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## **Abstract**

Knuckle joint is used to connect two rods whose axes either coincide or intersect and lie in one plane. It is used to transmit axial tensile force and permits limited angular movement between rods, about the axis of the pin. As the rods are subjects to tensile force, yield strength is the criterion for the selection of material for the rods. The pin is subjected to shear stress and bending stress. Therefore, strength is criterion for material selection for the pin. The objective of this project is to design and analysis the structural deformation, stresses in a Knuckle joint. Here the Knuckle joint is modelled by using Creo and analysis is done by ANSYS workbench.

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# 1. Introduction

A Knuckle joint is used to connect two rods which are the action of tension forced when a small amount of flexibility or angular moment is necessary . It is basically a tensile joint. However, if the joint is guided, it may support a compressible load . This joint can be readily disconnected for adjustments or repairs.

The knuckle joint assembly consists of the following major components:

1. Single eye
2. Double eye or fork
3. Knuckle pin

The end of one rod is formed into an eye and the end of another rod is formed into fork with an eye in each of the fork leg. The eye is inserted into the fork and after aligning the holes in the eye and fork, the knuckle pin is inserted through them. The knuckle pin has a head at one end and the other end it is secured by a collar and a taper pin or split pin Fig 1 show the knuckle joint with various elements

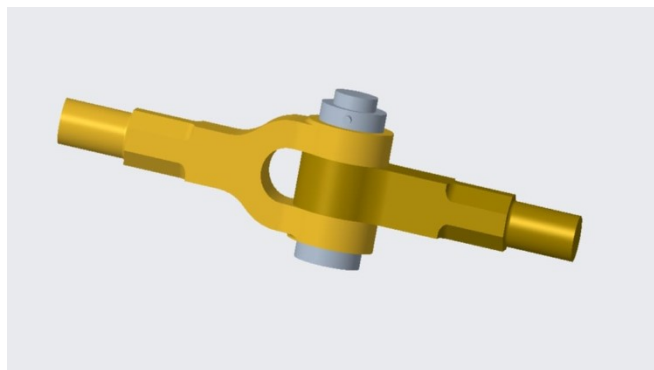


Figure of Knuckle Joint

## 1.1 Applications of Knuckle joint

1. Tie rod joint of roof truss.
2. Tension link in bridge structure.
3. Link of roller chain.
4. Tie rod joint of jib crane.
5. The Knuckle joint is also used in tractor

## 1.2 Failure of Knuckle Joint

A Knuckle joint may be failed on the following three modes

- > Shear failure of pin (Single shear).
- > Crushing of pin against rod.
- > Tensile failure of flat end bar

## 2. Material Selection

There are several materials used for manufacturing of Knuckle joint as S.G iron (ductile iron), white cast iron and grey cast iron. But grey cast iron is mostly used. Structural steel is most demanding material for this application. Therefore, structural steel is used here.

Modulus of Elasticity	$20 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$
Poisson's Ratio	0.3
Density	$7850 \text{ kg/m}^3$
Yield Strength	250 MPa
Ultimate Strength	460 MPa



## 2.1 Bill of Material

Parts used in the assembly of Knuckle joint is Provided in the Table given below

**Table 2 Parts List**

Part No.	Description	Material	Quantity
1	Fork	Structural Steel	1
2	Eye	Structural Steel	1
3	Knuckle Pin	Structural Steel	1
4	Collar	Structural Steel	1
5	Taper pin	Structural Steel	1

## 3. Analytical Design

Following Data is Provided for the design of Knuckle joint,

$P = \text{Load Carried by the rods} = 12000\text{N}$

$\text{Diameter of Rod} = d = 25\text{mm}$

### 3.1 Design

For Structural Steel,

Tensile Stress( $\sigma_1$ ) = 250 Mpa.

Crushing Stress( $\sigma_{ck}$ ) = 250MPa.

Shear stress( $\tau$ ) = 125MPa

Assuming Factor of Safety(FoS) = 5

Allowable Stresses are,

Allowable Tensile stress[ $\sigma_1$ ] = 50MPa,

Crushing stress[ $\sigma_{ck}$ ] = 50MPa,

Shear stress[ $\tau$ ] = 25MPa

## From Empirical Relationships

1. Outer diameter of the eye

$$d_2 = 1.5 \times d$$

$$d_2 = 1.5 \times 25$$

$$d_2 = 37.5 = 38\text{mm}$$

2. Diameter of the pin head

$$d_3 = 1.5 \times d$$

$$d_3 = 1.5 \times 25$$

$$d_3 = 37.5 = 38\text{mm}$$

3. Thickness of the eye

$$t_1 = 1.2 \times d$$

$$t_1 = 1.2 \times 25$$

$$t = 30\text{mm}$$

4. Thickness of the Fork

$$t_1 = 0.7 \times d$$

$$t_1 = 0.7 \times 25$$

$$t_1 = 17.5 = 17.5\text{mm}$$

5. Thickness of the pin head

$$t_1 = 0.4 \times d$$

$$t_1 = 0.4 \times 25$$

$$t_1 = 10\text{mm}$$

## 3.2 checking whether the design is safe

1. Checking failure of single Eye in Tension across the slot

$$\sigma_t = P / (d_2 - d_1) \times t = 12000 / (50 - 25) \times 30$$

$$\sigma_t = 16\text{N/MM}^2 < 50\text{N/MM}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Tension

## **2.Checking failure of Single Eye in Crushing**

$$\sigma_{ck} = P/d_1 t = 12000/25 \times 30$$

$$\sigma_{ck} = 16 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Crushing.

