

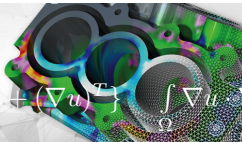
PATRAN / NASTRAN

Lecture 2/4

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Patran



$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \{ \nabla u + (\nabla u)^T \}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f v \, d\Omega$$



MSC Nastran



$$\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

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Lectures Scope

1. Lecture 1 deals with basics Finite Element Method and introduces NASTRAN and PATRAN softwares. A cantilever beam is studied in linear elasticity and then with geometrical non linearity. If time left students can realize another exercise defined in appendixes §D.
2. Lecture 2 deals with plates and shells. A 2D plate with a hole is studied to assess a K_T . Then buckling modes are computed for the same plate under compressive load. Finally a GUYAN static reduction is performed.
3. Lecture 3 will let students finish Lecture 2 case studies before an assessment of a time dependent response for a beam and a contact 3D modelization.
4. Lecture 4 deals with FSM idealization.

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Finite Element Method's Theory

Weak form

One solves POISSON's equation :

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It is considered $f \in L^2(\Omega)$. It is assumed $u \in H^2(\Omega)$. Thus by GREEN formula

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If it is chosen $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ one has

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f v d\Omega \quad , \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) (35)$$

The equation (35) is called the variational formulation or the weak form of the differential equation (33).

Finite Element Method's Theory

Simple bending element

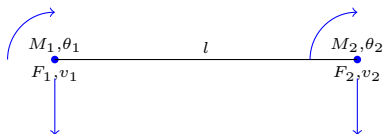


Figure 25: Simple bending element assumption sketch

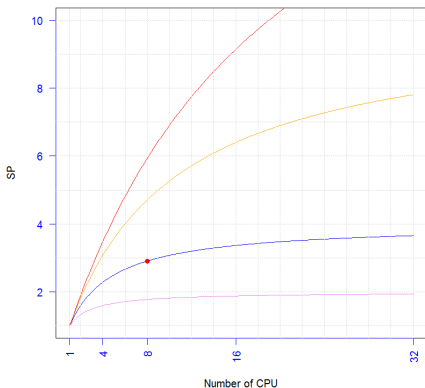
For a simple bending element one has the relationship

$$\begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ M_1 \\ F_2 \\ M_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{2EI}{l^3} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3l & -6 & -3l \\ -3l & 2l^2 & 3l & l^2 \\ -6 & 3l & 6 & 3l \\ -3l & l^2 & 3l & 2l^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} v_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ v_2 \\ \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} \quad (42)$$

Computer Performance

AMDAHL's law

Nowadays every computer comes with more than one CPU. The time elapsed for a single run (sometimes referred as wallclock time) desired to be fine tuned will comply to AMDAHL's law (1967):



$$SP = \frac{1}{S + \frac{1-S}{R}} \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (43)$$

Opposite are plotted some speed-up reachable from 50% (pink) to 95% (red) // -ed code.

For example the speed-up obtained for a program whose 75% (thus $1 - S = 75\%$) of its internal code take benefit of 8 CPU in comparison to the serial part (ratio R) is:

$$SP = \frac{1}{0.25 + \frac{0.75}{8}} \sim 3 \quad . \quad . \quad . \quad (44)$$

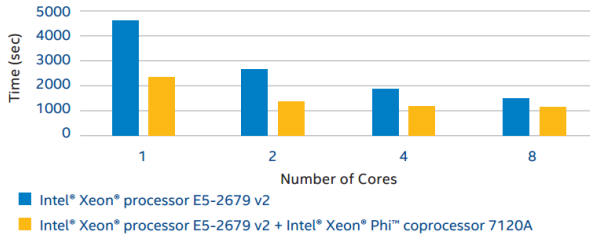
The latter is the ● opposite.

Refer to modern textbooks about parallel computing (as [1]) or higher performance computing (CPU/GPU) for deeper insight.

Computer Performance

INTEL/MSC.NASTRAN 2016 α Benchmark

Up to 2X the Performance for MSC Nastran using Intel Xeon Phi Coprocessors
(Lower is better)



Adding an Intel Xeon Phi coprocessor to a two-socket server based on the Intel Xeon processor E5 v2 family can provide up to 2x the performance for an MSC Nastran static analysis versus the same server without the coprocessor.²

Figure 26: INTEL/MSC.NASTRAN 2016 α Benchmark [2]. This is a real world example of communication done by processors/hardware manufacturers (INTEL here). One encounters vocabulary such as MPI, MKL, SMP, DMP, Dual Core, CUDA, GPU/CPU, coprocessors... in those technical papers. Today a simulation engineer has to have a background in HPC (High Computer Performance) because it is an available standard in most companies. MSC introduced in 2017 a dedicated User's Guide [3]. Now return to real world too... Strength of Materials ☺

Extra case studies - Clamped curved beam

Definition #1

The framework is linear elasticity. A load F is applied in C. The beam has translation degrees of freedom clamped in A and is supported in B. The beam has a rectangular section $S = b \times h$ with $b = h = 10$ mm and $R = 1000$ mm. Inertia worth $I_z = \frac{bh^3}{12}$. The beam is made of steel $E = 200$ GPa and $\nu = 0.30$. A 1000 kg mass has been hung at C.

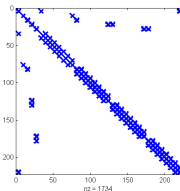
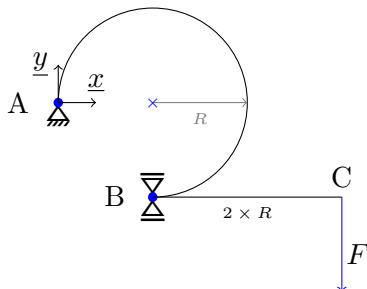


Figure 27: NASTRAN K_{GG} fill-in pattern plotted under MATLAB. Matrix is 3.52% dense (222 dof).

