

Assignment 2

Computational Plasticity (SoSe25)

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Given Data

In this section, the parameters value for the material properties, that required by the author to calculate it based on the author's Immatrikulation Nummer, will be defined accordingly. To make the calculation detailed and transparent, each parameter will be derived step by step.

$$a = 4, \quad b = 6, \quad c = 8 \quad (1)$$

Parameter for 1st question:

- $E = 200 + (10 \times a) = 200 + (10 \times 4) = 240 \text{ GPa}$

Parameter for 2nd question:

- $\sigma_y = 600 + (a \times 33) = 600 + (4 \times 33) = 600 + 132 = 732 \text{ MPa}$
- $C_1 = 10000 + b \times 1666 = 10000 + 6 \times 1666 = 10000 + 9996 = 19996 \text{ MPa}$
- $\gamma_1 = 20 + (3 \times c) = 20 + (3 \times 8) = 44 \text{ MPa}$
- $C_2 = 3000 + (a \times 166) = 3000 + (4 \times 166) = 3000 + 664 = 3664 \text{ MPa}$

Parameter for 3rd question:

- $\sigma_{ya} = 300 + (10 \times b) = 300 + (10 \times 6) = 300 + 60 = 360 \text{ MPa}$

1 Introduction

For this second assignment, mechanical response analysis will be conducted using a simple squared geometry model with a circular inclusion in the center. Hence, the analysis will be divided into three tasks. The first task is mesh sensitivity analysis, where the main goal of this first task is to see the influence of variety of mesh sizes to the captured stress

concentration generation along the defined line from the edge of the circular hole until the opposite edge of the plate. Then there's come the second task, where the focus will be to investigate the isotropic and kinematic hardening effect to its mechanical response. The last task is a subroutine implementation, where the objective is to point out the difference between the standard and UMAT results. Extracting some other information will be done as well in the third task.

In this following section, each question will systematically will be addressed in the assignment, providing detailed explanations, derivations, and relevant figures or tables to support the analysis. All calculations and results are based on the provided data and the author's unique identification number. Numerical analysis will be performed using Abaqus CAE with an appropriate boundary condition and settings.

2 Set up of the Model

For the model setup, 2D planar-deformable shell-model will be used for the plate with the specified geometry, boundary condition, material properties, and mesh.

2.1 Geometry and Boundary Conditions

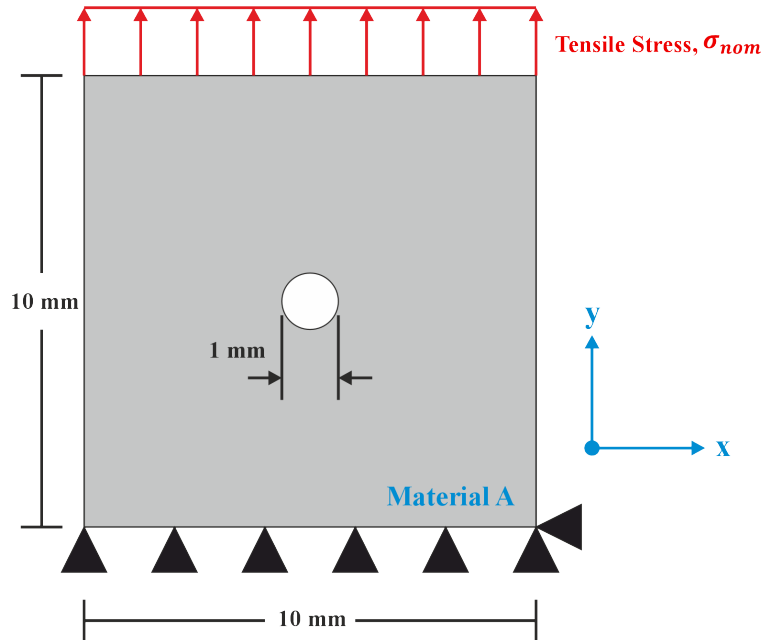


Figure 1: Baseline plate geometry with defined material A with thickness $t = 1$ mm. Two boundary conditions are applied, which are the fixed support restriction in y direction on the bottom line of the plate, fixed support point on the bottom right point restriction to x direction, and stress constant distribution along the top plate line with value of $\sigma_{nominal} = 1$ MPa

2.2 Material Properties

The material properties used in the analysis are provided in the task definition. However, some parameters must be manually calculated based on the author’s Immatrikulation Nummer in the very first section.