## **3.Checking failure of single Eye in Shear**

$$\tau = P/(d_2 - d_1) t = 12000/(50 - 25) \times 30$$

$$\tau = 16 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Shearing.

## **4.Checking failure of Fork End in Tension**

$$\sigma_1 = P/2 \times (d_2 - d_1) t_1 = 12000/2 \times (50 - 25) \times 17.5$$

$$\sigma_1 = 13.71 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Tension.

## **5.Checking failure of Fork End in Crushing**

$$\sigma_{ck} = P/2 \times d_1 t_1 = 12000/2 \times 25 \times 17.5$$

$$\sigma_{ck} = 13.17 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Crushing.

## **6.Checking failure of Fork End in Shear**

$$\tau = P/2 \times (d_2 - d_1) t_1 = 12000/2 \times (50 - 25) \times 17.5$$

$$\tau = 16 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Shear.

## **7.Checking failure of Knuckle Pin in Shear**

$$\tau = P/2 \times 3.14/4 \times d_1^2 = 12000/2 \times 3.14 \times 25^2$$

$$\tau = 12.22 < 25 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in shear.

## 8. Modeling failure of Rod in Tension

$$\sigma_t = P / (3.14/4) \times d^2 = 12000 / (3.14/4) \times 25^2$$

$$\sigma_t = 24.446 \text{ N/mm}^2 < 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Hence, design is safe in Tension.

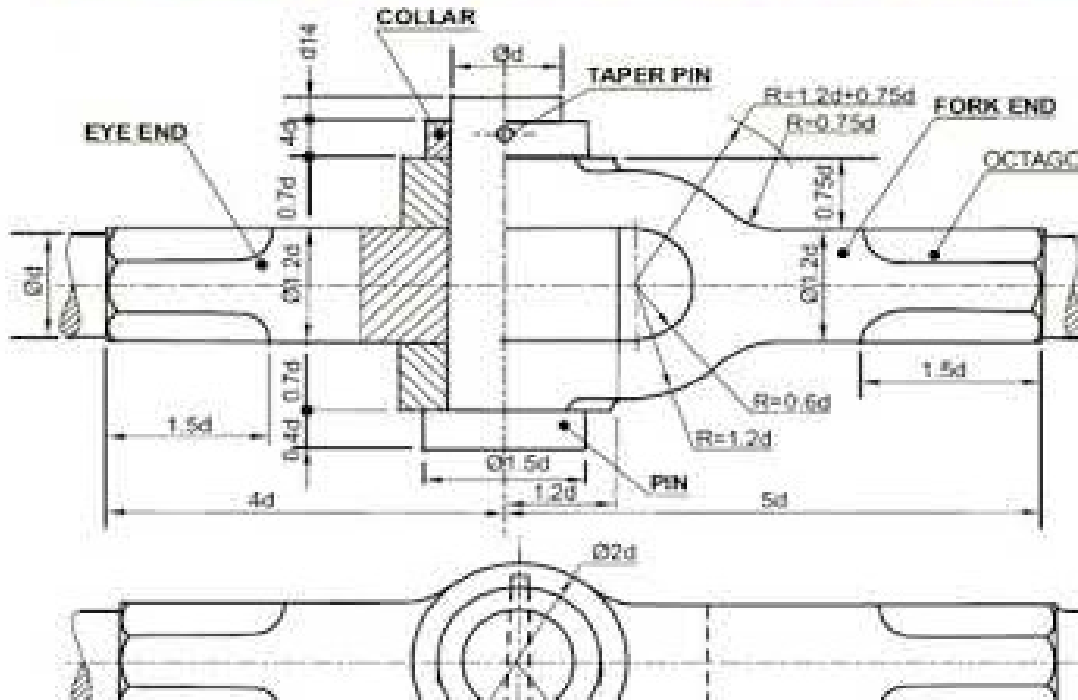
Therefore, finally from the above design Table shows the various dimensions of the Designed Knuckle Joint.

Table Parameters

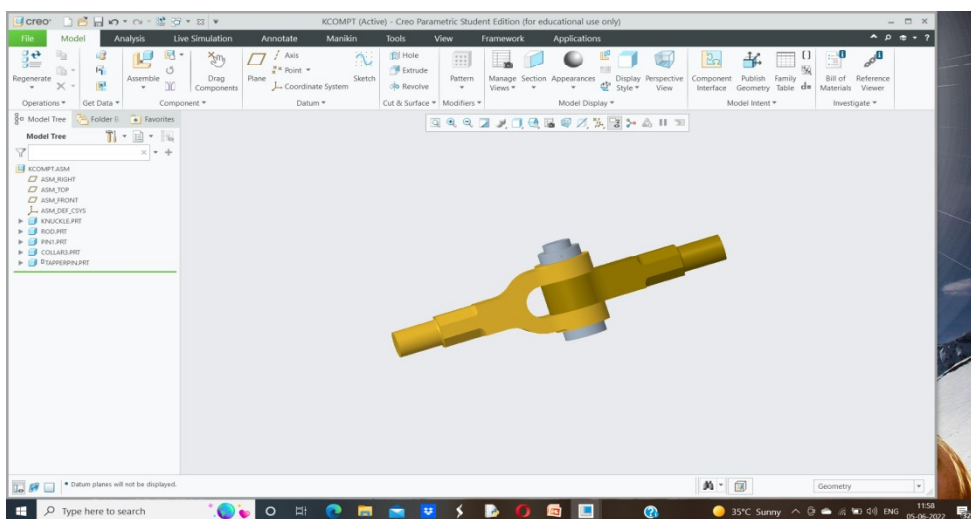
Parameter	Dimensions
Rod Diameter(d)	25mm
Load applied(P)	12000N
Diameter of Knuckle pin(dp)	25mm
Thickness of Single Eye(t)	30mm
Thickness of Fork(t2)	17.5
outer diameter of Eye(d2)	50mm
Thickness of pin Head(t3)	10mm

