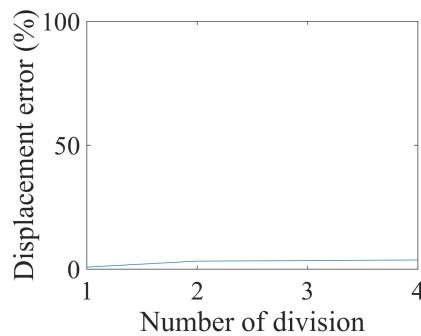
Table 35: Results for 27NodeBrick clamped beams with more elements

Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
27NodeBrick	1.64E-05 m	1.70E-05 m	1.71E-05 m
Error	0.83%	3.25%	3.70%

The errors were plotted in Figure (78).



(a) Error scale 0% - 4%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 78: 27NodeBrick clamped beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

### 3.4 Verification of 27NodeBrick stress in cantilever beams

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (79).

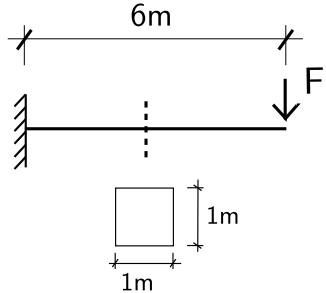


Figure 79: Problem description for cantilever beams of stress verification

The theoretical solution for the stress was calculated below.

The 27NodeBrick elements were shown in Figure (80).

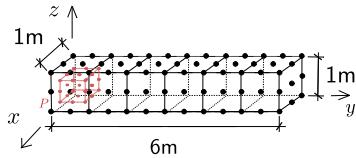


Figure 80: 27NodeBrick for cantilever beams of stress verification

The bending moment at the Gassian Point is

$$M = F(L - P_y) = 100N \times (6 - 0.1127)m = 588.73N \cdot m \quad (27)$$

The bending modulus is

$$I = \frac{bh^3}{12} = \frac{1}{12}m^4 \quad (28)$$

Therefore, the theoretical stress is

$$\sigma = \frac{M \cdot z}{I} = \frac{588.73N \cdot m \times (0.5 - 0.1127)m}{\frac{1}{12}m^4} = 2736Pa \quad (29)$$

To get a better result, the same geometry beam was also cut into small elements. When more elements were used, the theoretical stress was calculated again with the new coordinates. The calculation process is similar to the process above.

The numerical models were shown in Figure (81), (82) and (83).

Number of division 1:

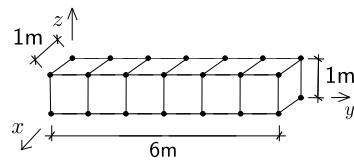


Figure 81: 27NodeBrick stress with element side length 1.0m

Number of division 2:

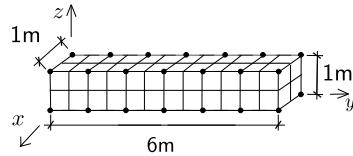


Figure 82: 27NodeBrick stress with element side length 0.5m

Number of division 4:

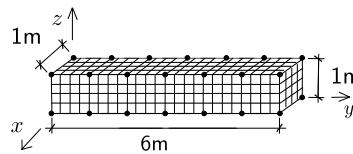
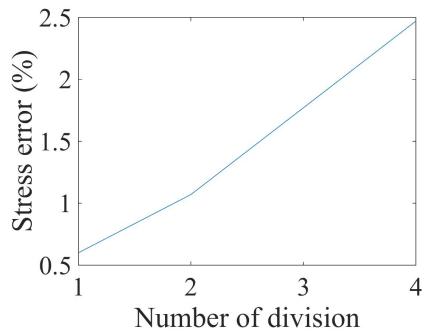


Figure 83: 27NodeBrick stress with element side length 0.25m

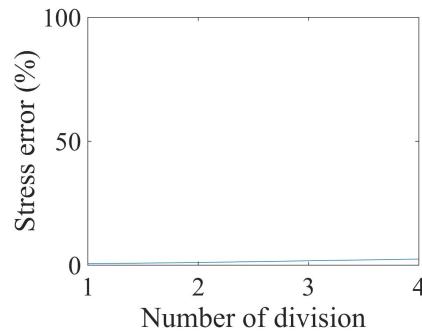
All the stress results were listed in Table (36).

Table 36: Results for 27NodeBrick stress with more elements

Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
27NodeBrick	2719.81 Pa	3198.19 Pa	3464.76 Pa
Theoretical	2736.17 Pa	3164.27 Pa	3381.18 Pa
Error	0.60%	1.07%	2.47%



(a) Error scale 0% - 2.5%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 84: 27NodeBrick cantilever beams for stress verification

Stress error versus Number of division

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### 3.5 Verification of 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (30)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_c \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00406 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 2.2015 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (31)$$

where  $\alpha_c$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>8</sup>  $\alpha_c$  is 0.00406.

The 27NodeBrick were shown in Figure (85) - (90).

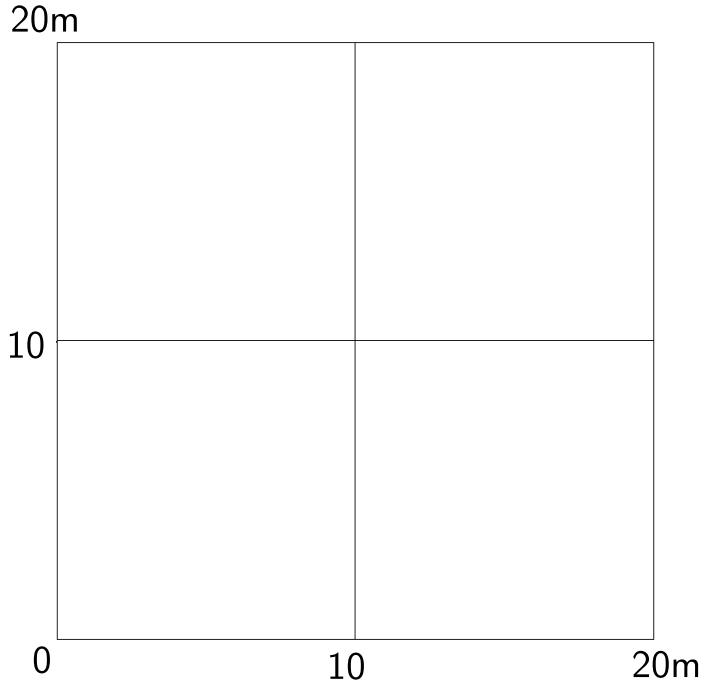


Figure 85: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>8</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page120, 1959.

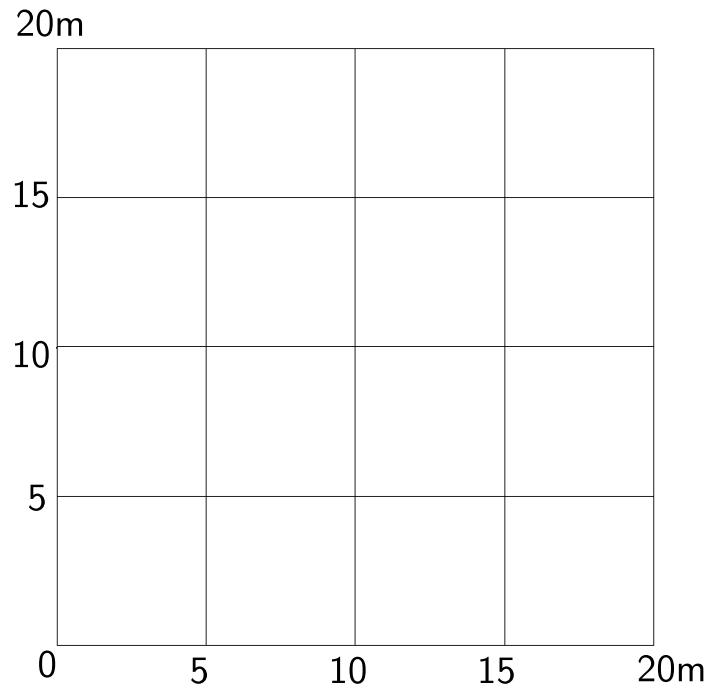


Figure 86: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 5m

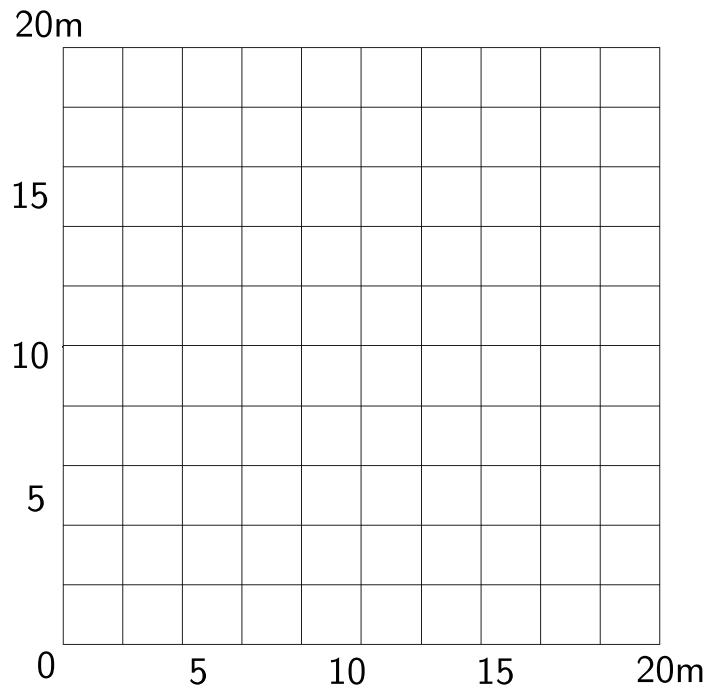


Figure 87: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 2m

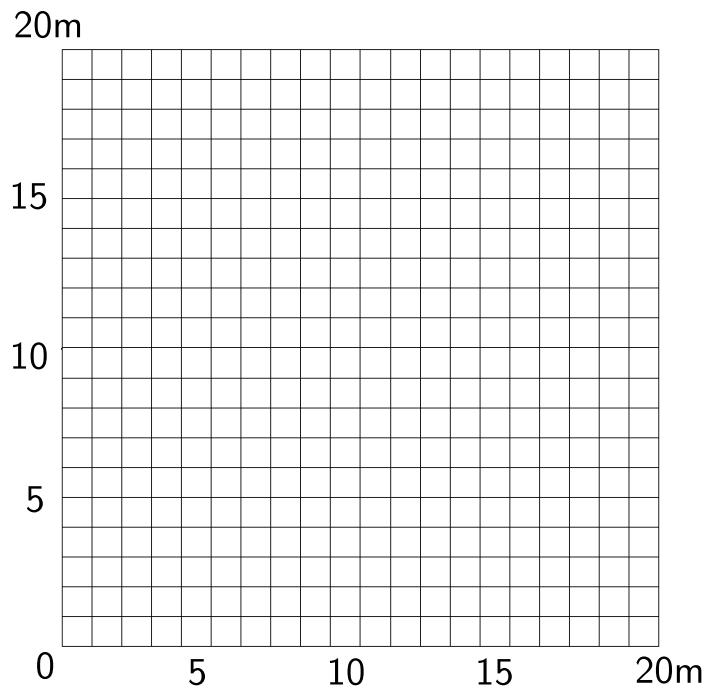


Figure 88: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 1m

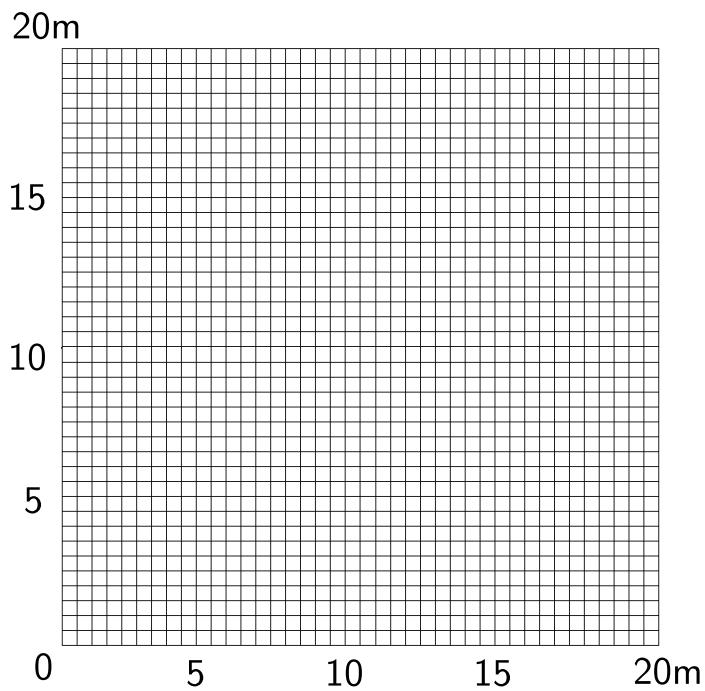


Figure 89: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.5m

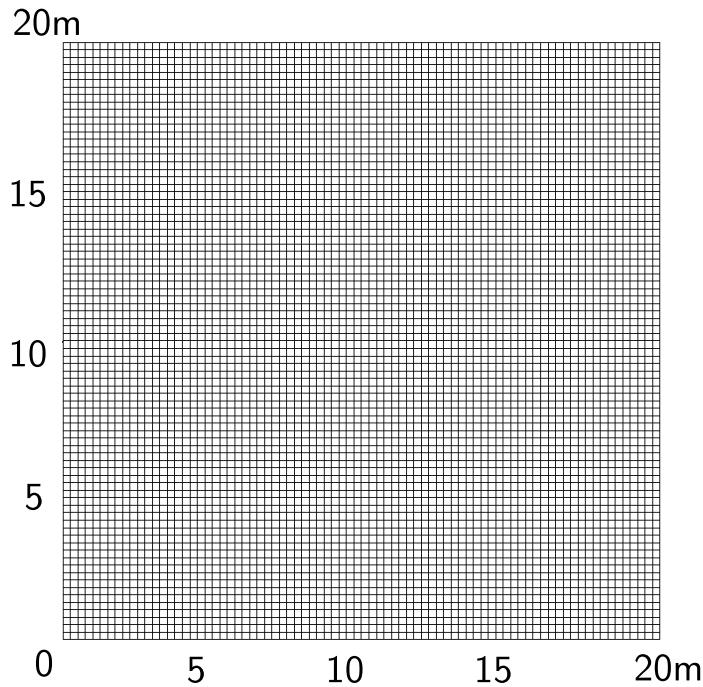


Figure 90: 27NodeBrick edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (37).

Table 37: Results for 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers	
Element side length	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
10m	4.82E-004 m	4.82E-004 m	4.82E-004 m	2.20E-03 m
5m	1.97E-003 m	1.98E-003 m	1.98E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
2m	2.25E-003 m	2.26E-003 m	2.26E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
1m	2.28E-003 m	2.29E-003 m	2.29E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
0.5m	2.29E-003 m	2.30E-003 m	2.30E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
0.25m	2.29E-003 m	2.30E-003 m	- <sup>9</sup>	2.20E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (38).

<sup>9</sup>This model run out of memory on machine cml01 (memory: 23.5GB). This model has 233,289 nodes with 3 dofs, which may require 40GB memory.

Table 38: Errors for 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges clamped

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers
Element side length	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
10m	78.11%	78.10%	78.10%
5m	10.67%	10.19%	10.16%
2m	2.23%	2.79%	2.83%
1m	3.56%	4.16%	4.22%
0.5m	3.96%	4.58%	4.65%
0.25m	4.08%	4.70%	-

The errors were plotted in Figure (91).