Table 1: Elastic properties for Q1.

E (GPa)	ν (Poisson’s Ratio)
240	0.3

Table 2: Material parameters (combined hardening law) for Q2.

σ_y (MPa)	C_1 (MPa)	γ_1	C_2 (MPa)	γ_2	Q-Infinity	Hardening Param b
732	19996	44	3664	0	440	20

Table 3: Plastic properties for Q3

σ_{ya} (MPa)	σ_f (MPa)	ϵ_p^f
360	550	0.4

2.3 Meshing

The baseplate with circular hole is mesh using a structured mesh, hence the partitioning is well-defined to ensure a good mesh quality. As requested by the task, the baseplate is partitioned using the general formatting guidelines. However, the author have the freedom to adjust the partitioned size. Therefore, for this assignment the dimensioning of the mesh partition follows the provided Figure 2.

After the plate partitioning, specifically for task 1, the baseplate will be mesh using 8 variations in the mesh size, where it is based on the global and local mesh size. The global mesh size is defined as the mesh size for the entire plate, while the local mesh size is defined as the mesh size around the circular hole (hence is the area inside the small square partition). This method is done in order to capture the stress concentration effects on the area near the hole accurately while maintaining a low computational effort since the mesh size is not fine for the whole plate.

In order to know the mesh influence on the results, a mesh sensitivity analysis is performed. This analysis involves systematically varying the mesh sizes and observing the effects on the simulation results, particularly the stress distribution around the circular hole. Therefore, mesh variation in table 4 is used for this study.

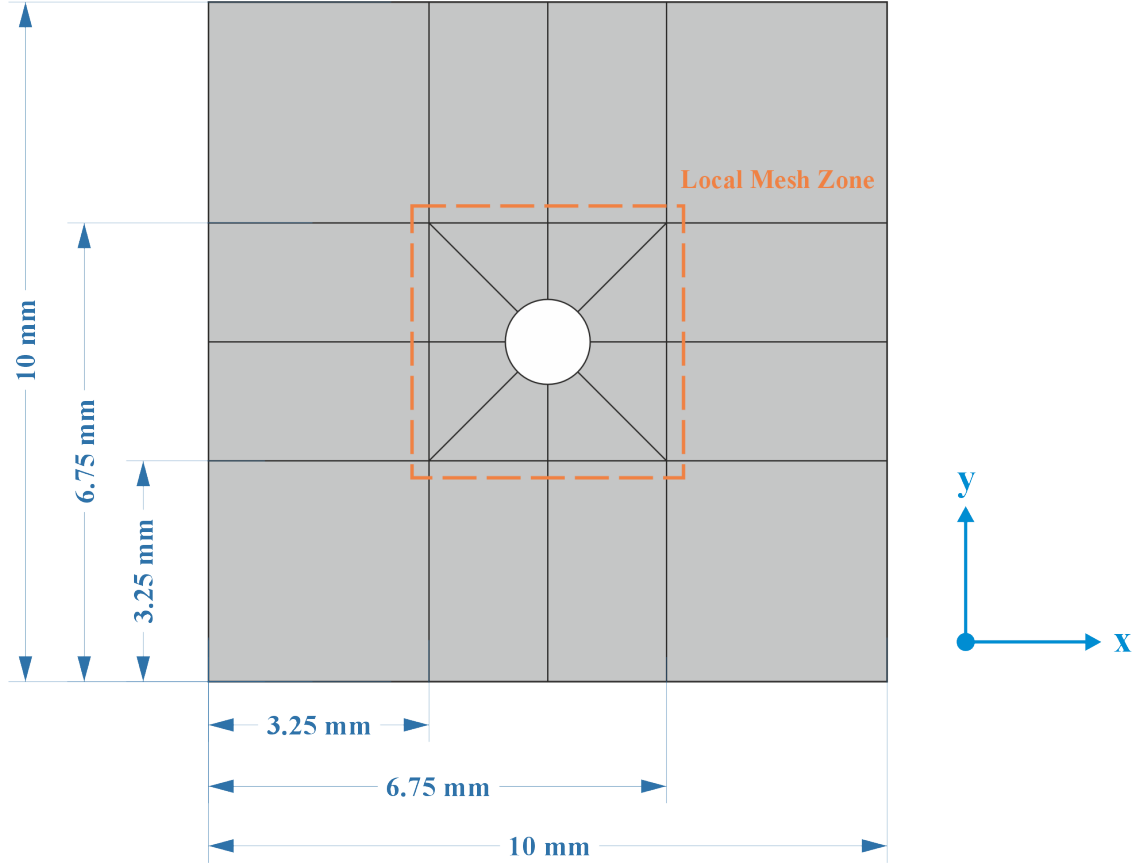
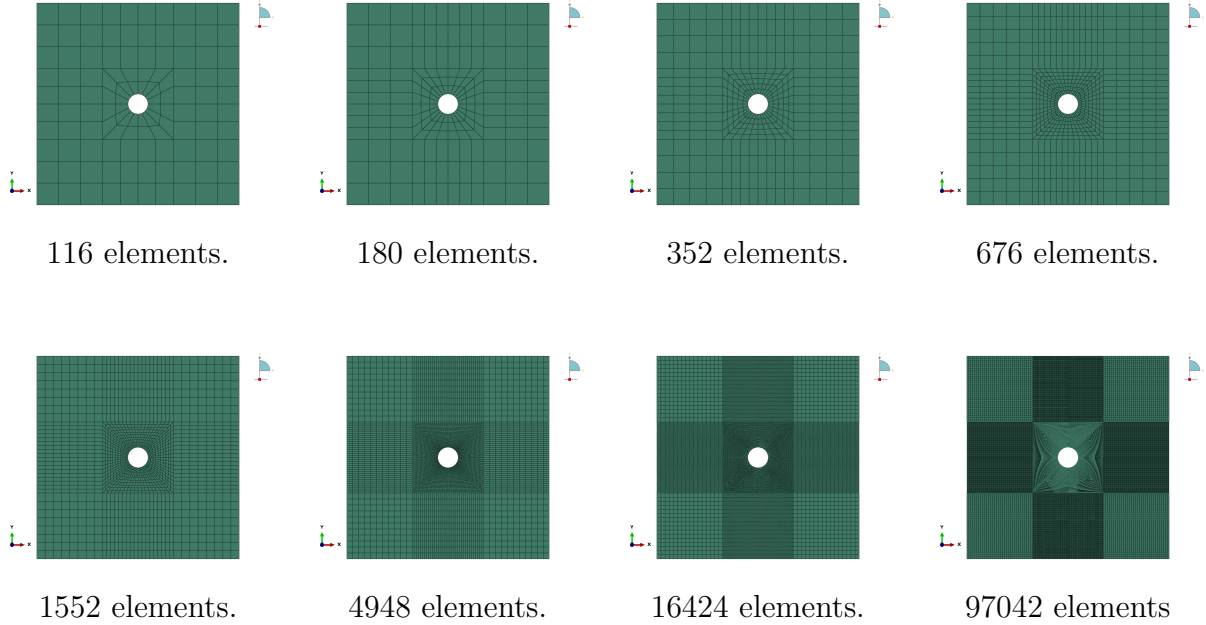