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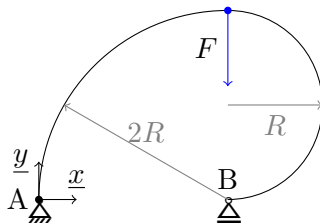
Closed form solution : At C vertical displacement worth

$$v_C = -39 \frac{FR^3}{EI_z} \quad \dots \dots \dots (45)$$

Extra case studies - Clamped curved beam

Definition #2

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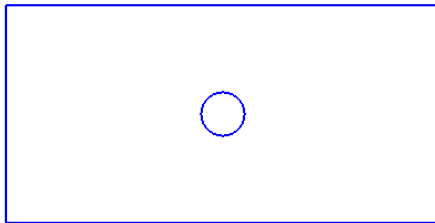
Closed form solution : At load application point vertical displacement worth

$$v = -\frac{2\pi}{5} \frac{FR^3}{EI_z} \quad \dots \dots \dots (46)$$

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Definition

The framework is linear elasticity.



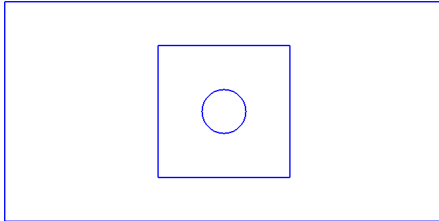
The plate is $t = 5$ mm thick, $w = 50$ mm wide and $L = 100$ mm long. Structure is clamped LHS and a $\sigma_0 = 100$ MPa tensile load is applied RHS. Hole has a diameter $D = 10$ mm. The plate is made of aluminium $E = 70$ GPa and $\nu = 0.33$.

Aim of Case study # 3 : Students have to find the stress concentration factor K_T associated to the hole.

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Meshing Technique

A square patch is to be designed under PATRAN around the hole.



This will basically allow to have a better assessment of stress around the hole.

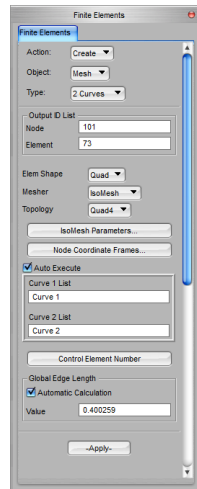
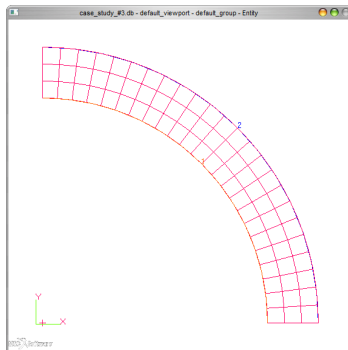
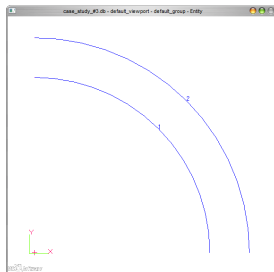
Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Meshing Technique

Background : In order to mesh a surface the latter may be defined. But it does exist a more efficient solution.

Technique : A surface may be meshed only drawing in PATRAN boundary curves and using the **Mesh > 2 Curves** menu form.

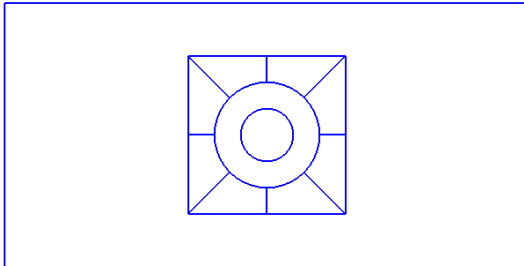
Example : Consider the two arcs in next PATRAN snapshots. One realizes the mesh of the surface between the 2 curves without necessity of its definition.



Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Meshing Technique

The patch is to be split under PATRAN in 8 subdomains. The mesh is to be built with NASTRAN CQUAD4 elements.



Nota : 2 circles are not shown in the above figure but do exist to build the mesh.

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

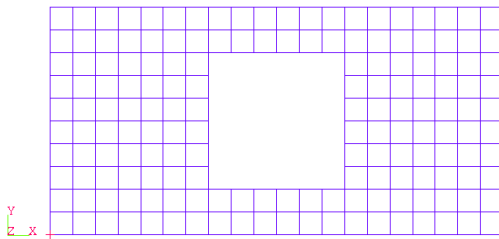
Meshing Technique

With PATRAN sketch the patches first. Assumptions are :

1. choose the number of square elements around the hole N with $N \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
e.g. $N = 72$
2. circular patch around the hole for a side length N square elements
3. circular patch around the hole for $3a \times 2a$ rectangular elements to be broken for the transition mesh
4. $2 \times R$ radius circular patch around the hole
5. square patch has a $6 \times R = 3 \times D$ side length

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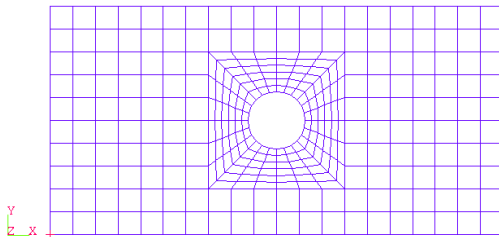
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The plate contains coarse CQUAD4 $5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$ elements.

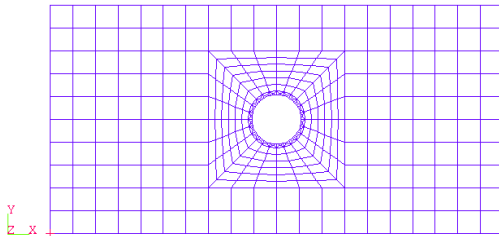
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Mesh



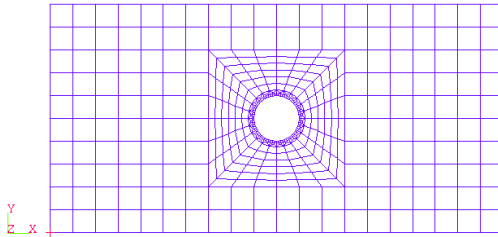
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Mesh



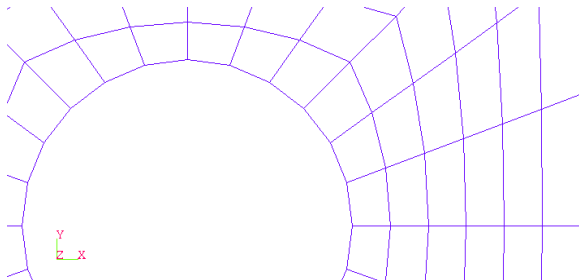
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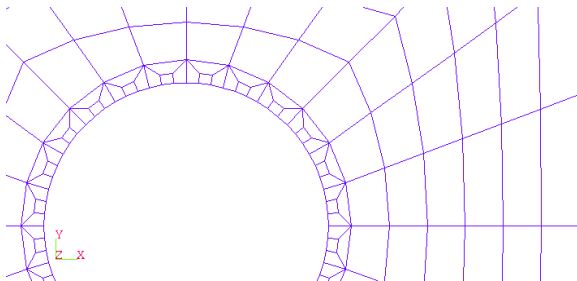
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Mesh



Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Mesh



The plate contains an area of transition elements from 1 to 3 CQUAD4. The transition is done in PATRAN splitting 24 CQUAD4 with the **Utilities** menu.