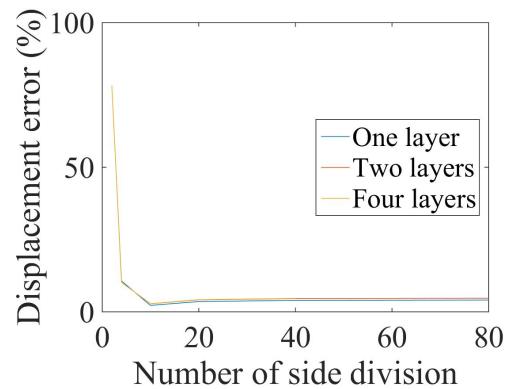


Figure 91: 27NodeBrick square plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

### 3.6 Verification of 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (32)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_s \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00126 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 7.0936 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (33)$$

where  $\alpha_s$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>10</sup>  $\alpha_s$  is 0.00126.

The 27NodeBrick were shown in Figure (92) - (97).

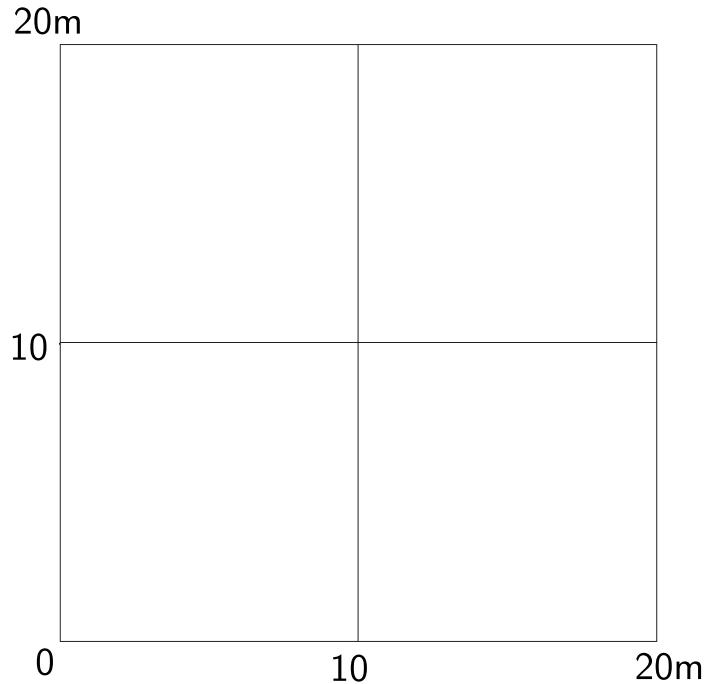


Figure 92: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>10</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page202, 1959.

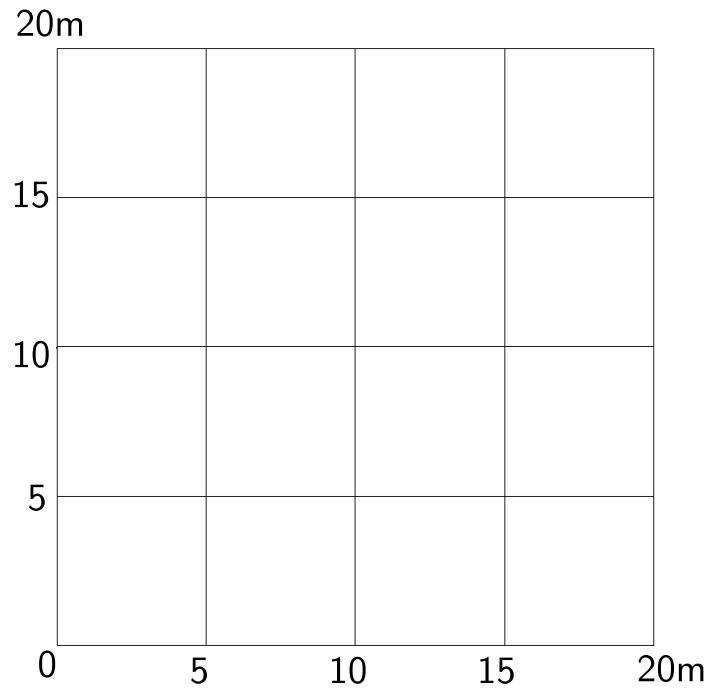


Figure 93: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 5m

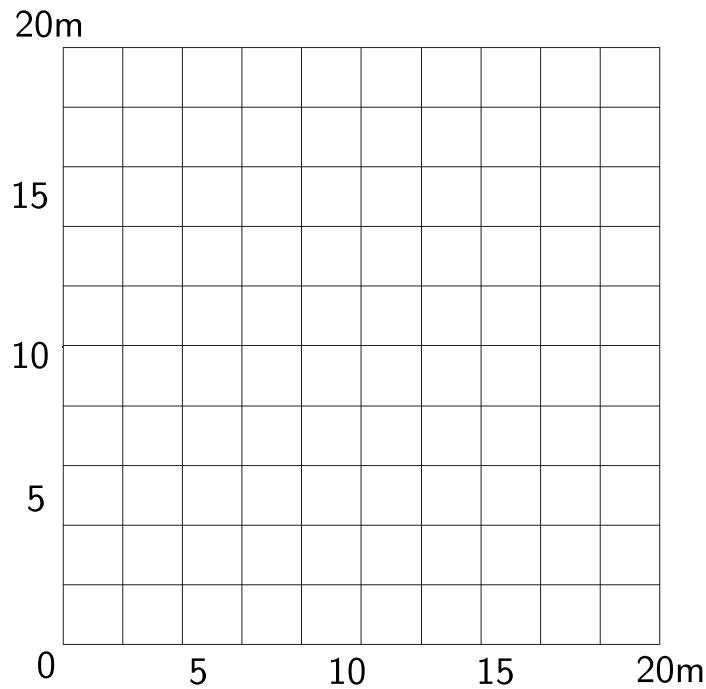


Figure 94: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 2m

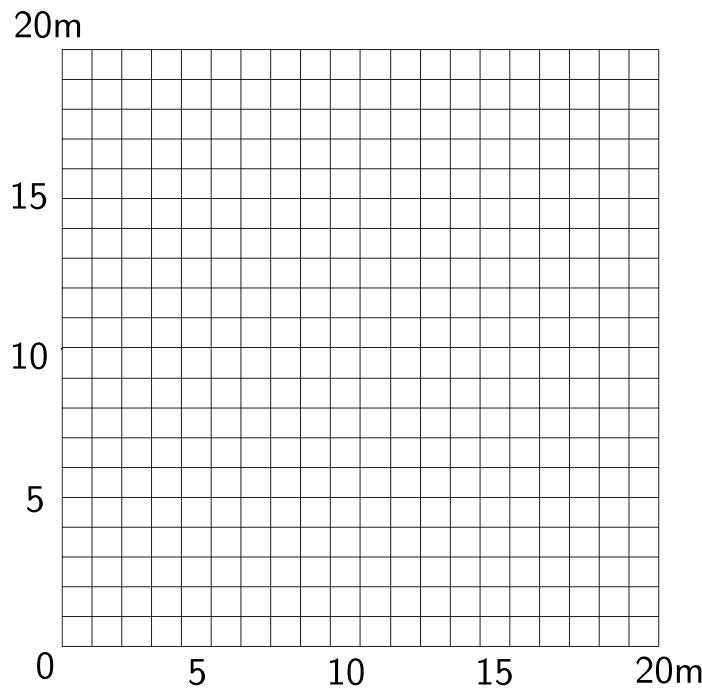


Figure 95: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 1m

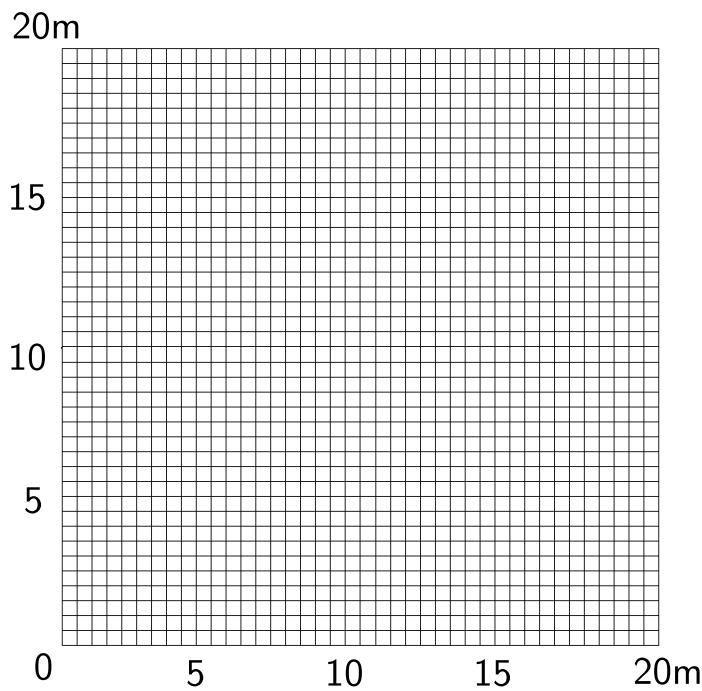


Figure 96: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.5m

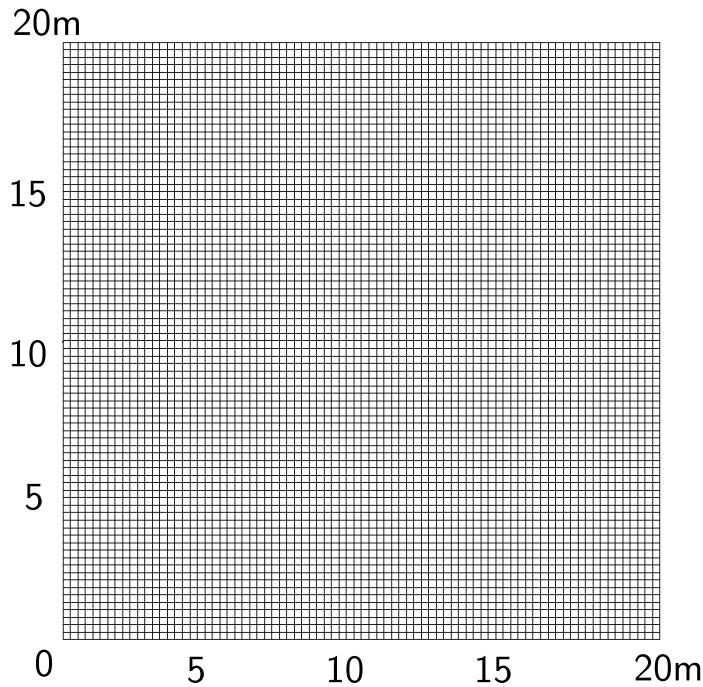


Figure 97: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (39).

Table 39: Results for 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	2layers	4layers	
Element side length	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
10m	6.54E-003 m	6.54E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
5m	7.24E-003 m	7.24E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
2m	7.44E-003 m	7.44E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
1m	7.49E-003 m	7.49E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.5m	7.50E-003 m	7.50E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.25m	7.51E-003 m	- <sup>11</sup>	7.09E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (40).

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<sup>11</sup>This model run out of memory on machine cml01 (memory: 23.5GB). This model has 233,289 nodes with 3 dofs, which may require 40GB memory.

Table 40: Errors for 27NodeBrick square plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick
Number of layers	2layers	4layers
Element side length	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
10m	7.87%	7.85%
5m	2.07%	2.10%
2m	4.85%	4.89%
1m	5.54%	5.58%
0.5m	5.74%	5.79%
0.25m	5.80%	-

The errors were plotted in Figure (98).

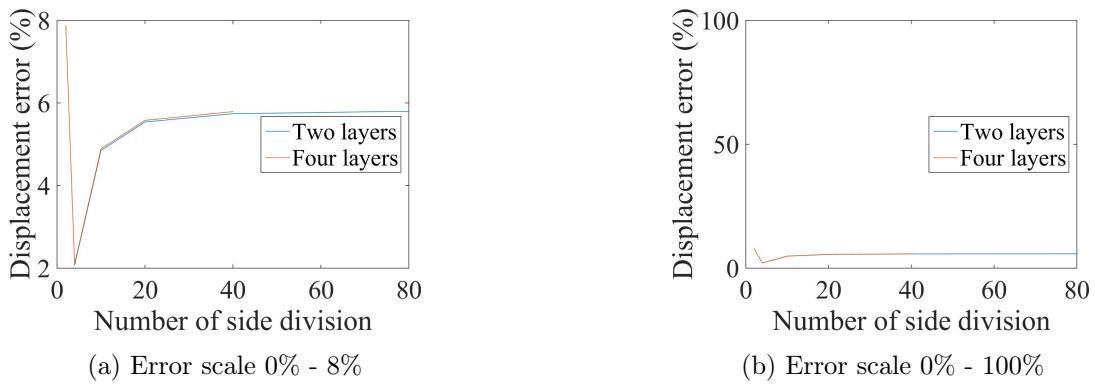


Figure 98: 27NodeBrick square plate with edge simply supported  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

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### 3.7 Verification of 27NodeBrick circular plate with all edges clamped

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (34)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>12</sup> is

$$d = \frac{qa^4}{64D} = \frac{100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 1.7106 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (35)$$

The 27NodeBrick were shown in Figure (99) - (104).