## 4..Drafting of Knuckle Joint

**Dimensions of a Knuckle Joint or Pin Joint is**  
**the diameter(d) of the rods to be connec**

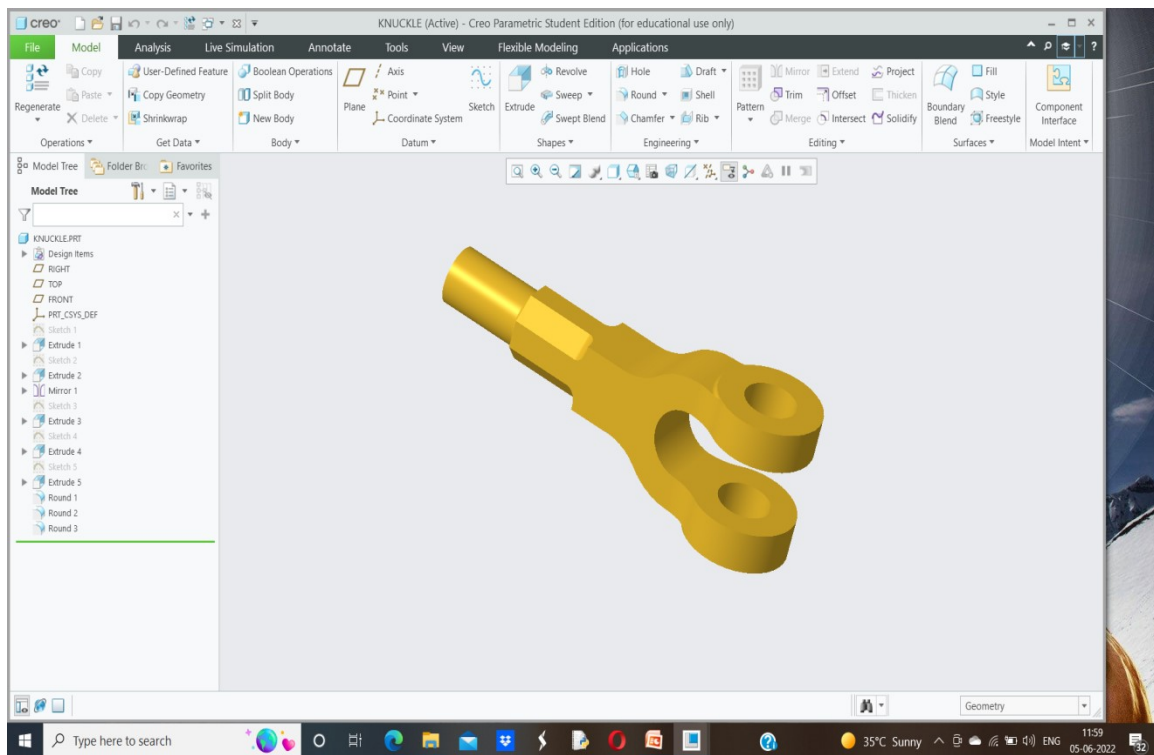


## 4.1 Model of Knuckle joint

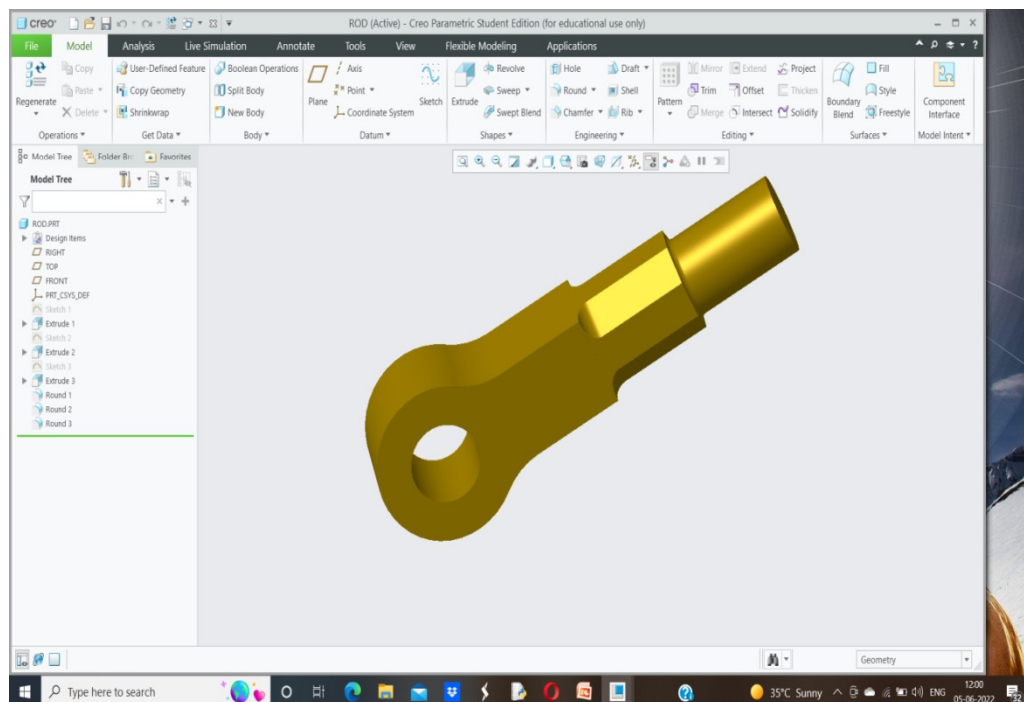