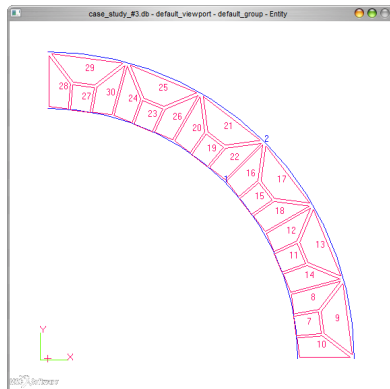
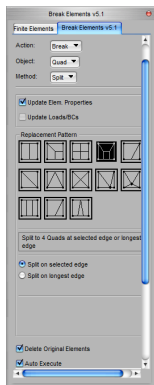
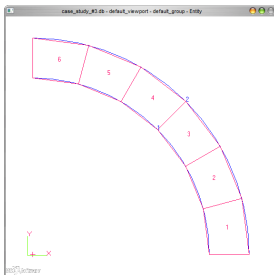
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Mesh

Background : In order to refine a mesh one can shape every element. But it does exist a more efficient solution to derive the fine mesh from a coarse mesh.

Technique : Enter the **Utilities > Fem-Elements > Break Elements** menu form.

Example : Consider the mesh done between the two arcs. One splits each CQUAD4 in four smaller ones with the selection of the desired element and an edge.

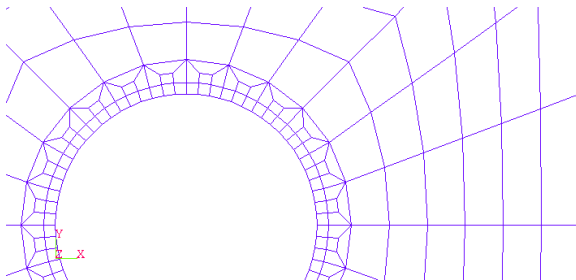


Nota : Next to the break operation the inner nodes need to be orthogonally moved onto the inner circle (From **Finite Elements** Menu Form : Action/Modify, Object/Nodes, Type/Projection).

Hint : Select inner nodes with PATRAN lasso (Ctrl + left mouse)

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Mesh



The circular boundary of the structure contains 72 CQUAD4.

Nota : Remove duplicate nodes with the **Equivalence** PATRAN function of the **Mesh** Menu form.

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Mesh



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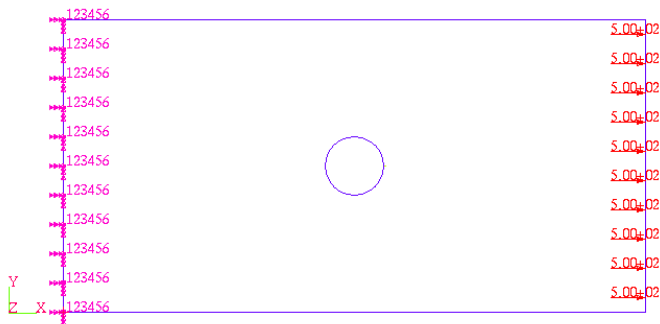
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Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

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Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

K_T assessment

K_T is defined as

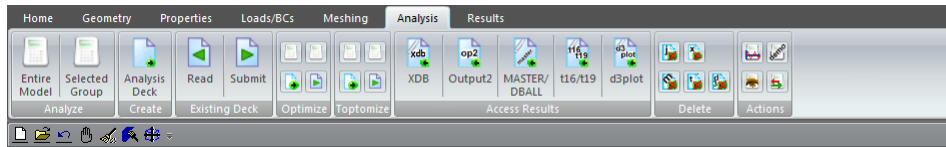
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Nota : when the problem is easy K_T definition is straightforward ; but for complex structure σ_0 is usually particularly touchy to recover a universal definition. A reference textbook for K_T definition is the PETERSON [4].

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

NASTRAN linear static run

NASTRAN .dat is generated from **Analysis** menu



Then run the analysis with NASTRAN

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$ nastran case_study_3.dat news=n old=n scr=y
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User obtains as output to NASTRAN run

- case_study_3.log : Control File
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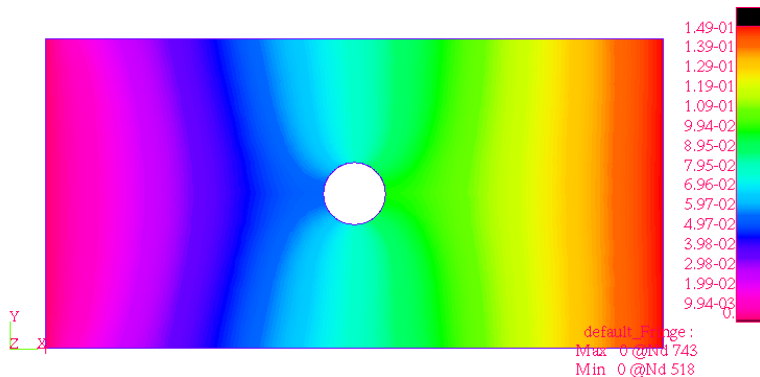
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2

Students have to plot the displacement field u in PATRAN after the import of the .op2.