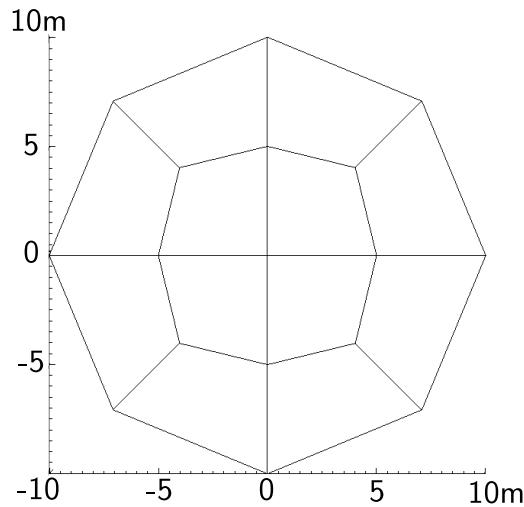


Figure 99: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>12</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

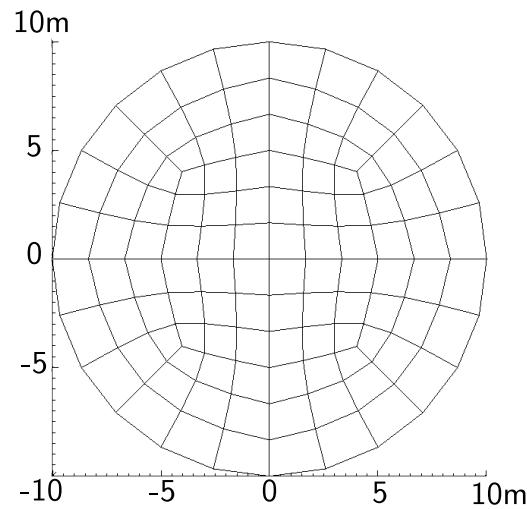


Figure 100: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 5m

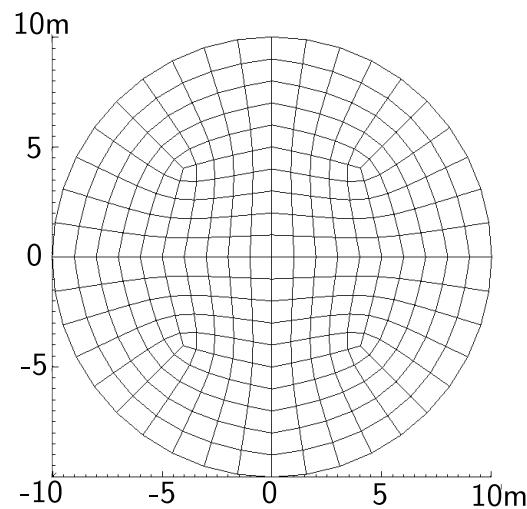


Figure 101: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 2m

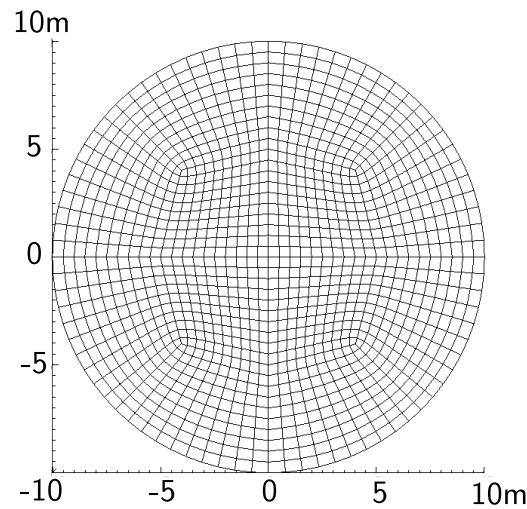


Figure 102: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 1m

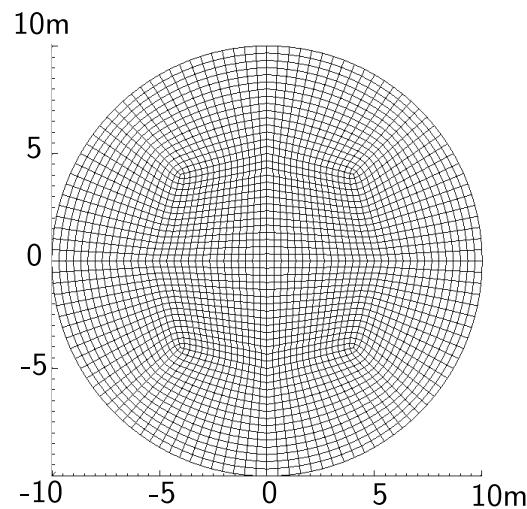


Figure 103: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.5m

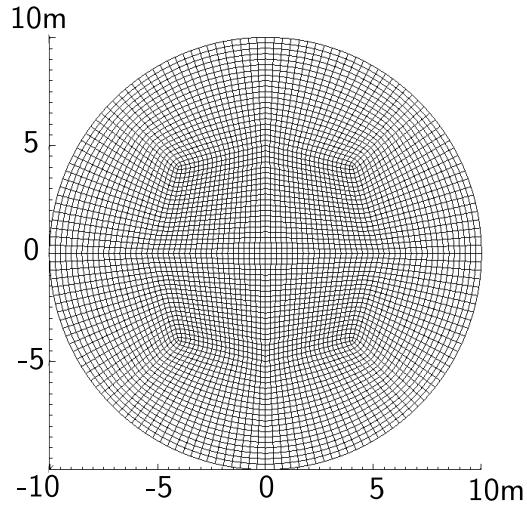


Figure 104: 27NodeBrick edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (41).

Table 41: Results for 27NodeBrick circular plate with four edges clamped

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers	
Number of diameter divisions	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
4	2.777E-03 m	2.788E-03 m	2.789E-03 m	1.706E-03 m
12	2.772E-03 m	2.786E-03 m	2.787E-03 m	1.706E-03 m
20	2.545E-03 m	2.556E-03 m	2.558E-03 m	1.706E-03 m
40	1.758E-03 m	1.768E-03 m	1.769E-03 m	1.706E-03 m
60	1.762E-03 m	1.772E-03 m	1.773E-03 m	1.706E-03 m
80	1.763E-03 m	1.773E-03 m	1.774E-03 m	1.706E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (42).

Table 42: Errors for 27NodeBrick circular plate with four edges clamped

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick
Number of layers	1layer	2layers	4layers
Number of diameter divisions	Height:1.00m	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
4	62.75%	63.42%	63.47%
12	62.46%	63.27%	63.34%
20	49.14%	49.82%	49.91%
40	3.03%	3.62%	3.68%
60	3.25%	3.83%	3.91%
80	3.32%	3.91%	3.99%

The errors were shown in Figure (105).

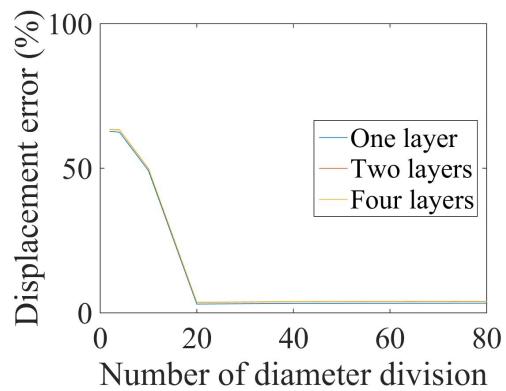


Figure 105: 27NodeBrick circular plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

### 3.8 Verification of 27NodeBrick circular plate with all edges simply supported

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (36)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>13</sup> is

$$d = \frac{(5 + \nu)qa^4}{64(1 + \nu)D} = \frac{(5 + 0.3) \times 100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times (1 + 0.3) \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 6.956 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (37)$$

The 27NodeBrick were shown in Figure (106) - (111).

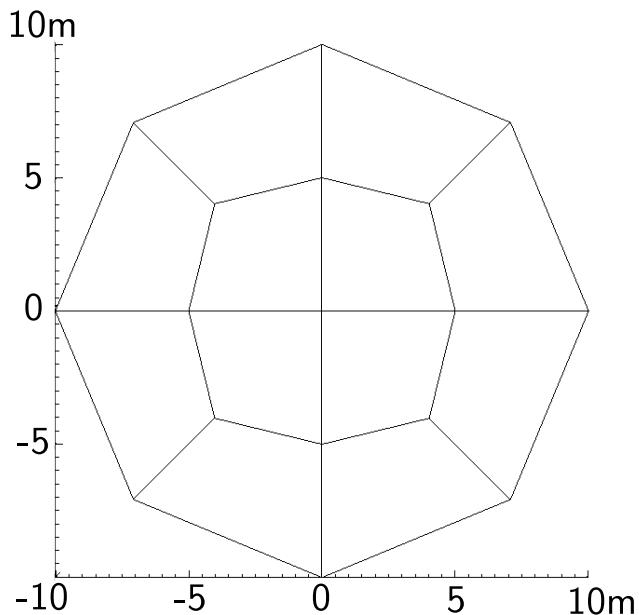


Figure 106: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>13</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

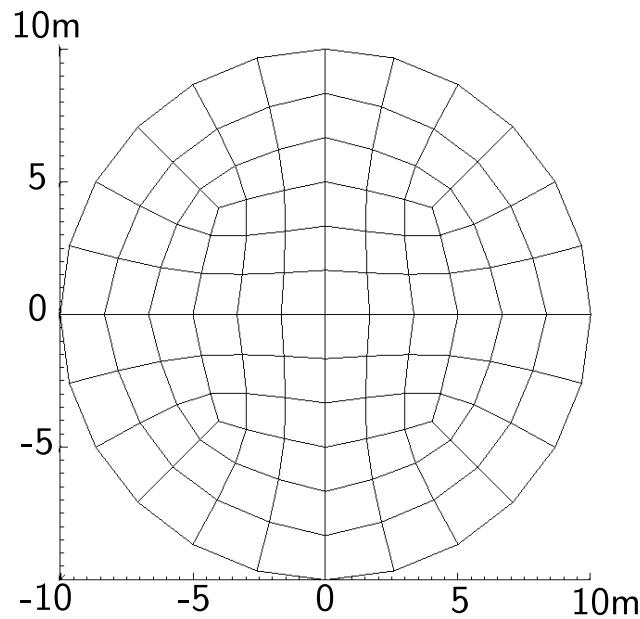


Figure 107: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 5m

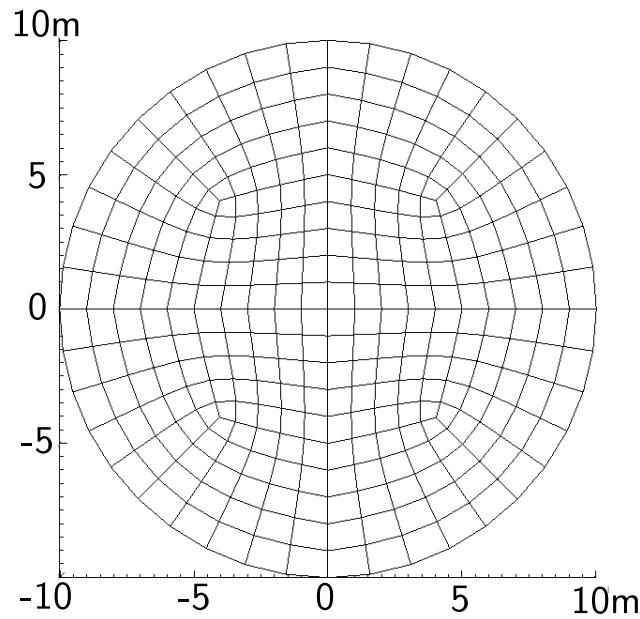


Figure 108: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 2m

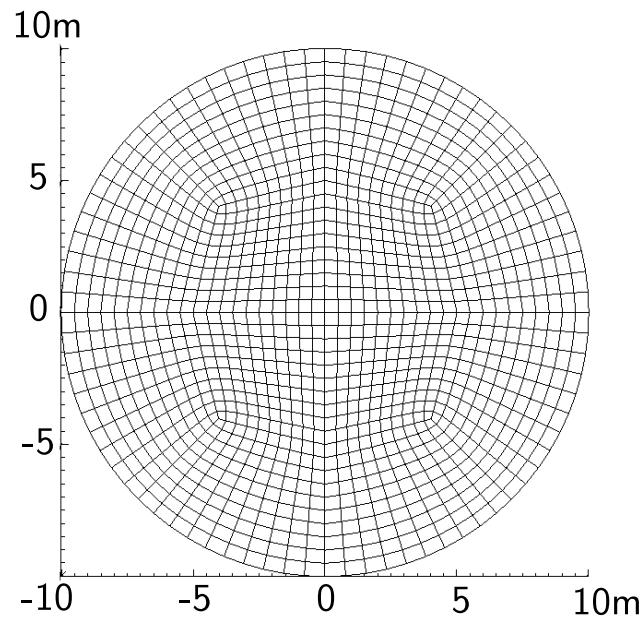


Figure 109: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 1m

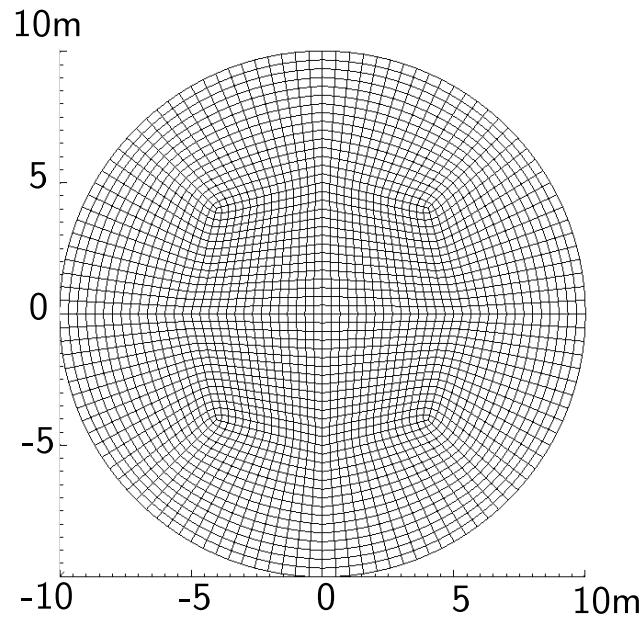


Figure 110: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.5m

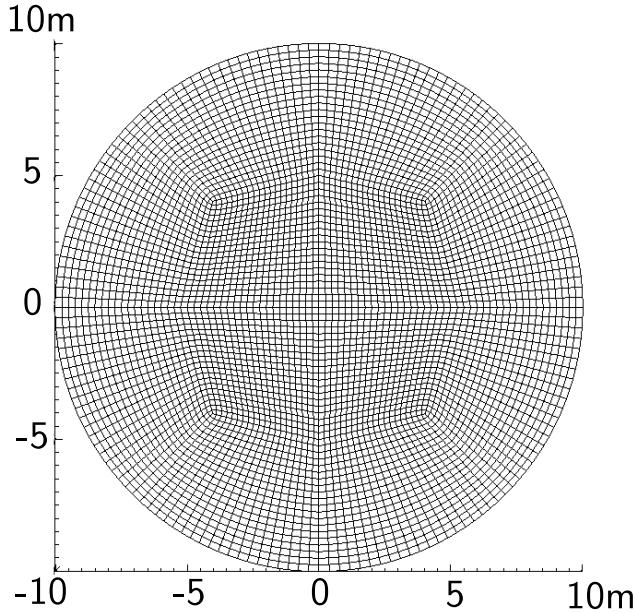


Figure 111: 27NodeBrick edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (43).

Table 43: Results for 27NodeBrick cicular plate with four edges simply supported

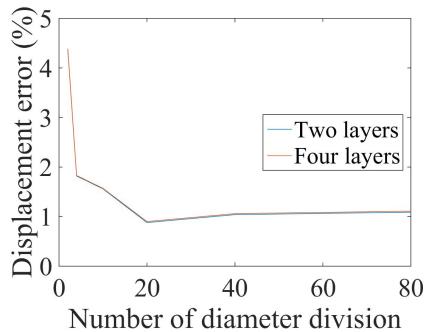
Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick	Theoretical displacement
Number of layers	2layers	4layers	6.956E-03 m
Number of diameter divisions	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m	
4	7.259E-03 m	7.261E-03 m	
12	7.083E-03 m	7.084E-03 m	
20	7.064E-03 m	7.065E-03 m	
40	7.018E-03 m	7.019E-03 m	
60	7.029E-03 m	7.030E-03 m	
80	7.032E-03 m	7.034E-03 m	

The errors were listed in Table (44).

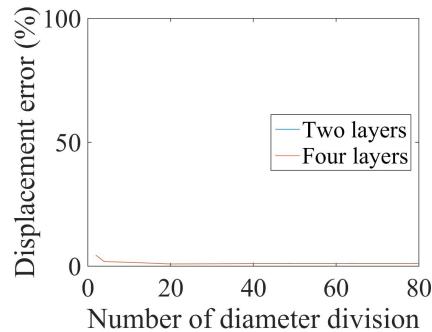
Table 44: Errors for 27NodeBrick cicular plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	27NodeBrick	27NodeBrick
Number of layers	2layers	4layers
Number of diameter divisions	Height:0.50m	Height:0.25m
4	4.36%	4.38%
12	1.82%	1.83%
20	1.56%	1.57%
40	0.88%	0.90%
60	1.04%	1.06%
80	1.09%	1.11%

The errors were plotted in Figure (112).



(a) Error scale 0% - 5%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 112: 27NodeBrick circular plate with edge simply supported  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## Verification for 4NodeANDES

### 4 Verification of 4NodeANDES elements

#### 4.1 Verification of 4NodeANDES cantilever beams

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (113).