## Figure Assembly of Knuckle Joint

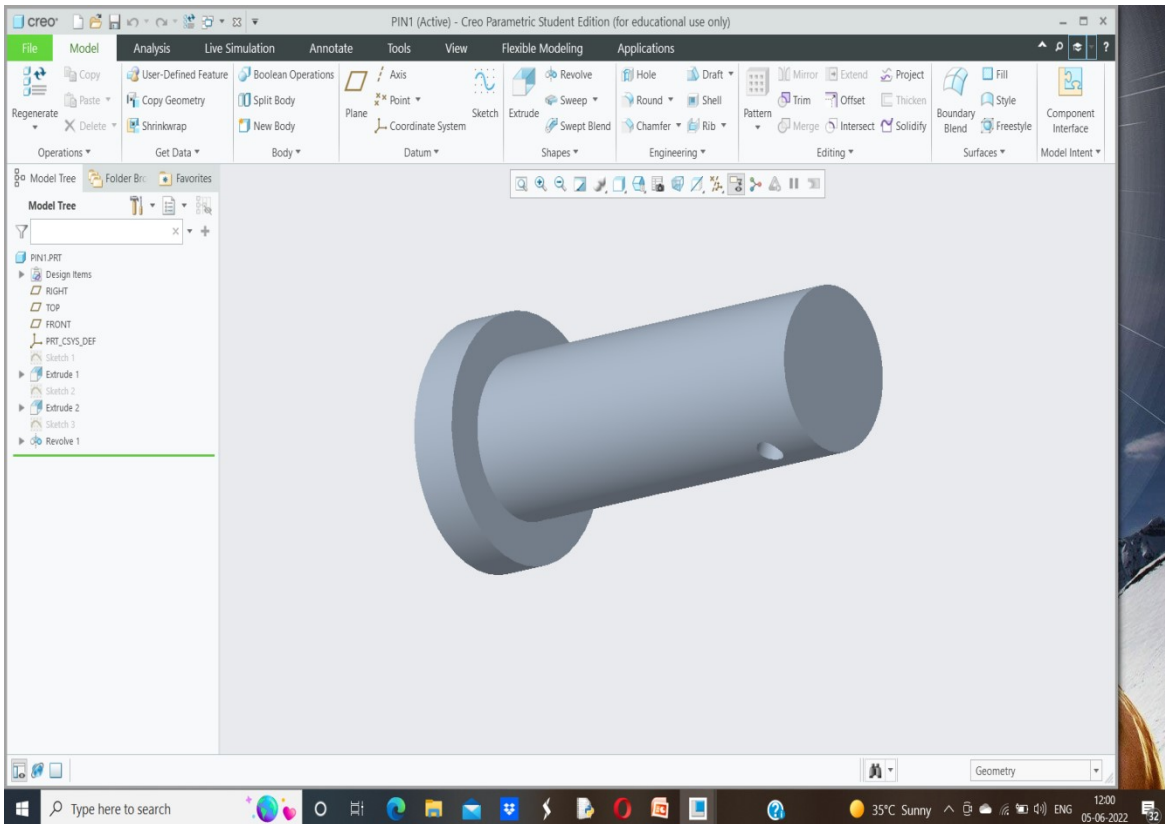
## 4.2 Modeling of Fork End



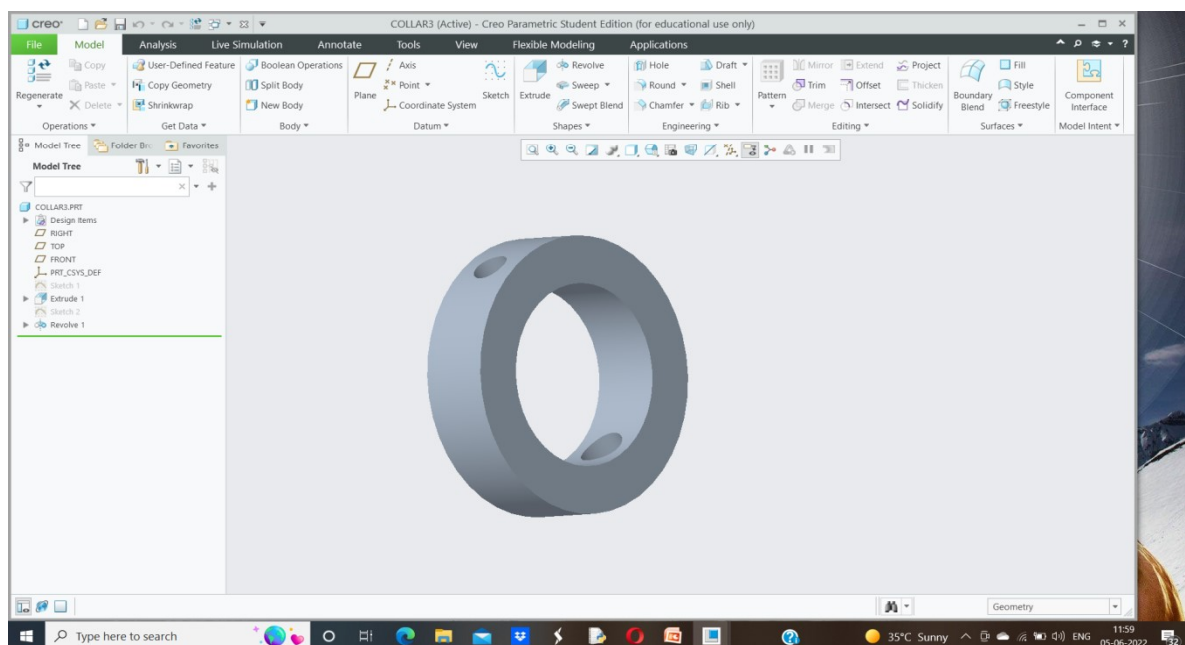
## 4.3 Modeling of Single End Eye



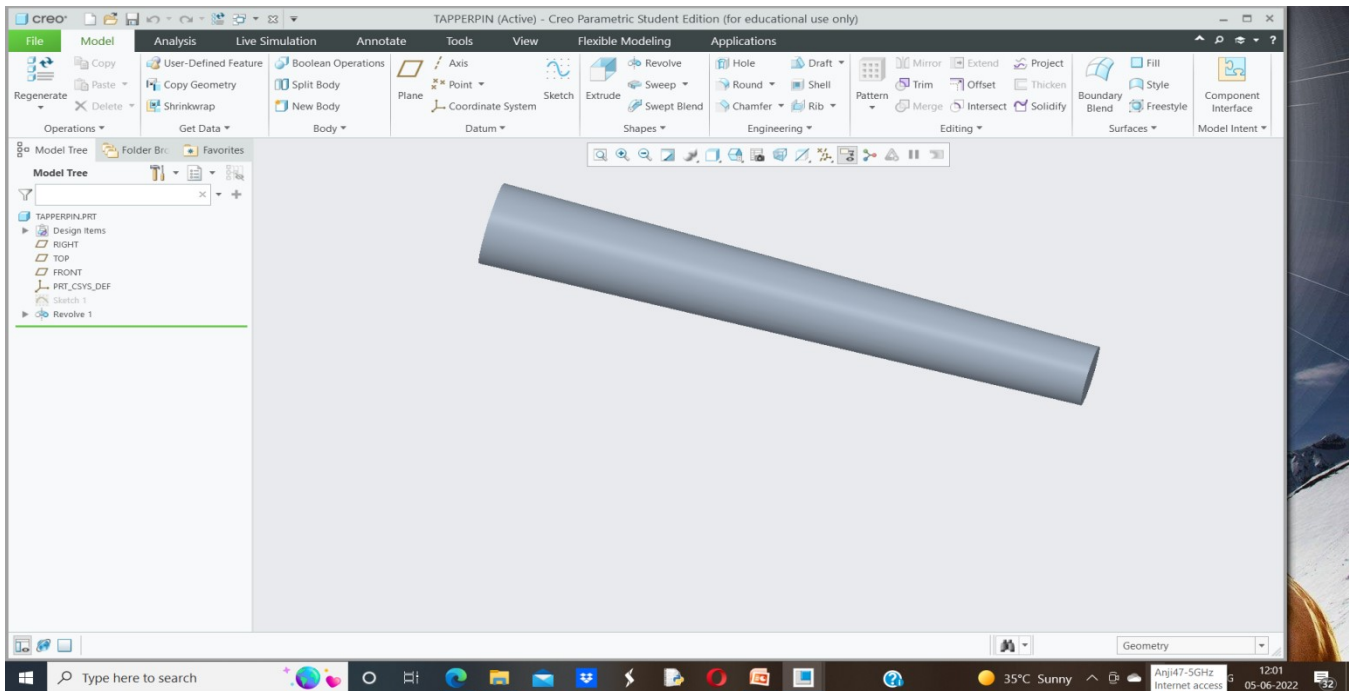