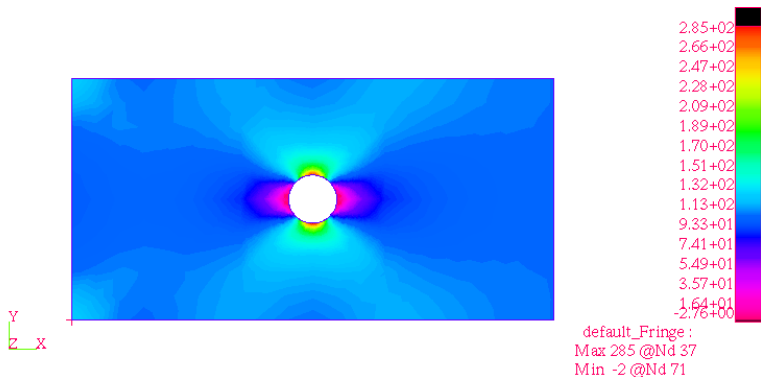
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - u [mm]



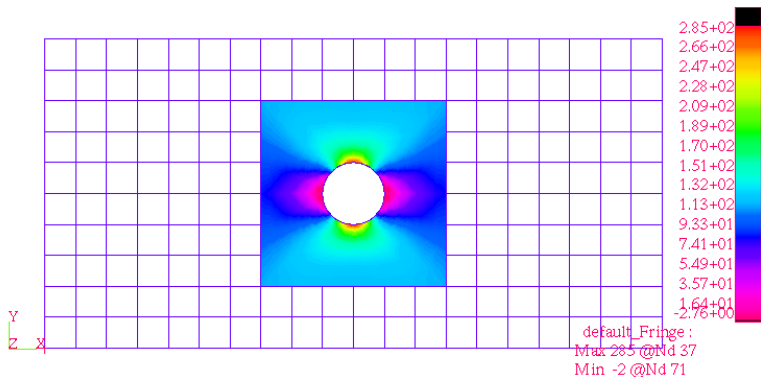
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - σ_I [MPa]



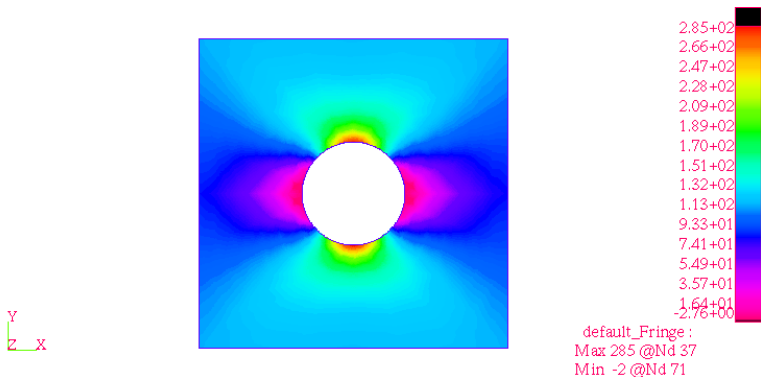
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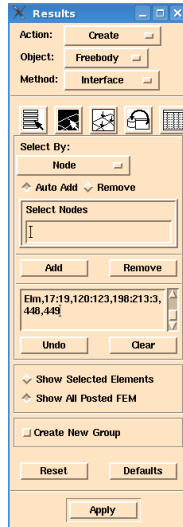
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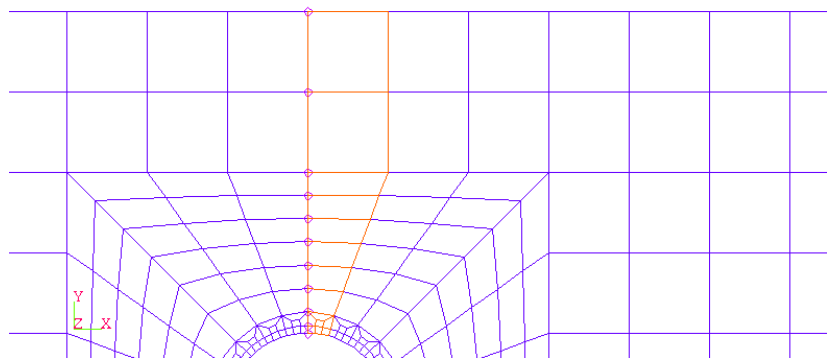
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - freebody diagram form



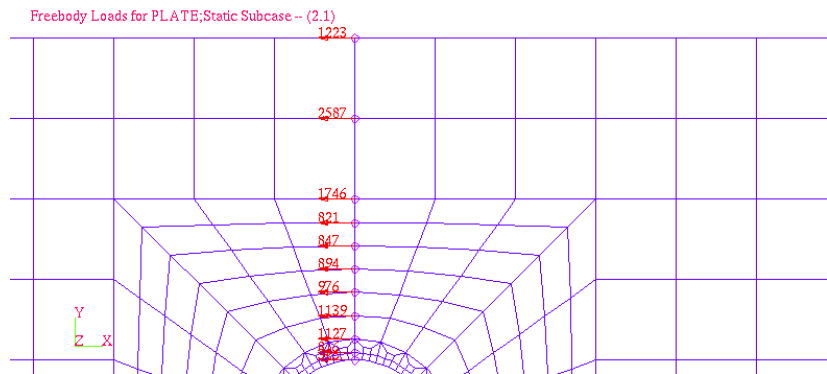
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - elements and nodes for freebody diagram



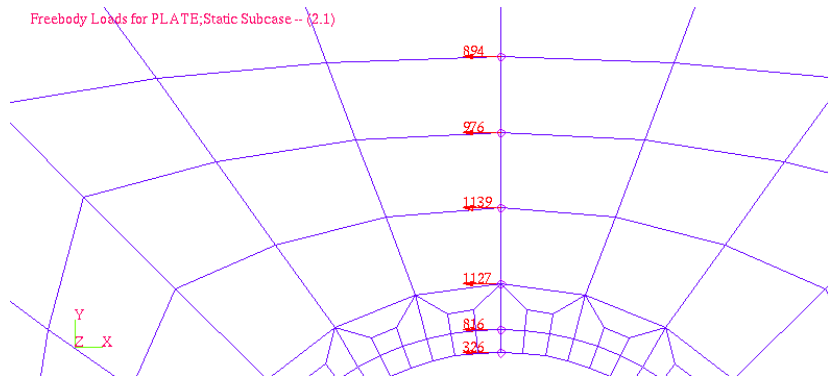
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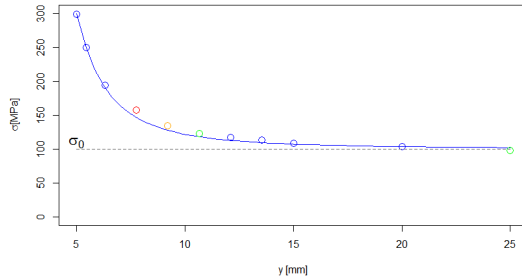
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Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - freebody diagram



Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - σ_{yy} [MPa] vs. y [mm]



The error to closed form solution of NASTRAN assessed from freebody results can be assessed through color spectrum : $\circ < 4.00\%$ $\circ < 5.00\%$ $\circ < 7.00\%$ $\circ < 8.00\%$. From freebody it is assessed

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .op2 - σ_{yy} [MPa] vs. y [mm]

$$K_T = \frac{2F}{a \times t \times \sigma_0} (49)$$

$$= \frac{N \times F}{\pi \times R \times t \times \sigma_0} (50)$$

$$= 2.99 - \dots \quad (51)$$

From GPSTRESS (grid point stress) in .f06 one derives

$$K_T = \frac{\sigma_{37}}{\sigma_0} (52)$$

$$= 2.86 \pm 3.45\% - \dots \dots \dots (53)$$

Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Conclusion & Outlook

- One does not match the closed form solution because the studied plate is not an infinite continuum
- Error has been assessed after computation of a load F derived from a freebody and a surface computed from plate thickness \times sum of mid adjacent quads height for comparison with a closed form solution
- Error in regard of closed form solution from theory of elasticity is under 3.00% but is highly mesh dependent ; stress results have been assessed on a single path at $x = 0$ in the range $y \in [\frac{D}{2}, \frac{w}{2}]$
- A more generalized methodology to assess the convergence of a mesh under NASTRAN is to use the GPSTRESS (grid point stress : the extra/interpolation of σ recovery at GAUSS points to nodes) output and the associated discontinuities the GPSDCON

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Theoretical Aparté

The buckling analysis is a bifurcation analysis.

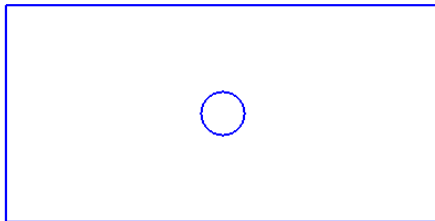
Start point is the functional W that describes the elastic energy of the solid with a parameter λ associated to the load.

The eigenvalues stem from setting equal to 0 the second derivative of the functional W .

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Definition

The framework is linear elasticity.



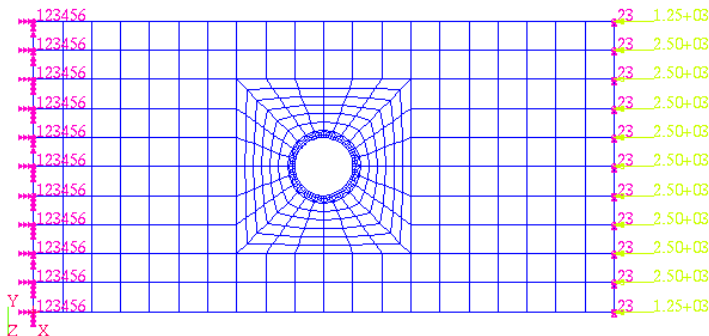
The plate is $t = 3$ mm thick. A compressive load $\sigma_0 = -100$ MPa is applied at one side. The beam is clamped at one side. The plate is made of aluminium $E = 70$ GPa and $\nu = 0.33$.

Aim of Case study # 4 : Students have to find the buckling modes associated to the compressive load and assess the critical load below which the structure remains stable.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Mesh

The mesh of case study # 3 is suitable for the buckling analysis.



The mesh is to be built with NASTRAN CQUAD4 elements.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

NASTRAN EIGRL Card

NASTRAN SOL 105 is to be used. The NASTRAN EIGRL Card has to be called in Case Control Section after the linear SUBCASE associated to the compressive load by a NASTRAN METHOD Card.

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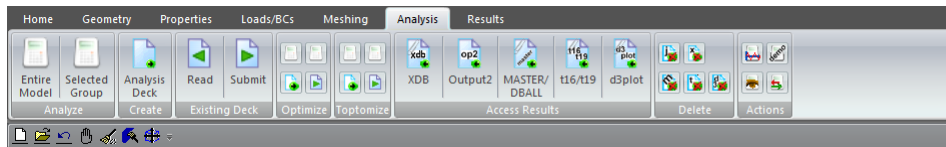
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2  ...
3  $ 1st SUBCASE to install loading
4  SUBCASE 1001
5      SUBTITLE=COMPRESSION
6      LABEL=COMPRESSION
7      LOAD = 2
8
9  $ 2nd SUBCASE to solve eigenvalue problem
10 SUBCASE 1002
11     SUBTITLE=COMPRESSION
12     LABEL=COMPRESSION
13     METHOD = 1
14     STATSUB(BUCKLING)=1001
15 $
16 BEGIN BULK
17 $ Bulk Section
18 $      EID      V1      V2      ND
19 EIGRL      1
20 ...

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Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

NASTRAN buckling run

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Case study # 3 - Plate with a hole

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .f06

Students have to find the eigenvalues associated to the computed modes in the .f06.

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Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .f06

Students have to find the eigenvalues associated to the computed modes in the .f06.