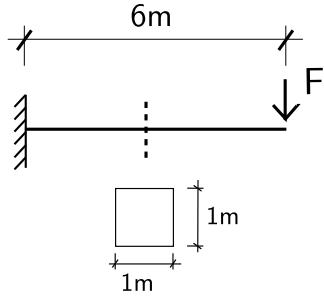


Figure 113: Problem description for cantilever beams

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

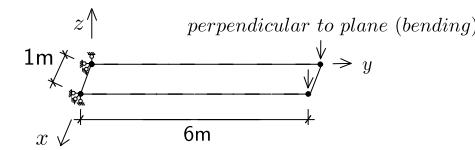
$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} bh} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

4NodeANDES element model:

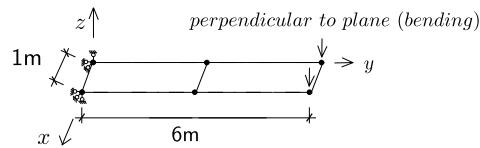
- **Force direction: perpendicular to plane (bending)**

When the force direction is perpendicular to the plane, only the bending deformation is calculated in 4NodeANDES elements.

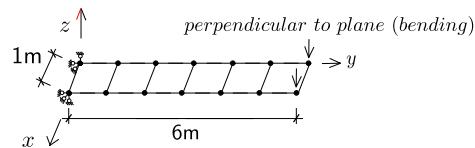
The 4NodeANDES elements were shown in Figure (114).



(a) One 4NodeANDES element



(b) Two 4NodeANDES elements



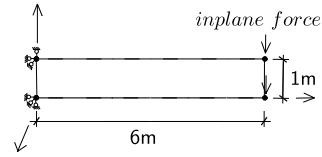
(c) Six 4NodeANDES elements

Figure 114: 4NodeANDES elements for cantilever beams under force perpendicular to plane

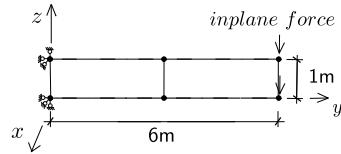
- **Force direction: inplane force**

When the force direction is inplane, both the bending and shear deformation are calculated in 4NodeANDES elements.

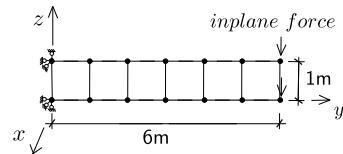
The 4NodeANDES elements under inplane force were shown in Figure (115).



(a) One 4NodeANDES element



(b) Two 4NodeANDES elements



(c) Six 4NodeANDES elements

Figure 115: 4NodeANDES elements for cantilever beams under inplane force

The ESSI results for the force ***perpendicular to plane (bending)*** were listed in Table (45). The theoretical solution is 8.784E-04 m.

Table 45: Results for 4NodeANDES cantilever beams under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

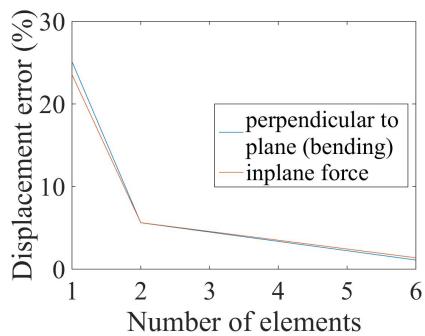
Element number	1	2	6
4NodeANDES	6.56E-04 m	8.27E-04 m	8.86E-04 m
Error	25.34%	5.87%	0.83%

The ESSI results for the ***inplane force*** were listed in Table (46). The theoretical solution is 8.784E-04 m.

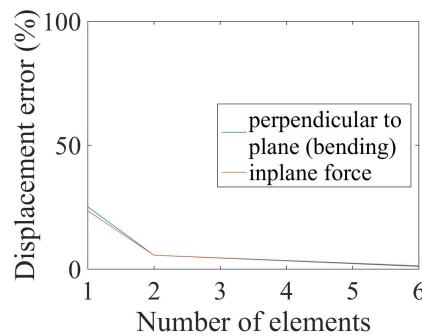
Table 46: Results for 4NodeANDES cantilever beams under the inplane force

Element number	1	2	6
4NodeANDES	6.70E-04 m	8.27E-04 m	8.64E-04 m
Error	23.77%	5.89%	1.65%

The errors were plotted in Figure (116).



(a) Error scale 0% - 30%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 116: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of elements

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## 4.2 Verification of 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for different Poisson's ratio

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0 - 0.49$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (117).

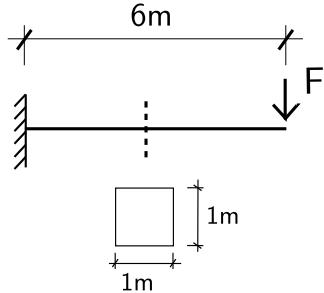


Figure 117: Problem description for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios

The theoretical solution for  $\nu = 0.0$  was calculated below, while the solution for other Poisson's ratio were calculated by the similar process.

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{FL^3}{3EI} + \frac{FL}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{FL^3}{3E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{FL}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \frac{bh}{\kappa}} \\
 &= \frac{100N \times 6^3 m^3}{3 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} + \frac{100N \times 6m}{\frac{10}{2} \times 10^7 N/m^2 \times 1m^2 \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 8.64 \times 10^{-4} m + 0.144 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 8.784 \times 10^{-4} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

The rotation angle at the end:

$$\theta = \frac{FL^2}{2EI} = \frac{100N \times 6^2 m^2}{2 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{1}{12} m^4} = 2.16 \times 10^{-4} rad = 0.0124^\circ \tag{40}$$

The 4NodeANDES elements for cantilever beams of different Poisson's ratios were shown in Figure (118) and (119):

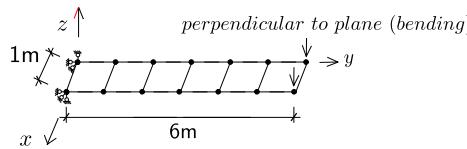


Figure 118: 4NodeANDES elements for different Poisson's ratios under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

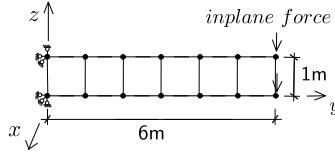


Figure 119: 4NodeANDES elements for different Poisson's ratios under the inplane force

The ESSI results for the force ***perpendicular to plane (bending)*** were listed in Table (47) - (49).

Table 47: ***Displacement error*** results for 4NodeANDES with element side length 1 m under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.639E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	1.38%
0.05	8.635E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	1.49%
0.10	8.622E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	1.71%
0.15	8.599E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	2.04%
0.20	8.566E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	2.48%
0.25	8.522E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	3.05%
0.30	8.466E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	3.75%
0.35	8.398E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	4.59%
0.40	8.315E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	5.60%
0.45	8.216E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	6.78%
0.49	8.124E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	7.88%

Table 48: ***Displacement error*** results for 4NodeANDES with element side length 0.5 m under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.724E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.68%
0.05	8.724E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.76%
0.10	8.717E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.93%
0.15	8.703E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	1.17%
0.20	8.682E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	1.49%
0.25	8.652E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	1.91%
0.30	8.615E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	2.42%
0.35	8.569E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	3.02%
0.40	8.514E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	3.73%
0.45	8.449E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	4.54%
0.49	8.388E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	5.30%

Table 49: *Displacement error* results for 4NodeANDES with element side length 0.25 m under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.640E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	1.64%
0.05	8.637E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	1.75%
0.10	8.627E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	1.95%
0.15	8.611E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	2.21%
0.20	8.588E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	2.56%
0.25	8.559E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	2.97%
0.30	8.523E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	3.46%
0.35	8.480E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	4.03%
0.40	8.429E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	4.69%
0.45	8.370E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	5.44%
0.49	8.316E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	6.11%

The errors were plotted in Figure (120).

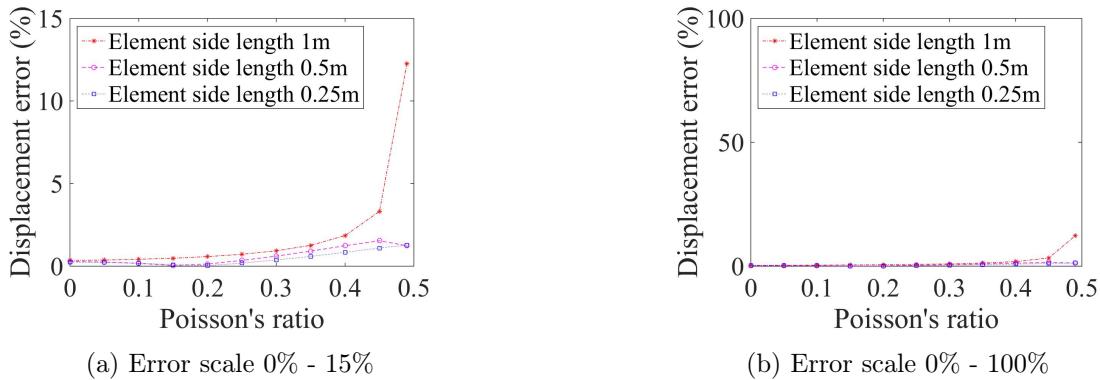


Figure 120: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for force perpendicular to the plane(bending)

*Displacement error* versus Poisson's ratio

The ESSI results for the *inplane force* were listed in Table (50) - (52).

Table 50: *Displacement error* results for 4NodeANDES with  
element side length 1 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.790E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.07%
0.05	8.799E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.09%
0.10	8.809E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.12%
0.15	8.821E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.17%
0.20	8.835E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	0.25%
0.25	8.853E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	0.37%
0.30	8.878E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	0.56%
0.35	8.913E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	0.87%
0.40	8.971E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	1.44%
0.45	9.107E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	2.89%
0.49	9.901E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	11.79%

Table 51: *Displacement error* results for 4NodeANDES with  
element side length 0.5 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.784E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.00%
0.05	8.788E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.04%
0.10	8.787E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.13%
0.15	8.782E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.27%
0.20	8.772E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	0.47%
0.25	8.759E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	0.70%
0.30	8.742E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	0.98%
0.35	8.722E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	1.29%
0.40	8.699E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	1.63%
0.45	8.679E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	1.94%
0.49	8.709E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	1.67%

Table 52: *Displacement error* results for 4NodeANDES with element side length 0.25 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES displacement	Theory displacement (bending)	Theory displacement (shear)	Theory displacement(all)	Error
0.00	8.782E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.440E-05 m	8.784E-04 m	0.02%
0.05	8.786E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.512E-05 m	8.791E-04 m	0.06%
0.10	8.788E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.586E-05 m	8.799E-04 m	0.12%
0.15	8.786E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.659E-05 m	8.806E-04 m	0.23%
0.20	8.781E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.734E-05 m	8.813E-04 m	0.37%
0.25	8.774E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.808E-05 m	8.821E-04 m	0.53%
0.30	8.763E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.884E-05 m	8.828E-04 m	0.74%
0.35	8.750E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	1.959E-05 m	8.836E-04 m	0.97%
0.40	8.734E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.035E-05 m	8.844E-04 m	1.24%
0.45	8.717E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.111E-05 m	8.851E-04 m	1.52%
0.49	8.706E-04 m	8.640E-04 m	2.173E-05 m	8.857E-04 m	1.71%

The errors were plotted in Figure (120).

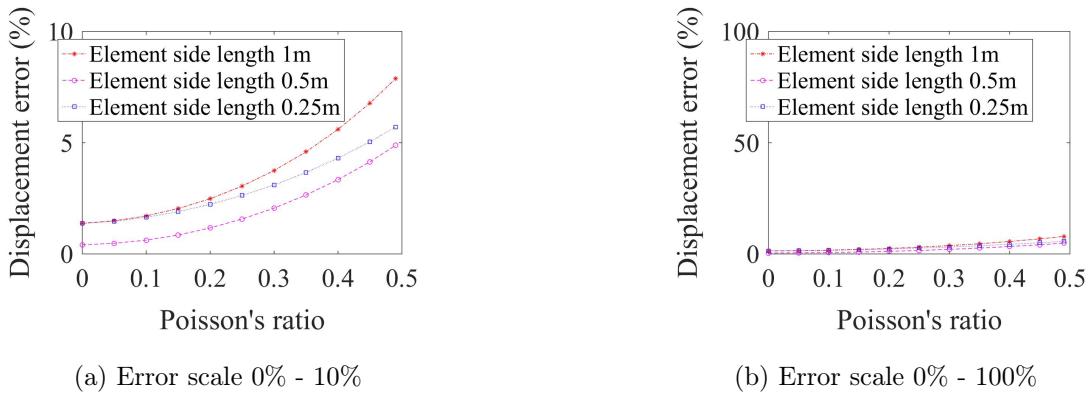


Figure 121: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for inplane force  
*Displacement error* versus Poisson's ratio

The angle results for the force *perpendicular to plane (bending)* were listed in Table (53).

Table 53: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 1 m under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.238E-02	1.240E-02	0.19%
0.05	1.237E-02	1.240E-02	0.23%
0.10	1.236E-02	1.240E-02	0.34%
0.15	1.234E-02	1.240E-02	0.52%
0.20	1.230E-02	1.240E-02	0.78%
0.25	1.226E-02	1.240E-02	1.12%
0.30	1.221E-02	1.240E-02	1.54%
0.35	1.214E-02	1.240E-02	2.07%
0.40	1.206E-02	1.240E-02	2.70%
0.45	1.197E-02	1.240E-02	3.46%
0.49	1.188E-02	1.240E-02	4.16%

Table 54: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 0.5 m the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.239E-02	1.240E-02	0.10%
0.05	1.238E-02	1.240E-02	0.13%
0.10	1.237E-02	1.240E-02	0.22%
0.15	1.236E-02	1.240E-02	0.36%
0.20	1.233E-02	1.240E-02	0.55%
0.25	1.230E-02	1.240E-02	0.81%
0.30	1.226E-02	1.240E-02	1.13%
0.35	1.221E-02	1.240E-02	1.52%
0.40	1.216E-02	1.240E-02	1.97%
0.45	1.209E-02	1.240E-02	2.51%
0.49	1.203E-02	1.240E-02	3.00%

Table 55: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 0.25 m under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.238E-02	1.240E-02	0.19%
0.05	1.237E-02	1.240E-02	0.21%
0.10	1.237E-02	1.240E-02	0.28%
0.15	1.235E-02	1.240E-02	0.39%
0.20	1.233E-02	1.240E-02	0.56%
0.25	1.230E-02	1.240E-02	0.78%
0.30	1.227E-02	1.240E-02	1.05%
0.35	1.223E-02	1.240E-02	1.38%
0.40	1.218E-02	1.240E-02	1.77%
0.45	1.212E-02	1.240E-02	2.23%
0.49	1.207E-02	1.240E-02	2.64%

The errors were plotted in Figure (122).