## 4.4 Modeling of Knuckle Pin



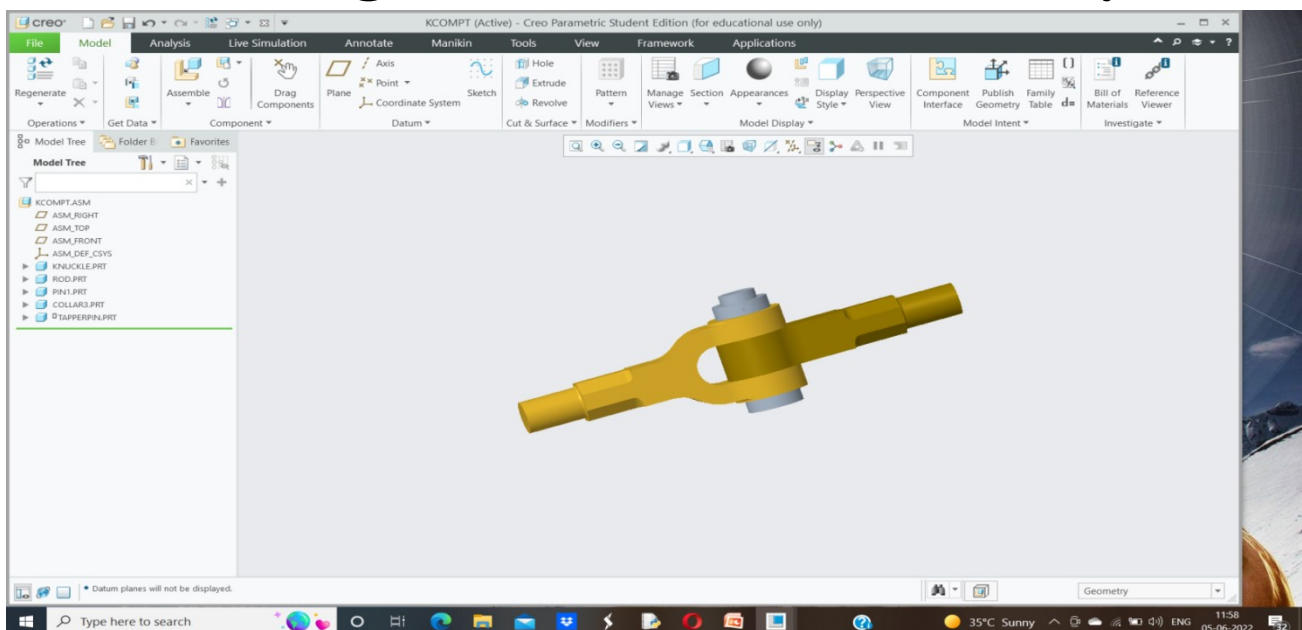
## 4.5 Modeling of Collar



## 4.6 Modeling of Tapper Pin



## 4.7 Modeling of Knuckle Joint Assembly





## 4.Meshed Model of Knuckle Joint

In order to carry out the stress analysis, mesh was developed for the Knuckle