MODE NO.	EXTRACTION ORDER	EIGENVALUE	R E A L E I G E N V A L U E S		GENERALIZED MASS
			RADIANS	CYCLES	
1	1	2.922786E+00	1.709616E+00	2.720938E-01	1.147029E+03
2	2	8.688133E+00	2.947564E+00	4.691193E-01	2.579305E+03
3	3	1.231678E+01	3.509528E+00	5.585586E-01	4.383950E+02
4	4	1.690665E+01	4.111770E+00	6.544085E-01	3.473366E+03
5	5	1.714466E+01	4.140611E+00	6.589987E-01	8.870814E+02
6	6	2.491786E+01	4.991779E+00	7.944663E-01	1.714101E+03
7	7	2.727503E+01	5.222550E+00	8.311947E-01	6.138878E+03
8	8	3.472403E+01	5.892710E+00	9.378539E-01	2.523782E+03
9	9	3.905111E+01	6.249089E+00	9.945734E-01	8.644048E+03
10	10	4.561754E+01	6.754076E+00	1.074944E+00	3.599225E+03

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

Students have to plot the buckling mode in PATRAN after the import of the .op2.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

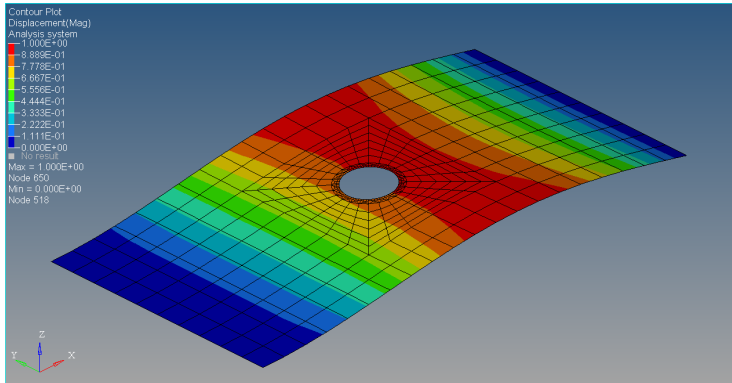


Figure 28: SOL 105 - 1st Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

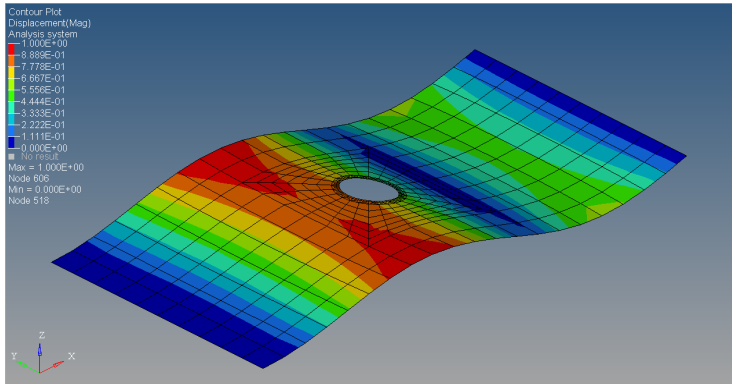


Figure 29: SOL 105 - 2nd Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

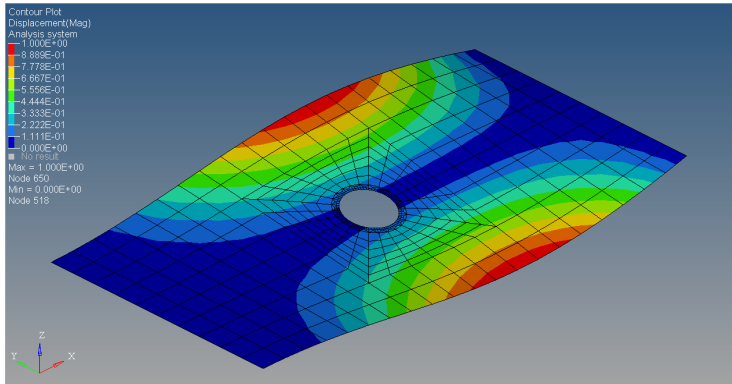


Figure 30: SOL 105 - 3rd Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

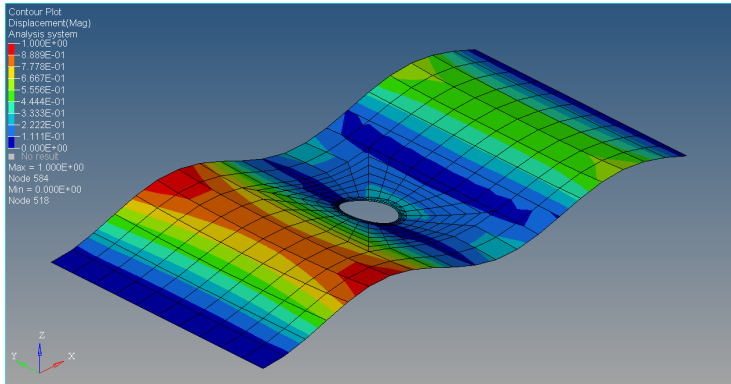


Figure 31: SOL 105 - 4th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

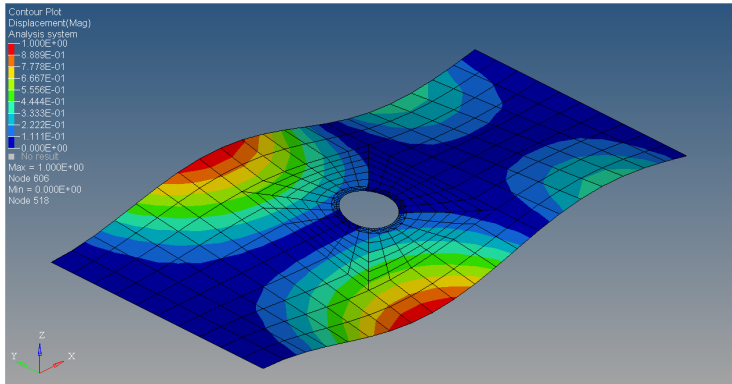


Figure 32: SOL 105 - 5th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

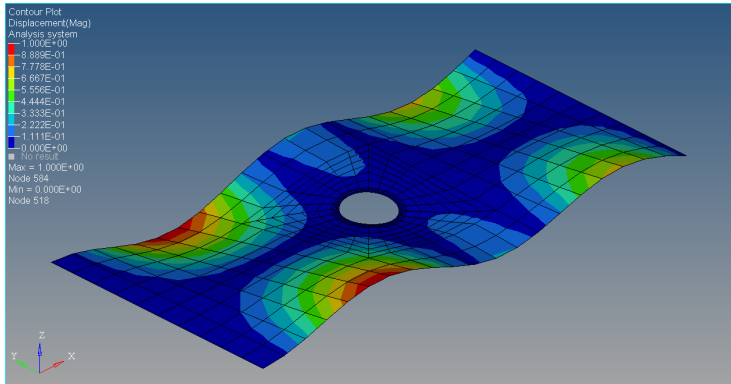


Figure 33: SOL 105 - 6th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

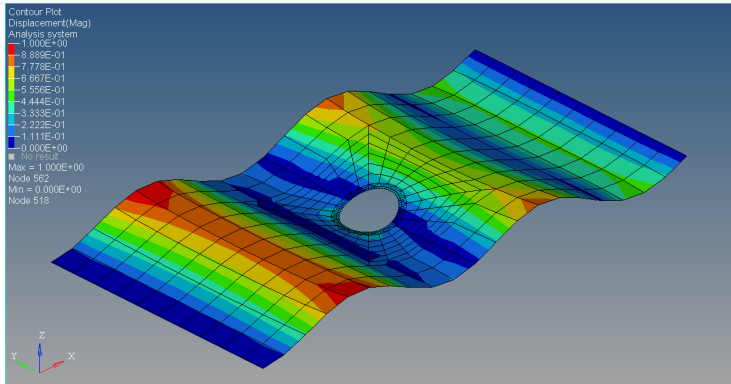


Figure 34: SOL 105 - 7th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

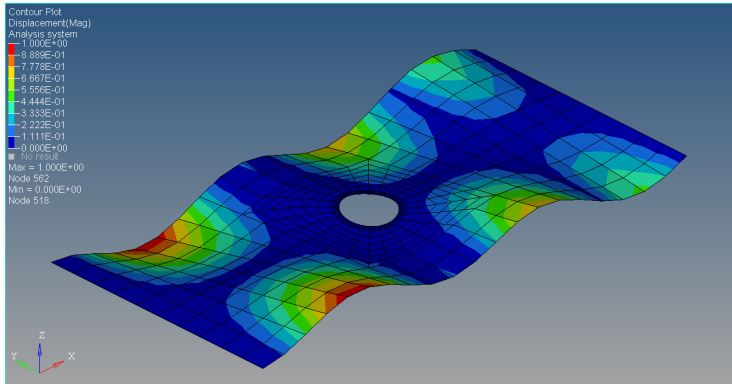


Figure 35: SOL 105 - 8th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

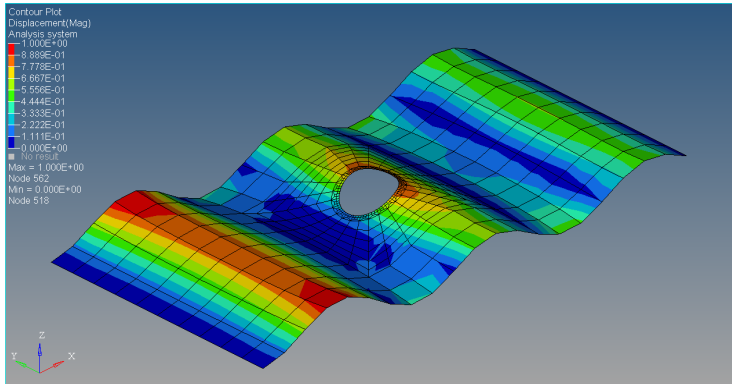


Figure 36: SOL 105 - 9th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling Analysis

Results from NASTRAN buckling run from .op2

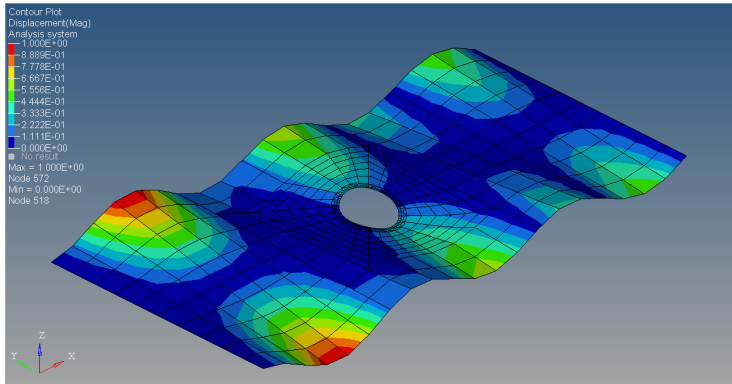


Figure 37: SOL 105 - 10th Buckling Mode.

Case study # 4 - Buckling

Conclusion & Outlook

- Eigenmodes are particularly dependent upon boundary conditions applied at the loaded plate end : eigenvalues are different if rotations are clamped or not

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Theoretical Aparté