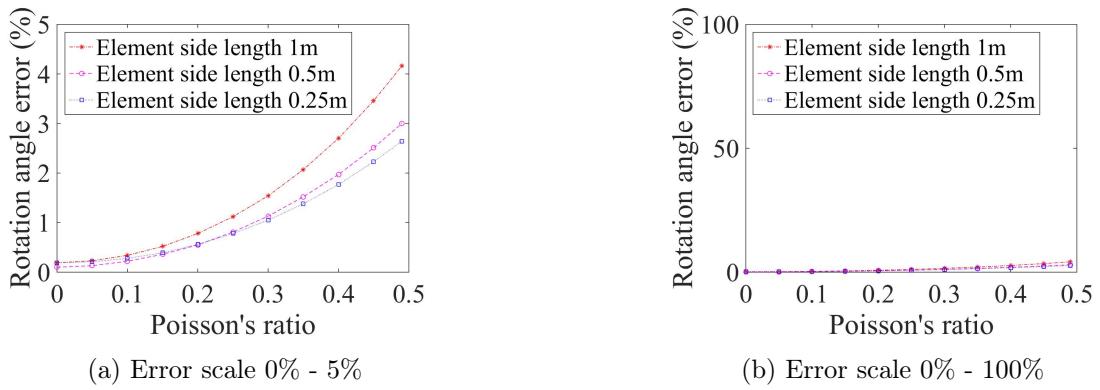


Figure 122: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for force perpendicular to the plane(bending)  
***Rotation angle error*** versus Poisson's ratio

The ESSI results for the *inplane force* were listed in Table (56 - (58).

Table 56: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 1 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.254E-02	1.240E-02	1.14%
0.05	1.255E-02	1.240E-02	1.19%
0.10	1.256E-02	1.240E-02	1.26%
0.15	1.257E-02	1.240E-02	1.35%
0.20	1.258E-02	1.240E-02	1.47%
0.25	1.260E-02	1.240E-02	1.64%
0.30	1.263E-02	1.240E-02	1.89%
0.35	1.269E-02	1.240E-02	2.30%
0.40	1.278E-02	1.240E-02	3.08%
0.45	1.305E-02	1.240E-02	5.28%
0.49	1.506E-02	1.240E-02	21.43%

Table 57: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 0.5 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.271E-02	1.240E-02	2.51%
0.05	1.272E-02	1.240E-02	2.56%
0.10	1.272E-02	1.240E-02	2.58%
0.15	1.272E-02	1.240E-02	2.60%
0.20	1.273E-02	1.240E-02	2.63%
0.25	1.273E-02	1.240E-02	2.67%
0.30	1.274E-02	1.240E-02	2.77%
0.35	1.277E-02	1.240E-02	2.98%
0.40	1.283E-02	1.240E-02	3.47%
0.45	1.299E-02	1.240E-02	4.79%
0.49	1.361E-02	1.240E-02	9.78%

Table 58: ***Rotation angle*** results for element side length 0.25 m under the inplane force

Poisson's ratio	4NodeANDES angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Theory angle (unit: $^{\circ}$ )	Error
0.00	1.268E-02	1.240E-02	2.24%
0.05	1.268E-02	1.240E-02	2.27%
0.10	1.268E-02	1.240E-02	2.30%
0.15	1.269E-02	1.240E-02	2.31%
0.20	1.269E-02	1.240E-02	2.33%
0.25	1.269E-02	1.240E-02	2.35%
0.30	1.270E-02	1.240E-02	2.41%
0.35	1.271E-02	1.240E-02	2.53%
0.40	1.275E-02	1.240E-02	2.83%
0.45	1.284E-02	1.240E-02	3.58%
0.49	1.312E-02	1.240E-02	5.77%

The errors were plotted in Figure (122).

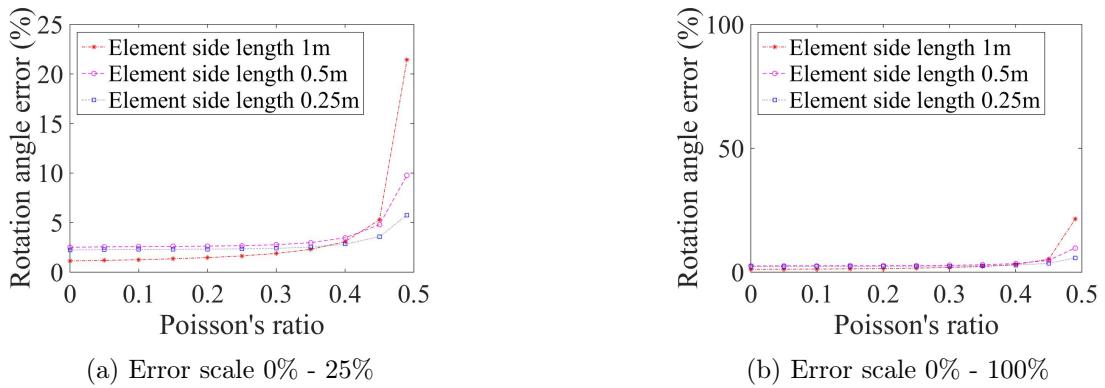


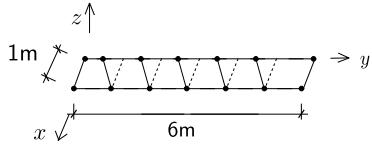
Figure 123: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for inplane force  
***Rotation angle error*** versus Poisson's ratio

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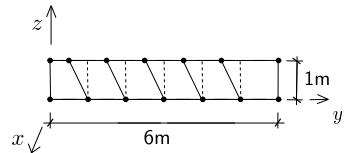
### 4.3 Test of irregular shaped 4NodeANDES cantilever beams

Cantilever model was used as an example. Three different shapes were tested.

In the ***first*** test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved one half element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower two nodes were kept at the same location. The element shape was shown in Figure (124).



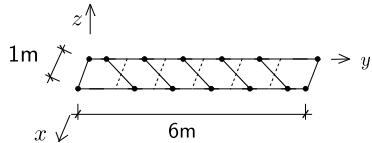
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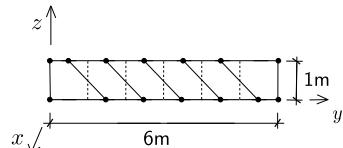
(b) Veritical plane

Figure 124: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular ***Shape 1***

In the ***second*** test, the upper nodes of each element were moved 50% element size along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower nodes were moved 50% element size in the other direction along the  $y - axis$ . The element shape was shown in Figure (125).



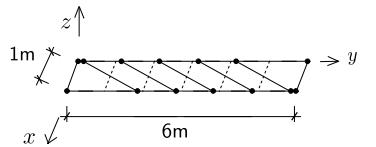
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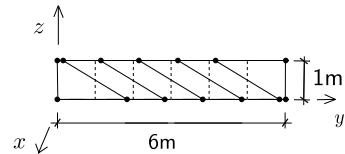
(b) Veritical plane

Figure 125: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular ***Shape 2***

In the ***third*** test, the upper two nodes of each element were moved 90% element size with different directions along the  $y - axis$ , while the lower nodes were moved 90% element size in the other direction along the  $y - axis$ . The element shape was shown in Figure (126).



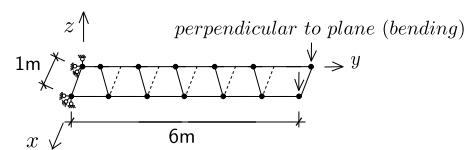
(a) Horizontal plane



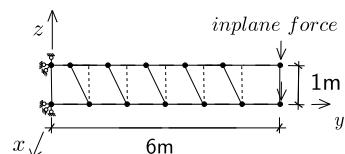
(b) Veritical plane

Figure 126: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular ***Shape 3***

The boundary conditions were shown in Figure (127), (128) and (129).

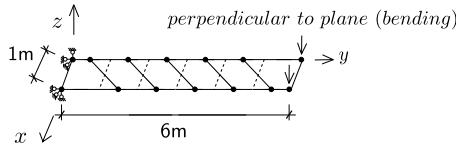


(a) Horizontal plane

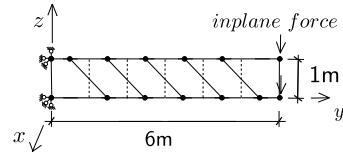


(b) Veritical plane

Figure 127: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 1***

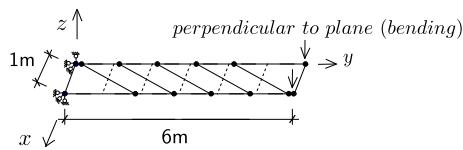


(a) Horizontal plane

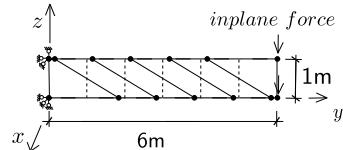


(b) Veritical plane

Figure 128: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 2***



(a) Horizontal plane



(b) Veritical plane

Figure 129: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam boundary conditions for irregular ***Shape 3***

The ESSI results were listed in Table (59).

Table 59: Results for 4NodeANDES cantilever beams of irregular shapes

Displacements for irregular shaped element					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
4NodeANDES	perpendicular to plane (bending)	8.639E-04 m	8.602E-04 m	8.534E-04 m	7.851E-04 m
4NodeANDES	inplane force	8.857E-04 m	7.036E-04 m	4.263E-04 m	1.909E-04 m
Theoretical	-	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m	8.784E-04 m

The errors were listed in Table (60) and (61).

Table 60: Errors for irregular shaped 4NodeANDES compared to theoretical solution

Errors for irregular shaped element, compared to theoretical solutions					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
4NodeANDES	perpendicular to plane (bending)	1.65%	2.07%	2.85%	10.63%
4NodeANDES	inplane force	0.83%	19.90%	51.47%	78.27%

Table 61: Errors for irregular shaped 4NodeANDES compared to normal shape

Errors for irregular shaped element, compared to normal shape					
Element Type	Force direction	Normal shape	Shape 1	Shape 2	Shape 3
4NodeANDES	perpendicular to plane (bending)	0.00%	0.42%	1.22%	9.12%
4NodeANDES	inplane force	0.00%	20.56%	51.87%	78.45%

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

Then, the beam was divided into small elements.

Problem description: Length=6m, Width=1m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.0$ . Use the shear deformation coefficient  $\kappa = 1.2$ . The force direction was shown in Figure (130).

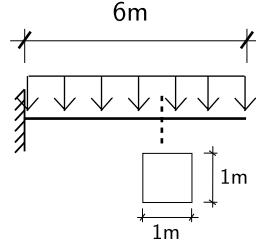


Figure 130: Problem description for cantilever beams under uniform pressure

Theoretical displacement (bending and shear deformation):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \frac{qL^4}{8EI} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{GA_v} \\
 &= \frac{qL^4}{8E\frac{bh^3}{12}} + \frac{q\frac{L^2}{2}}{\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} bh} \\
 &= \frac{400N/m \times 12^4 m^4}{8 \times 10^8 N/m^2 \times \frac{2^4}{12} m^4} + \frac{400N/m \times \frac{12^2}{2} m^2}{\frac{10^8}{2} N/m^2 \times 2m \times 2m \times \frac{5}{6}} \\
 &= 7.776 \times 10^{-3} m + 1.728 \times 10^{-4} m \\
 &= 7.9488 \times 10^{-3} m
 \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

The ESSI displacement results were listed in Table (62).

Table 62: Results for 4NodeANDES cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

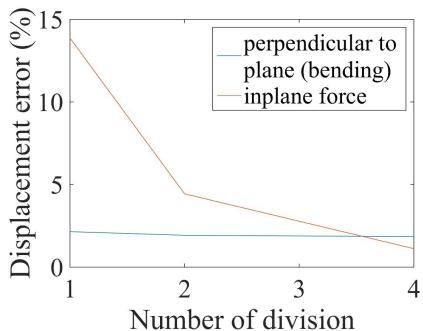
Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
4NodeANDES	shape1	perpendicular to plane (bending)	7.750E-03 m	7.768E-03 m	7.774E-03 m
4NodeANDES	shape1	inplane force	6.822E-03 m	7.569E-03 m	7.832E-03 m
4NodeANDES	shape2	perpendicular to plane (bending)	7.656E-03 m	7.734E-03 m	7.765E-03 m
4NodeANDES	shape2	inplane force	3.875E-03 m	5.855E-03 m	7.074E-03 m
4NodeANDES	shape3	perpendicular to plane (bending)	6.637E-03 m	7.139E-03 m	7.521E-03 m
4NodeANDES	shape3	inplane force	1.555E-03 m	2.424E-03 m	3.896E-03 m
Theoretical solution			7.9488E-03 m	7.9488E-03 m	7.9488E-03 m

The error were listed in Table (63).

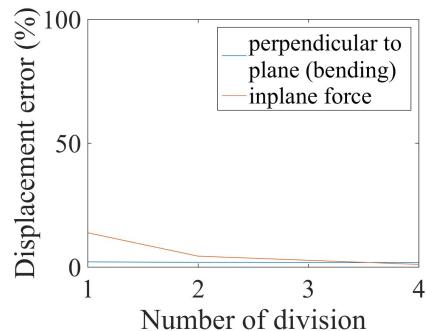
Table 63: Errors for 4NodeANDES cantilever beams of irregular shapes with more elements

Element Type	Shape	Force direction	Number of division		
			1	2	4
4NodeANDES	shape1	perpendicular to plane (bending)	2.51%	2.28%	2.20%
4NodeANDES	shape1	inplane force	14.18%	4.78%	1.48%
4NodeANDES	shape2	perpendicular to plane (bending)	3.68%	2.71%	2.31%
4NodeANDES	shape2	inplane force	51.25%	26.34%	11.00%
4NodeANDES	shape3	perpendicular to plane (bending)	16.51%	10.19%	5.38%
4NodeANDES	shape3	inplane force	80.44%	69.51%	50.98%

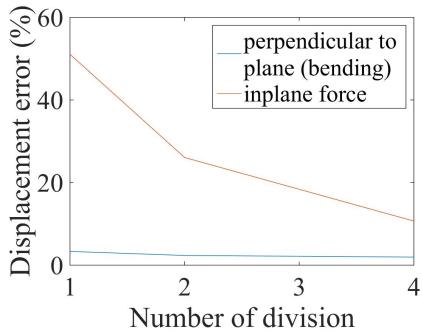
The errors were shown in Figure (131), (132) and (133).



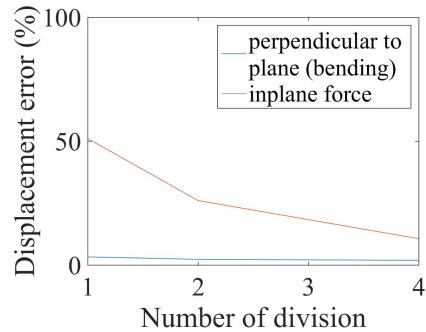
(a) Error scale 0% - 15%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

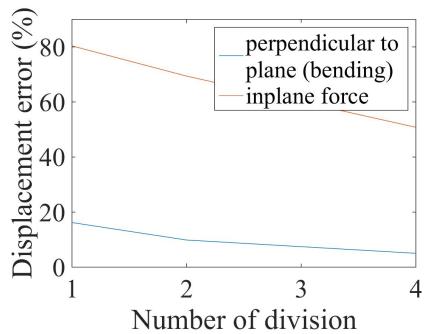
Figure 131: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 1**  
Displacement error versus Number of division

(a) Error scale 0% - 60%

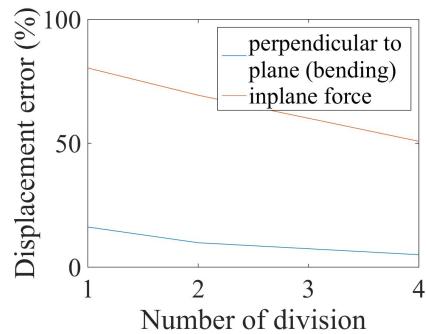


(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 132: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 2**  
Displacement error versus Number of division



(a) Error scale 0% - 80%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

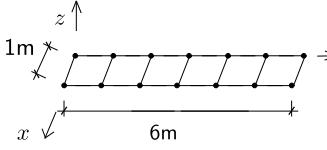
Figure 133: 4NodeANDES cantilever beam for irregular **Shape 3**

Displacement error versus Number of division

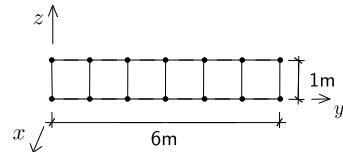
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In this section, the beam was cut into smaller elements with element side length 0.5m and 0.25m respectively. And the element side length of the original models is 1.0m. The numerical models were shown in Figure (134), (135) and (136).