joint. The tetrahedral elements have been used . The mesh consists of 25714 nodes and 6717 elements and elements size 4mm. The meshing of domains has been shown in fig

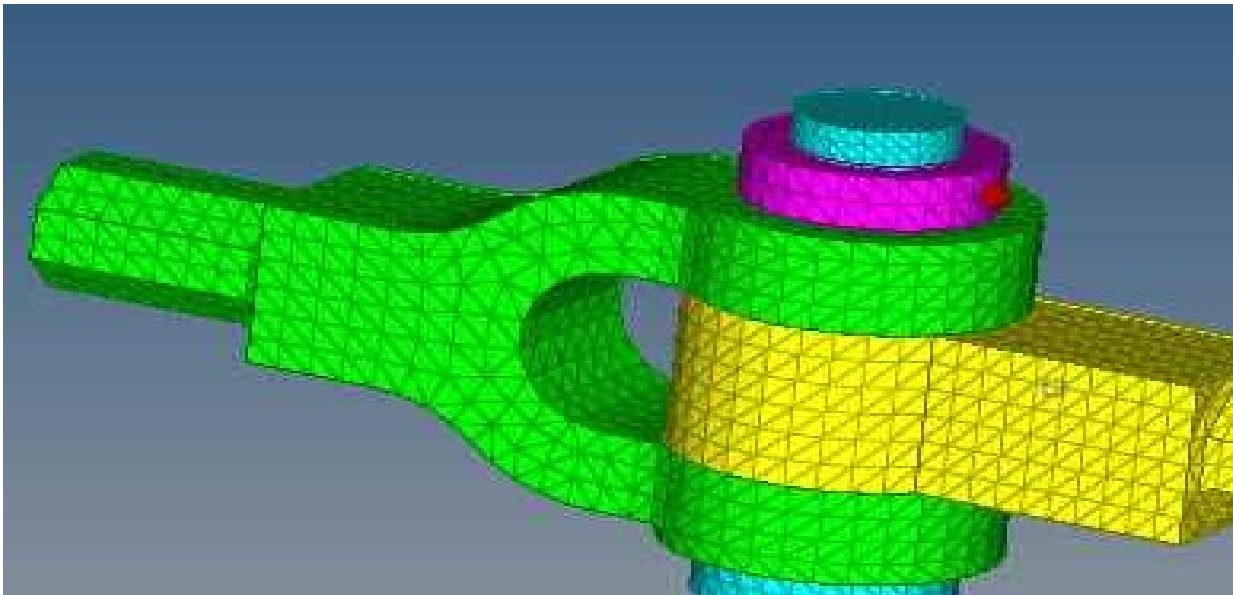
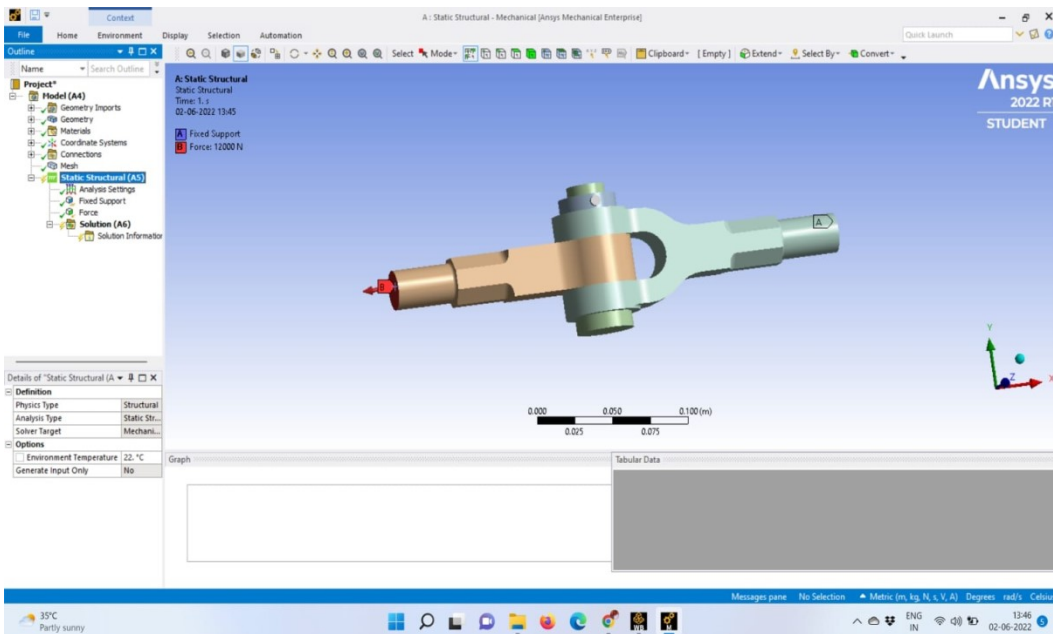