The framework is linear elasticity. One solves

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with o-set interior degrees of freedom and a-set exterior degrees of freedom one can split the equation (55)

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whose first line of (56) means

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or

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with G_{oa} boundary transformation and u_o^0 fixed boundary displacement.

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Theoretical Aparté

Thus the second line of (56) means with the definition (58) of u_o

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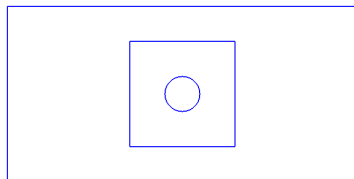
with $\overline{K_{aa}}$ boundary stiffness and $\overline{F_a}$ boundary load. Typically with a classical NASTRAN run one has $\overline{K_{aa}} \equiv \text{KAAx}$ and $\overline{F_a} \equiv \text{PAX}$.

Note that (59) defines the boundary displacement field associated to the ASET.

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Definition

The framework is linear elasticity.



The residual structure is selected as the square structure $30 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$ centered on the circular hole.

Aim of Case study # 5 : Students have to realize a GUYAN Static Reduction of structure associated to Case study # 2 and run a SOL 101 for the residual structure. The fill-in of KAAK is to be assessed by the students and compare to a classical finite elements matrix (cf. Figure 27).

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

NASTRAN EXTOUT Parameter

In order to realize a GUYAN Static Reduction one has to use EXTOUT parameter. The latter is either a Case Control Section or a Bulk parameter. Hereafter used as a bulk parameter.

```

1  $ Bulk Data - - - - - +
2  BEGIN BULK
3  $ Bulk Parameters- - - - - +
4  $ To write an .op2 file
5  PARAM,POST,-1
6  $ For an AUTOSPC Reminder cf. Lecture 1/4
7  PARAM,AUTOSPC,NO
8  $ To write in the .f06 a summary of maximum displacements
9  PARAM,PRTMAXIM,YES
10 $ - - - - - +
11 $ Next Parameter to be 8< & Pasted to output Boundary Matrix & Boundary |
12 $      Load vector in a PUNCH file                                     |
13 $ - - - - - +
14 PARAM,EXTOUT,DMIGPCH
15 $ - - - - - +

```

Table 1: NASTRAN EXTOUT Parameter.