Number of division 1:



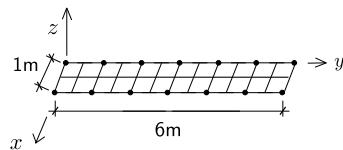
(a) Horizontal plane



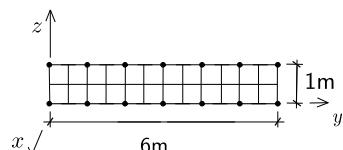
(b) Vertical plane

Figure 134: 4NodeANDES clamped beam with element side length 1.0m

Number of division 2:



(a) Horizontal plane



(b) Vertical plane

Figure 135: 4NodeANDES clamped beam with element side length 0.5m

Number of division 4:

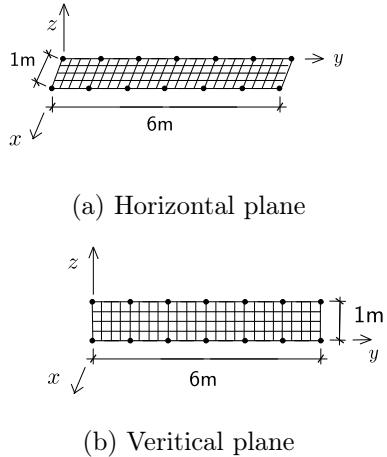


Figure 136: 4NodeANDES clamped beam with element side length 0.25m

The ESSI results for the force ***perpendicular to plane (bending)*** were listed in Table (64). The theoretical solution is 1.60E-5 m.

Table 64: Results for 4NodeANDES clamped beams under the force perpendicular to plane (bending)

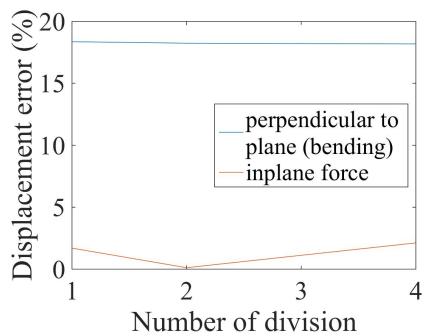
Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
4NodeANDES	1.347E-05 m	1.35E-05 m	1.35E-05 m
Error	18.36%	18.24%	18.18%

The ESSI results for the ***inplane force*** were listed in Table (65). The theoretical solution is 1.60E-5 m.

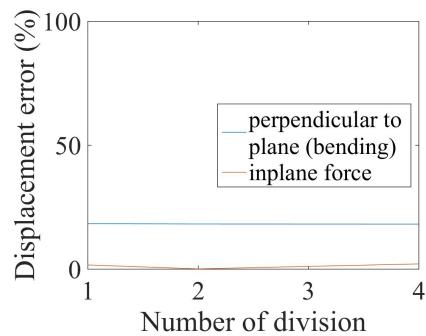
Table 65: Results for 4NodeANDES clamped beams under the inplane force

Element Type	Element side length		
	1 m	0.5 m	0.25 m
4NodeANDES	1.62E-05 m	1.65E-05 m	1.69E-05 m
Error	1.70%	0.12%	2.12%

The errors were plotted in Figure (137).



(a) Error scale 0% - 20%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 137: 4NodeANDES clamped beam for different element number  
Displacement error versus Number of division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

#### 4.4 Verification of 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges clamped

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (42)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_c \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00406 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 2.2015 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (43)$$

where  $\alpha_c$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>14</sup>  $\alpha_c$  is 0.00406.

The 4NodeANDES were shown in Figure (138) - (143).

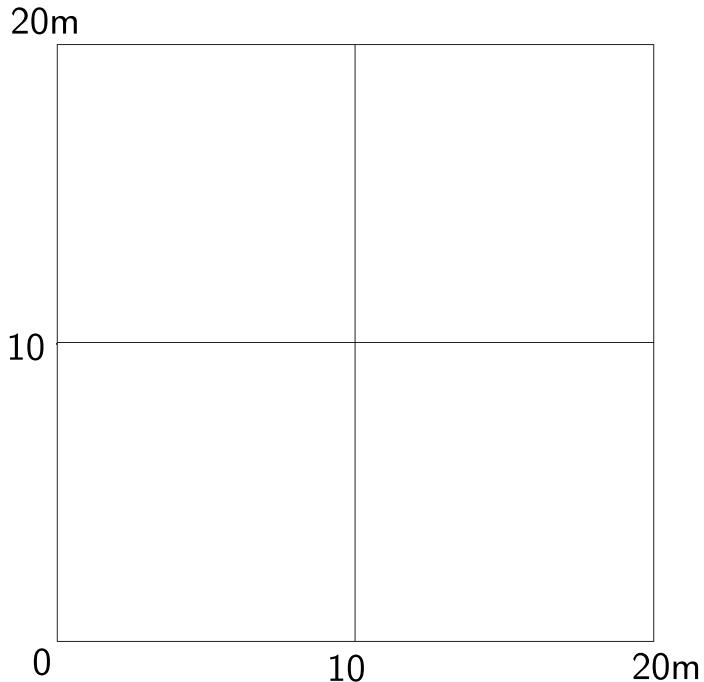


Figure 138: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>14</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page120, 1959.

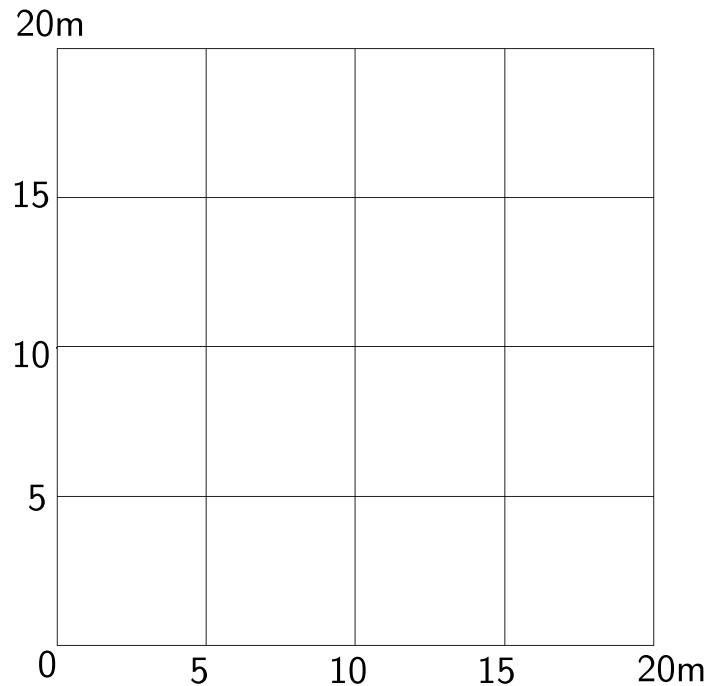


Figure 139: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 5m

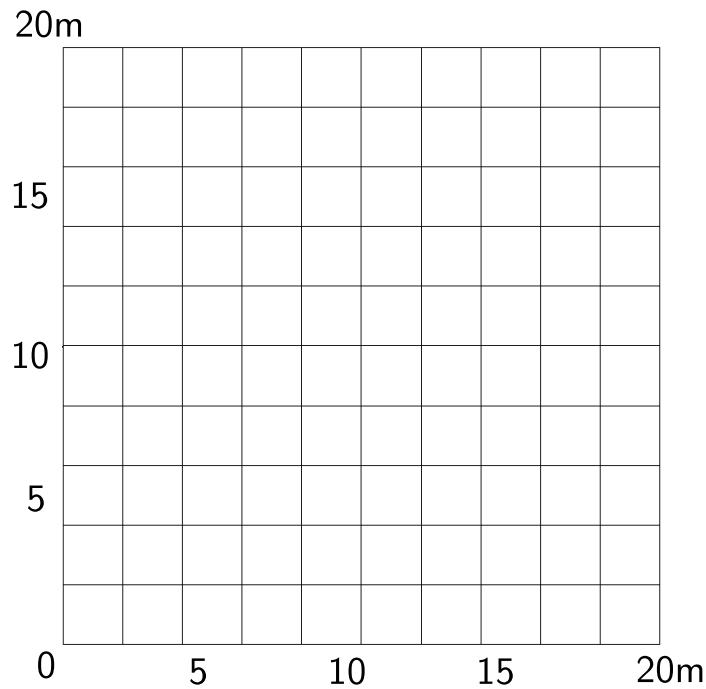


Figure 140: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 2m

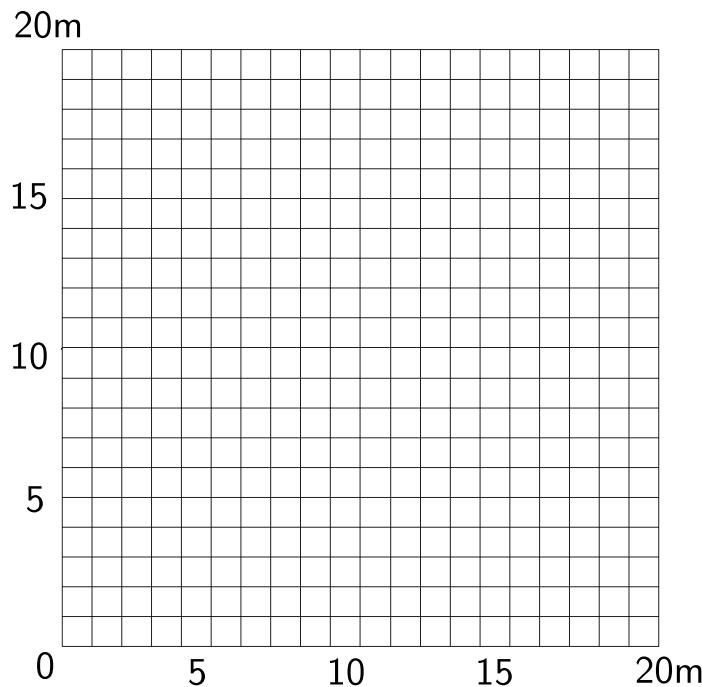


Figure 141: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 1m

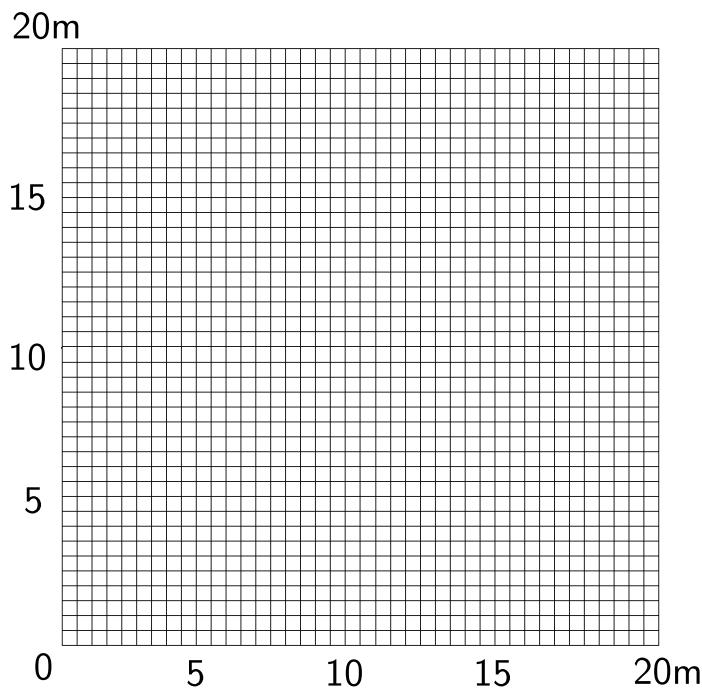


Figure 142: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.5m

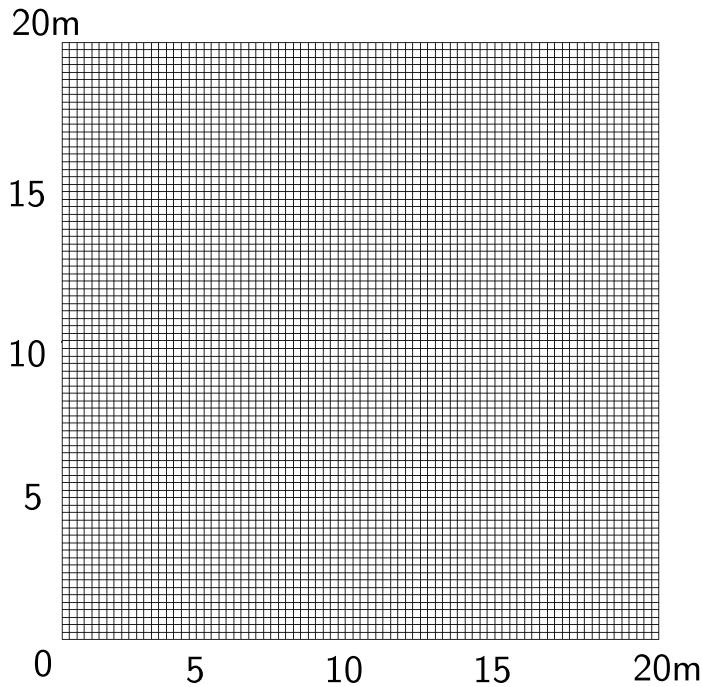


Figure 143: 4NodeANDES edge clamped square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (66).

Table 66: Results for 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges clamped

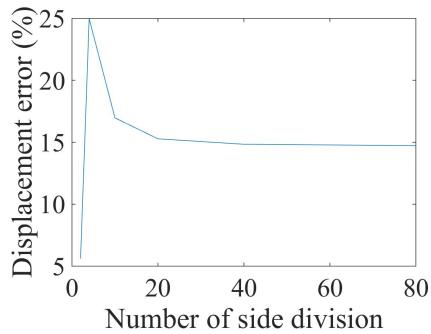
Element type	4NodeANDES	Theoretical displacement
Element side length	Height:1.00m	
10m	2.33E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
5m	2.75E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
2m	2.58E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
1m	2.54E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
0.5m	2.53E-003 m	2.20E-03 m
0.25m	2.53E-003 m	2.20E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (67).

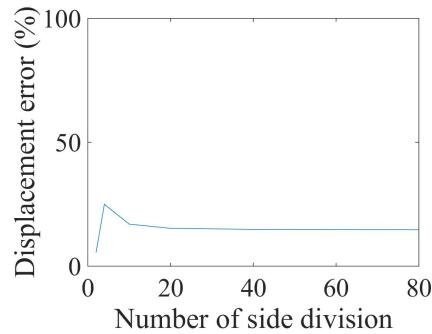
Table 67: Errors for 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges clamped

Element type	4NodeANDES
Element side length	Height:1.00m
10m	5.65%
5m	24.98%
2m	16.97%
1m	15.28%
0.5m	14.84%
0.25m	14.73%

The errors were plotted in Figure (144).