Figure Meshing

Table Mesh details

Mesh type	Coarse Mesh
Element Type	Quad/tetra
Number of Nodes	25714
Number of Elements	6717

# 6. Boundary Conditions



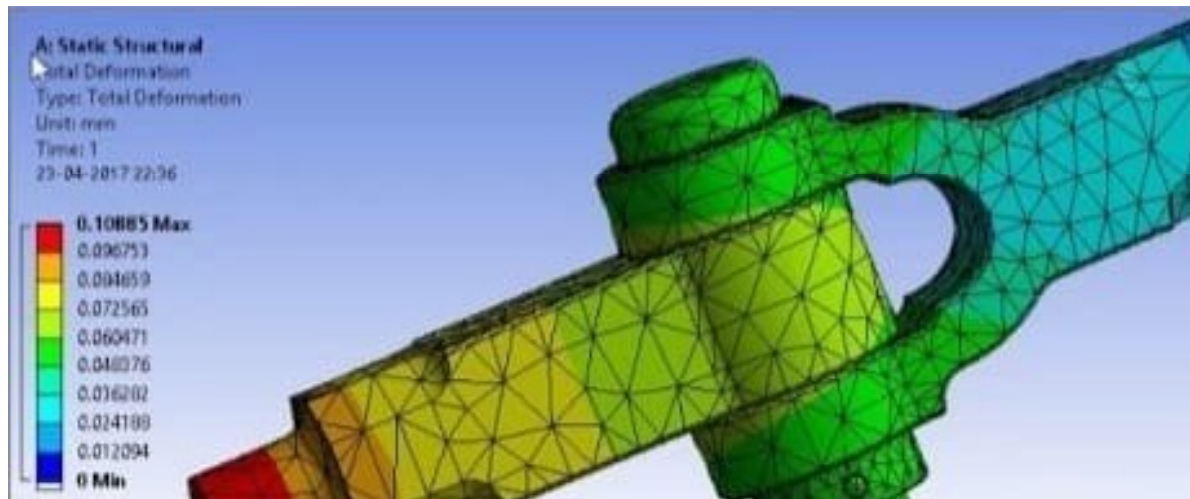
## Boundary Condition :

- >The axial tensile force of 12000N is applied on the other end.
- > The Knuckle Joint is fixed at the fork End.

# 7.Results

## 7.1 Deformation of knuckle Joint:

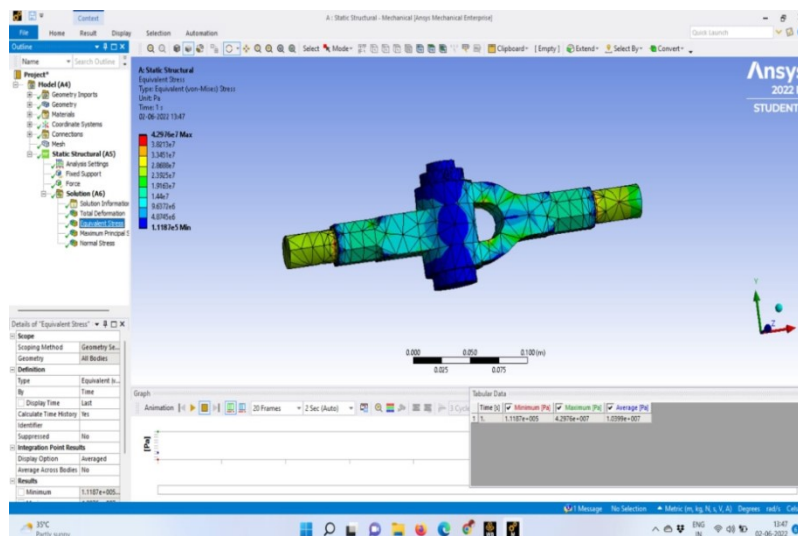
After applying tensile load in the joint it is seen that maximum deformation occurs is 0.073416mm. Fig show the graphical deformation occurred and zones are highlighted in different colours. Red indicates maximum deformation while blue region shows minimum