Set equal to DMIGPCH the EXTOUT parameter means a .pch file creation for output of KAAX and PAX.

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

NASTRAN ASET Card

NASTRAN offers a card called **ASET** to define the degrees of freedom to be omitted in the reduction process. Hereafter the **ASET1** is used to list the reduction nodes after the degrees of freedom selection 123456.

```

1  $ Bulk Data - - - - - +
2  BEGIN BULK
3  $ Bulk Parameters - - - - - +
4  .
5  .
6  .
7  $ - - - - - +
8  $ Next is sample ASET1 card to be 8<, Pasted & Adapted to target dof |
9  $ - - - - - +
10 $1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      0
11 ASET1    123456 318    319    321    347    348    349    375
12          376    377    403    404    405    431    432    433
13          459    460    461    487    488    489    515    516
14 $ - - - - - +
15 .
16 .
17 .

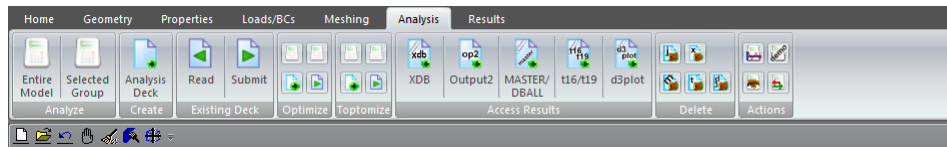
```

Table 2: NASTRAN ASET1 Sample.

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

NASTRAN linear static run for reduction

NASTRAN .dat is generated from **Analysis** menu



Note the **Selected Group** Menu Form of the **Analysis** menu is particularly suitable to export a part of a previous model (here the external part to central square of the plate).

Then run the analysis with NASTRAN

```
$ nastran case_study.5.dat news=n old=n scr=y
```

User obtains as output to NASTRAN run

- case_study.5.log : Control File
- case_study.5.f04 : Execution Summary Table
- case_study.5.f06 : ASCII Results file
- case_study.5.op2 : Binary Results file
- case_study.5.pch : PUNCH file ← Interesting output in this file

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Results from NASTRAN linear static run from .pch

Students have to check .pch file contains a boundary stiffness matrix and an interface load vector. The former is called **KAAX** and the latter **PAX**.

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Reading external element

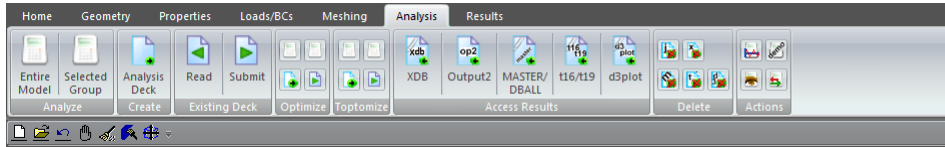
In order to read the result of a GUYAN Static Reduction one has to use K2GG and P2G commands.

```
1  $ Case Control Section
2  $ Command for reading boundary stiffness
3  K2GG = ...
4  $ Command for reading interface load
5  P2G  = ...
6
7  SUBCASE 1000
8  $ SPC call is now useless because included
9  $   in the K2GG reading
10 $
11 $ LOAD call is now useless because included
12 $   in the P2G reading
```

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

NASTRAN linear static run for residual structure

NASTRAN .dat is generated from **Analysis** menu for the residual structure.



Note the **Selected Group** Menu Form of the **Analysis** menu is particularly suitable to export a part of a previous model (here the central square of the plate).

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

NASTRAN linear static run for residual structure

The NASTRAN run `case_study_5_residual.dat` has to call the result of the SOL 101 reduction run `case_study_5.dat`.

```
1  $ Case Control Section
2  INCLUDE 'case_study_5.pch'
3  $ Command for reading boundary stiffness
4  K2GG = ...
5  $ Command for reading interface load
6  P2G  = ...
```

Then run the analysis with NASTRAN

```
$ nastran case_study_5_residual.dat news=n old=n scr=y
```

User obtains as output to NASTRAN run

- `case_study_5_residual.log` : Control File
- `case_study_5_residual.f04` : Execution Summary Table
- `case_study_5_residual.f06` : ASCII Results file
- `case_study_5_residual.op2` : Binary Results file

Case study # 5 - GUYAN Static Reduction

Conclusion & Outlook

- The analysis performed is particularly used in dynamic analysis to reduce the degrees of freedom of a model [7].
- The GUYAN Static Reduction [8] was particularly used by the past to allow concurrent work between engineering teams.
- One can check that on the opposite of an assembly global finite elements stiffness matrix **KAAX** is not sparse.
- One can use a DMIGOP2 output for the matrix **KAAX** and the load vector **PAX** instead of the ASCII DMIGPCH output ; reading the binary format in NASTRAN to run the reduced structure is a little bit more touchy. Main outcome is the binary file size is significantly smaller than the ASCII one.

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§A - Relations between elastic moduli

The LAMÉ parameters can be written as functions of YOUNG's modulus E and POISSON's coefficient ν

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§E - Two Springs/Three Masses Case Study

One considers the next Two Springs/Three Masses system. One is interested in the frictionless harmonic answer of the system sketched in Figure 38.

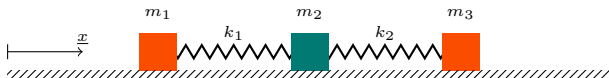


Figure 38: Two Springs/Three Masses system.

Aim of Case study (extracted from [9]): Using a NASTRAN SOL 103 run and ISIGHT (although matricial calculations would lead to a closed form solution) students have to choose masses and spring stiffnesses to satisfy next optimization (min-max [10]) problem with S and k_0 constants:

$$\S E \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{p \in \{m_1, m_2, m_3, k_1, k_2\}} \omega = \max \omega_i \\ S = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \\ m_1 = m_3 \\ k_1 = k_2 \geq k_0 \end{array} \right.$$