(a) Error scale 0% - 25%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 144: 4NodeANDES square plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

## 4.5 Verification of 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges simply supported

Problem description: Length=20m, Width=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1 - \nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (44)$$

The theoretical solution is

$$d = \alpha_s \frac{qa^4}{D} = 0.00126 \times \frac{100 N/m^2 \times 20^4 m^4}{9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 7.0936 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (45)$$

where  $\alpha_s$  is a coefficient, which depends on the ratio of plate length to width. In this problem, the coefficient<sup>15</sup>  $\alpha_s$  is 0.00126.

The 4NodeANDES were shown in Figure (145) - (150).

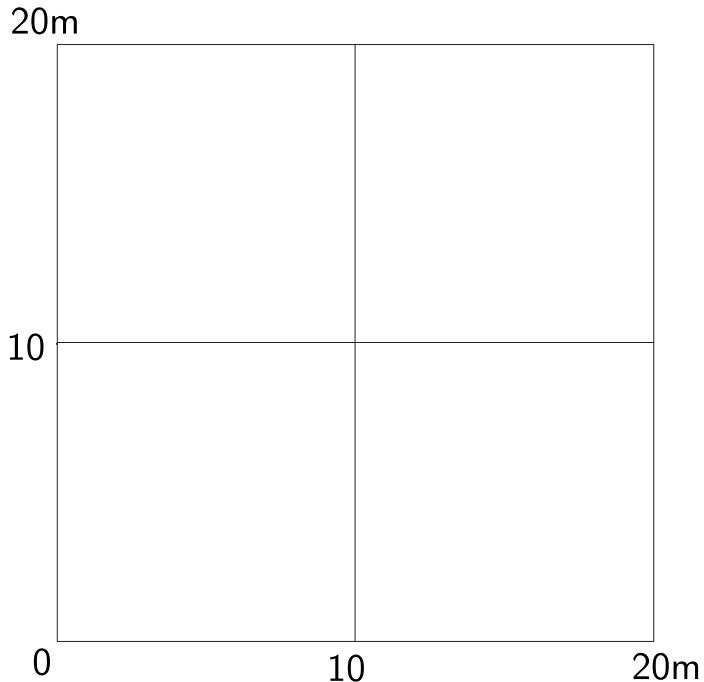


Figure 145: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>15</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page202, 1959.

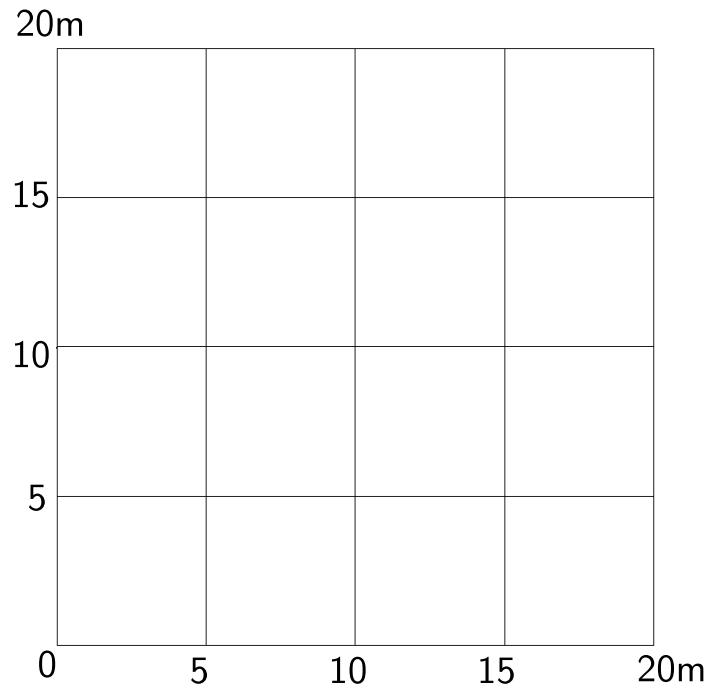


Figure 146: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 5m

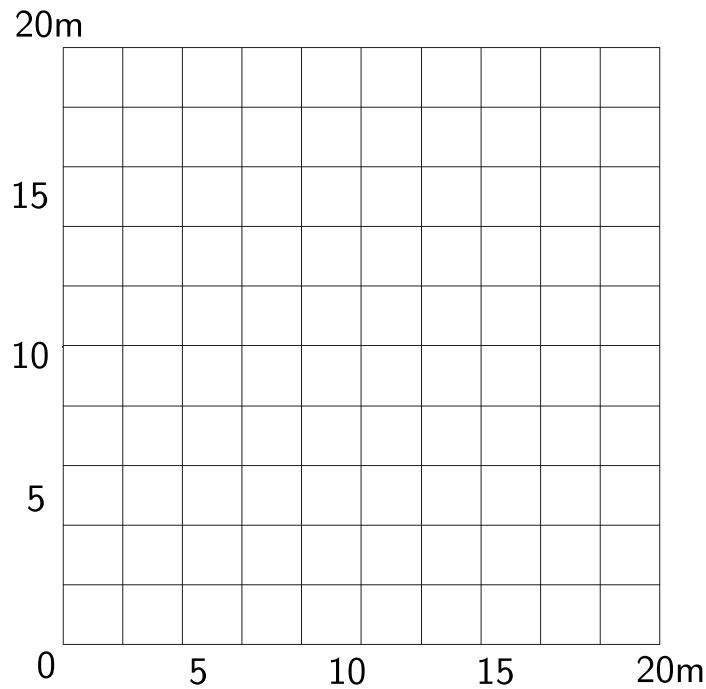


Figure 147: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 2m

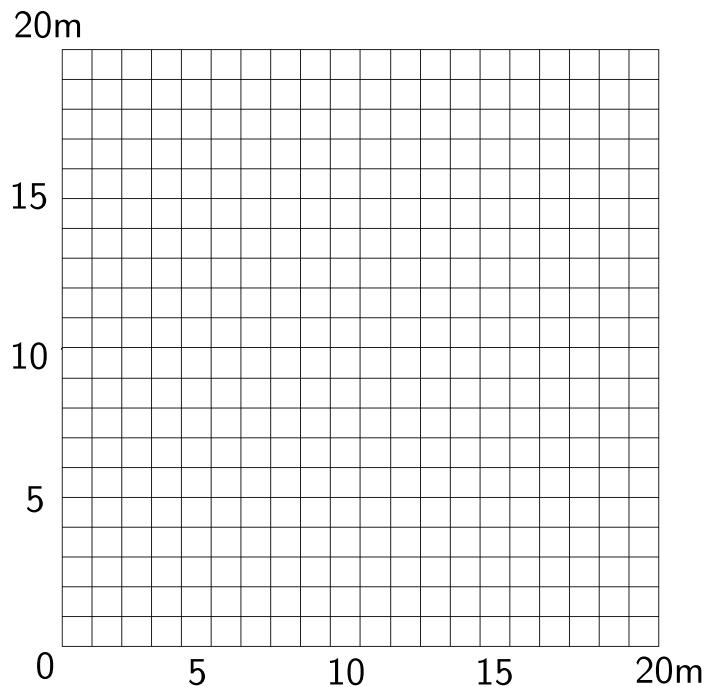


Figure 148: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 1m

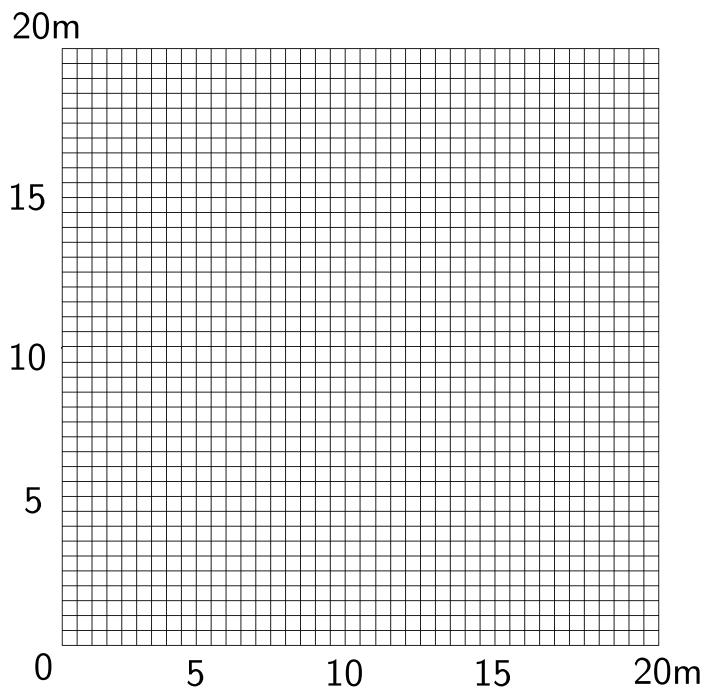


Figure 149: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.5m

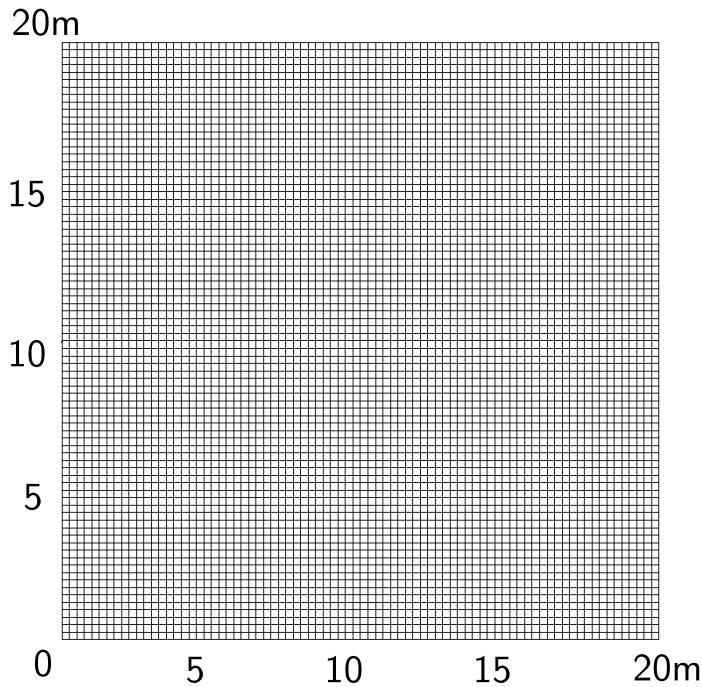


Figure 150: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported square plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (68).

Table 68: Results for 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges simply supported

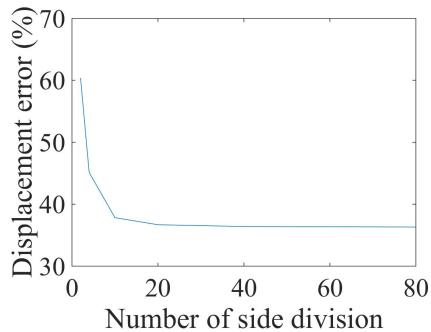
Element type	4NodeANDES	Theoretical displacement
Element side length	Height:1.00m	
10m	1.14E-002 m	7.09E-03 m
5m	1.03E-002 m	7.09E-03 m
2m	9.78E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
1m	9.70E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.5m	9.68E-003 m	7.09E-03 m
0.25m	9.67E-003 m	7.09E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (69).

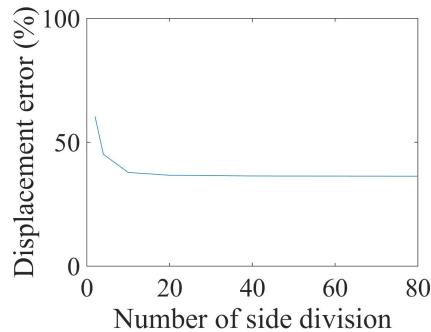
Table 69: Errors for 4NodeANDES square plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	4NodeANDES
Element side length	Height:1.00m
10m	60.34%
5m	45.14%
2m	37.83%
1m	36.69%
0.5m	36.40%
0.25m	36.32%

The errors were plotted in Figure (151).



(a) Error scale 0% - 70%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 151: 4NodeANDES square plate with edge simply supported  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

#### 4.6 Verification of 4NodeANDES circular plate with all edges clamped

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are clamped.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (46)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>16</sup> is

$$d = \frac{qa^4}{64D} = \frac{100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 1.7106 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (47)$$

The 4NodeANDES were shown in Figure (152) - (157).

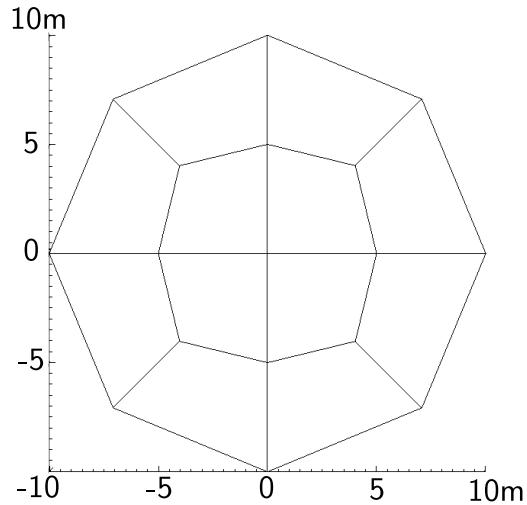


Figure 152: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>16</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

