



Fig. 63 $n = 0$ circumferential waves (axisymmetric) linear buckling mode shape from STAGS for the optimum design of the **isogrid-stiffened** equivalent ellipsoidal shell listed in Table 52. The optimum design was obtained with BIGBOSOR4 with the use of plus and minus axisymmetric **mode 1, mode 2, mode 3, and mode 4** imperfection shapes with amplitude, $W_{imp} = 0.2$ inch. This STAGS buckling mode is analogous to the axisymmetric buckling mode from BIGBOSOR4 shown in Fig. 56, which in GENOPT jargon is called “**mode 3**”. It corresponds to eigenvalue no. 9 in the STAGS model. Compare with the 2nd axisymmetric buckling mode for the “2-mode” optimized isogrid-stiffened shell shown in Fig. 9.