Deformation of knuckle joint

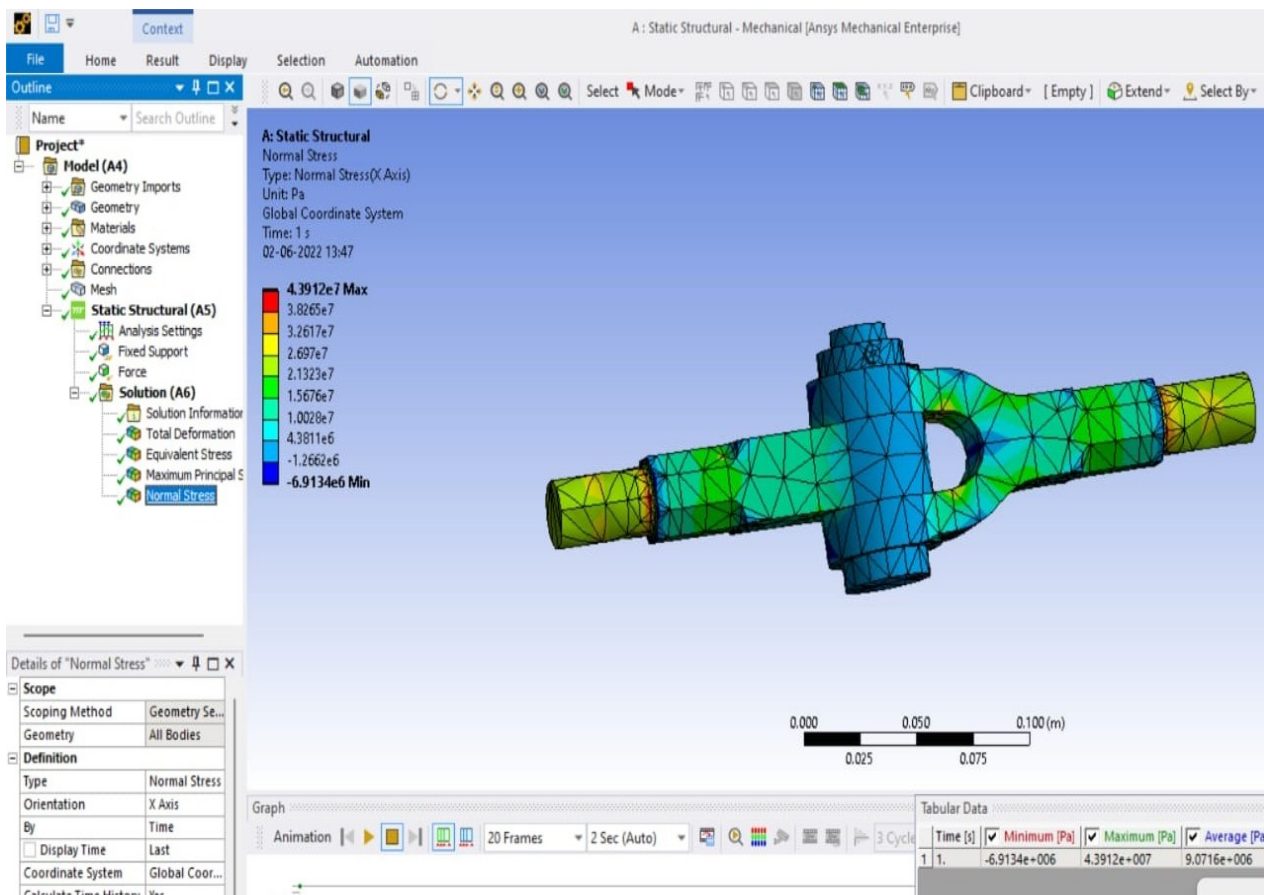
## 7.2 Equivalent stresses

Fig shows equivalent stresses produced in the Joint . The maximum tends to 41.328MPa while minimum varies to 0.0036292MPa



## 7.3 Normal Stress

Fig shows equivalent stresses produced in the joint. The maximum tends to 44.1MPa while minimum varies to 6.9MPa



## Results from FEA

Parameter	Maximum	Minimum
Deformation	0.0026mm	0mm
Equivalent(von mises)Stress	42.9MPa	0.11MPa
Normal stress on joints	44.1MPa	6.91MPa

## 8.Conclusion

It is concluded from the above study that using CREO and Ansys Workbench software designs and modelling becomes easier . Here material used for Knuckle Joint is Structural steel because structural steel sustain more Load than other material. From the above results using structural steel as a material for a 25mm diameter Knuckle Joint, the design is safe a 12KN load

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