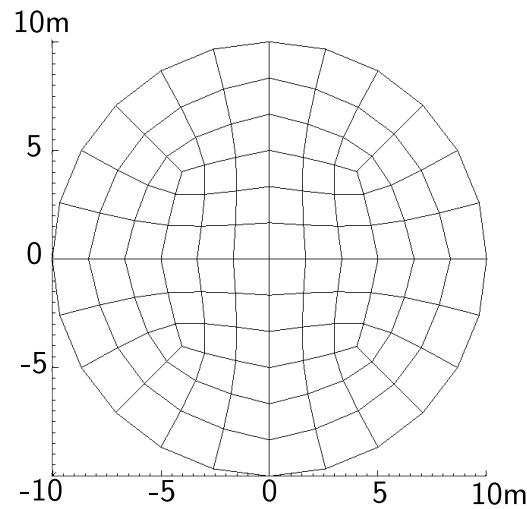


Figure 153: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 5m

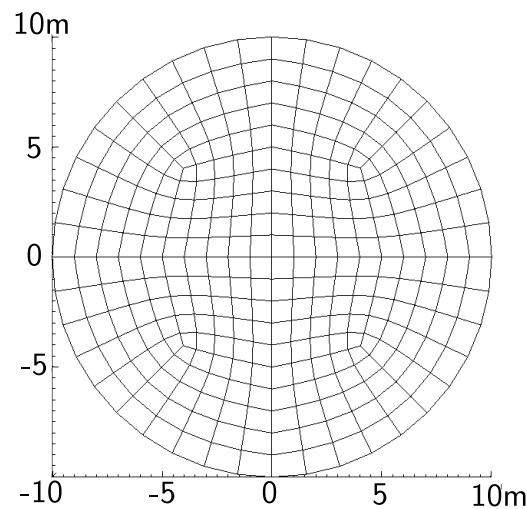


Figure 154: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 2m

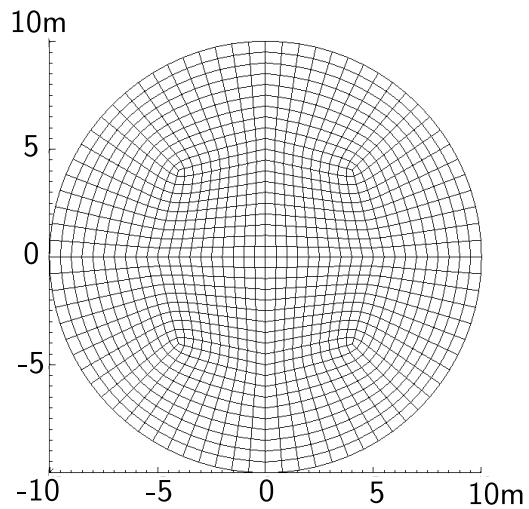


Figure 155: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 1m

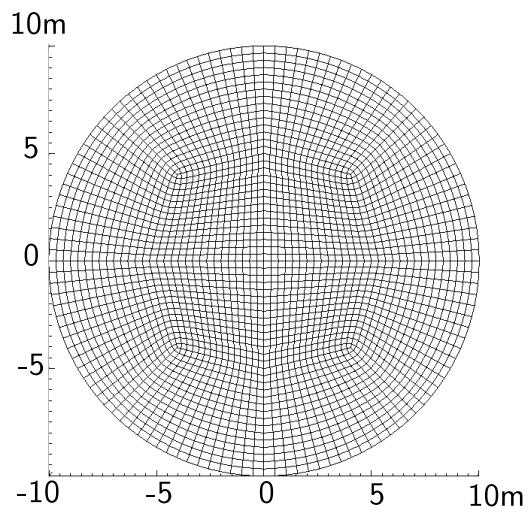


Figure 156: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.5m

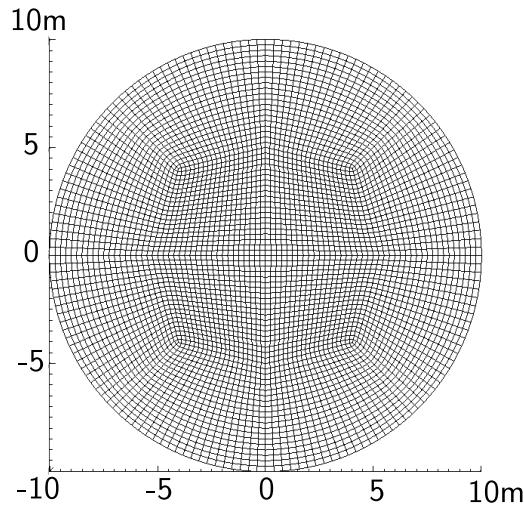


Figure 157: 4NodeANDES edge clamped circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (70).

Table 70: Results for 4NodeANDES circular plate with four edges clamped

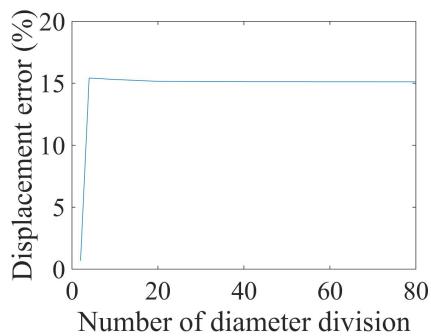
Element type	4NodeANDES	Theoretical displacement
Element side length	Height:1.00m	
10m	1.69E-003 m	1.706E-03 m
5m	1.97E-003 m	1.706E-03 m
2m	1.97E-003 m	1.706E-03 m
1m	1.96E-003 m	1.706E-03 m
0.5m	1.96E-003 m	1.706E-03 m
0.25m	1.96E-003 m	1.706E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (71).

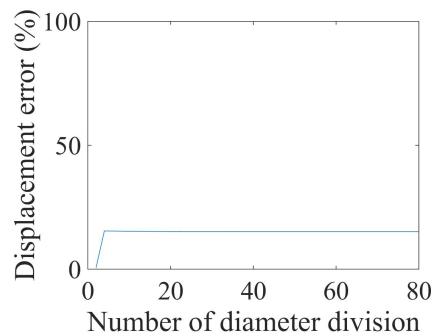
Table 71: Errors for 4NodeANDES circular plate with four edges clamped

Element type	4NodeANDES
Element side length	Height:1.00m
10m	0.71%
5m	15.43%
2m	15.31%
1m	15.16%
0.5m	15.13%
0.25m	15.12%

The errors were shown in Figure (158).



(a) Error scale 0% - 20%



(b) Error scale 0% - 100%

Figure 158: 4NodeANDES circular plate with edge clamped  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

The ESSI model fei files for the table above are here

#### 4.7 Verification of 4NodeANDES circular plate with all edges simply supported

Problem description: Diameter=20m, Height=1m, Force=100N, E=1E8Pa,  $\nu = 0.3$ .

The four edges are simply supported.

The load is the uniform normal pressure on the whole plate.

The plate flexural rigidity is

$$D = \frac{Eh^3}{12(1-\nu^2)} = \frac{10^8 N/m^2 \times 1^3 m^3}{12 \times (1 - 0.3^2)} = 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m \quad (48)$$

The theoretical solution<sup>17</sup> is

$$d = \frac{(5 + \nu)qa^4}{64(1 + \nu)D} = \frac{(5 + 0.3) \times 100N/m^2 \times 10^4 m^4}{64 \times (1 + 0.3) \times 9.1575 \times 10^6 N \cdot m} = 6.956 \times 10^{-3} m \quad (49)$$

The 4NodeANDES were shown in Figure (159) - (164).

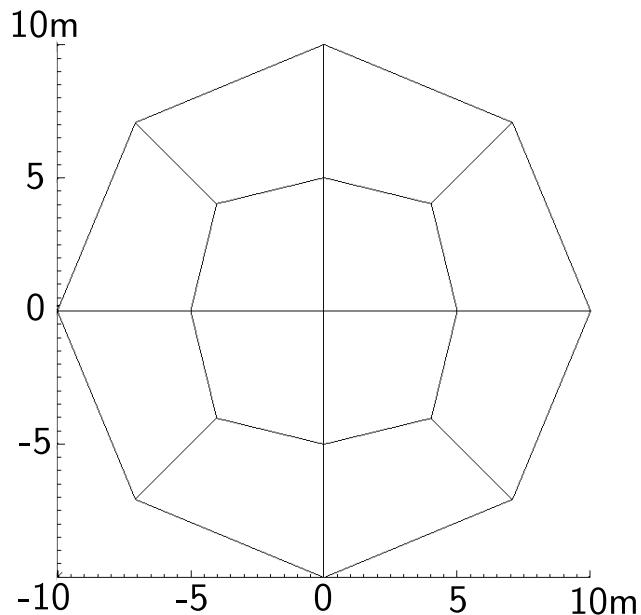


Figure 159: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 10m

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<sup>17</sup>Stephen Timoshenko, Theory of plates and shells (2nd edition). MrGRAW-Hill Inc, page55, 1959.

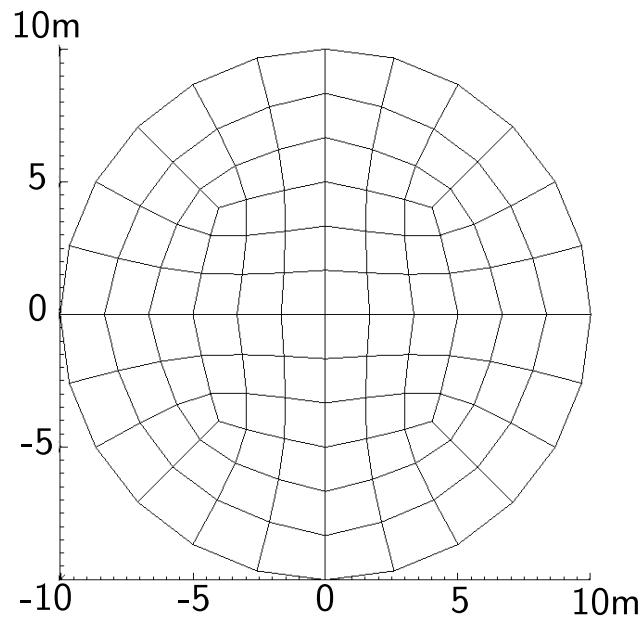


Figure 160: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 5m

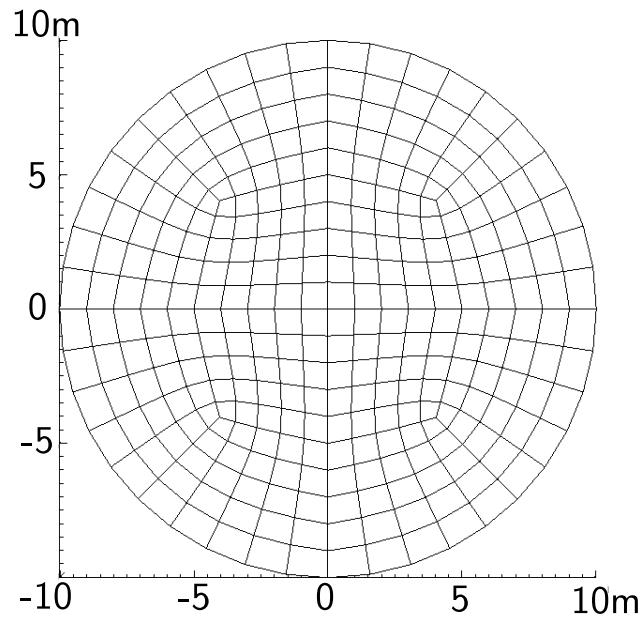


Figure 161: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 2m

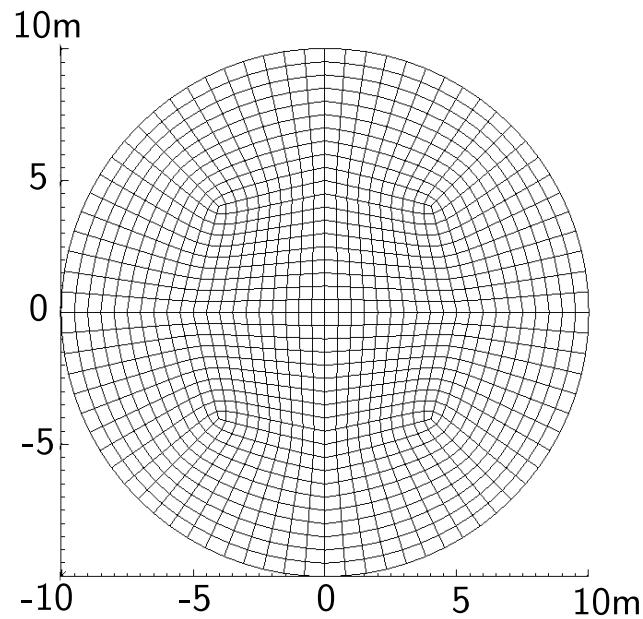


Figure 162: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 1m

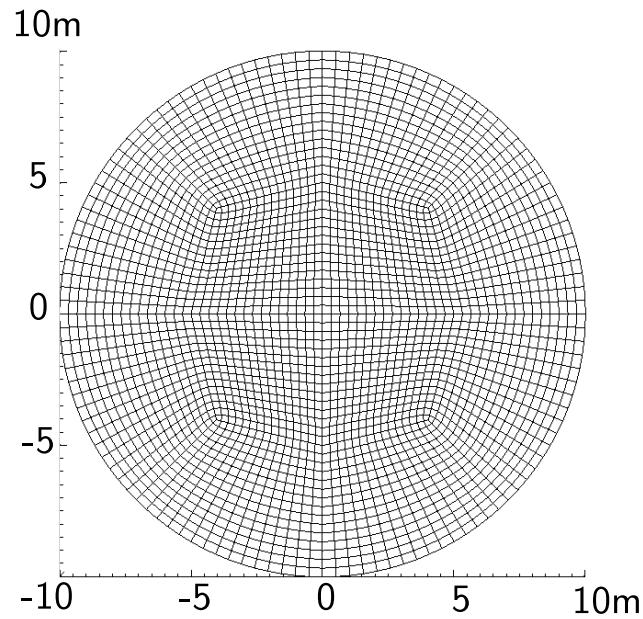


Figure 163: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.5m

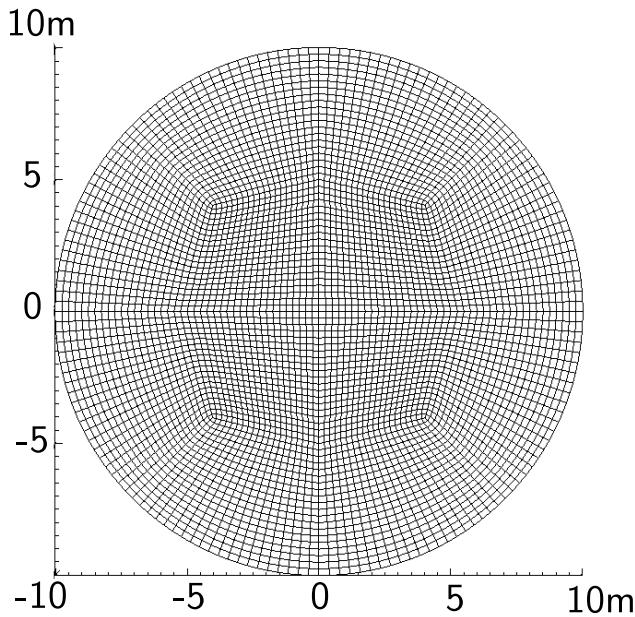


Figure 164: 4NodeANDES edge simply supported circular plate with element side length 0.25m

The results were listed in Table (72).

Table 72: Results for 4NodeANDES cicular plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	4NodeANDES	Theoretical displacement
Element side length	Height:1.00m	
10m	7.50E-003 m	6.956E-03 m
5m	7.29E-003 m	6.956E-03 m
2m	7.25E-003 m	6.956E-03 m
1m	7.23E-003 m	6.956E-03 m
0.5m	7.22E-003 m	6.956E-03 m
0.25m	7.22E-003 m	6.956E-03 m

The errors were listed in Table (73).

Table 73: Errors for 4NodeANDES cicular plate with four edges simply supported

Element type	4NodeANDES
Element side length	Height:1.00m
10m	7.75%
5m	4.73%
2m	4.15%
1m	3.89%
0.5m	3.84%
0.25m	3.82%

The errors were plotted in Figure (165).

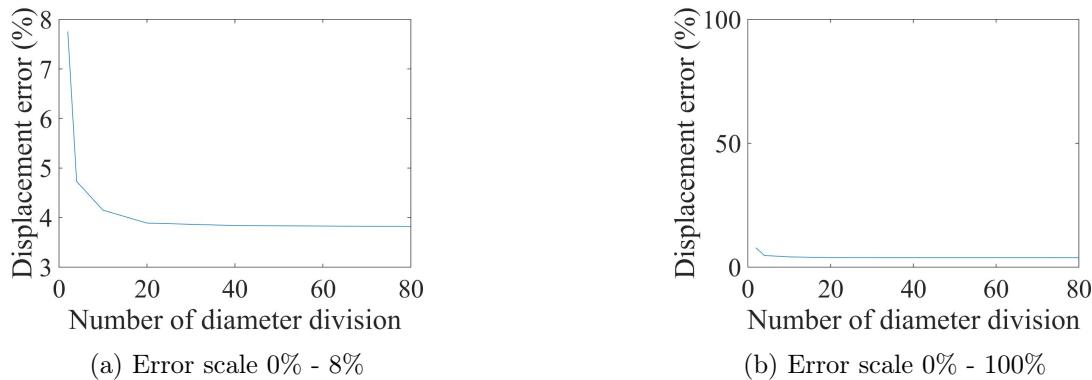


Figure 165: 4NodeANDES circular plate with edge simply supported  
Displacement error versus Number of side division

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