Figure 2: Partitioning guideline in order to create a structured mesh for the plate with circular hole. The whole mesh variations use CPS4, which is a 4-node bilinear plane stress quadrilateral element, also using quad-structured mesh control feature for the whole region to retain structured mesh and avoid extreme-distorted element.

Table 4: Mesh size variations used for mesh sensitivity analysis.

Mesh Number	Global Mesh Size (mm)	Local Mesh Size (mm)
1	1	1
2	1	0.6
3	0.8	0.4
4	0.6	0.3
5	0.4	0.2
6	0.3	0.1
7	0.2	0.05
8	0.1	0.02

Table Description: This table summarizes the eight mesh configurations used in the mesh sensitivity analysis. Each mesh is defined by its global mesh size (applied to the entire plate) and a finer local mesh size (applied around the circular hole) to accurately capture stress concentrations while optimizing computational efficiency.



Results and Discussion

Q1: Mesh Sensitivity Analysis of plate with circular hole

... Create the model as shown in figure 1, using the face partitioning illustrated in figure 2, and apply the following assumptions: small deformations, plane stress conditions, and a homogeneous, isotropic, linear elastic material. For each mesh size specified in table 1, create a separate Job. Apply the local mesh size around the hole and use the global mesh size for the remaining regions of the plate.

... For each mesh size, provide a figure exported directly from the Abaqus software (not a screenshot of the interface).

... For each mesh size, provide a contour plot of the relevant stress component, with indicating the locations of both maximum and minimum stress values on the plot. Please ensure the contour plots are clearly presented, and the values are readable.

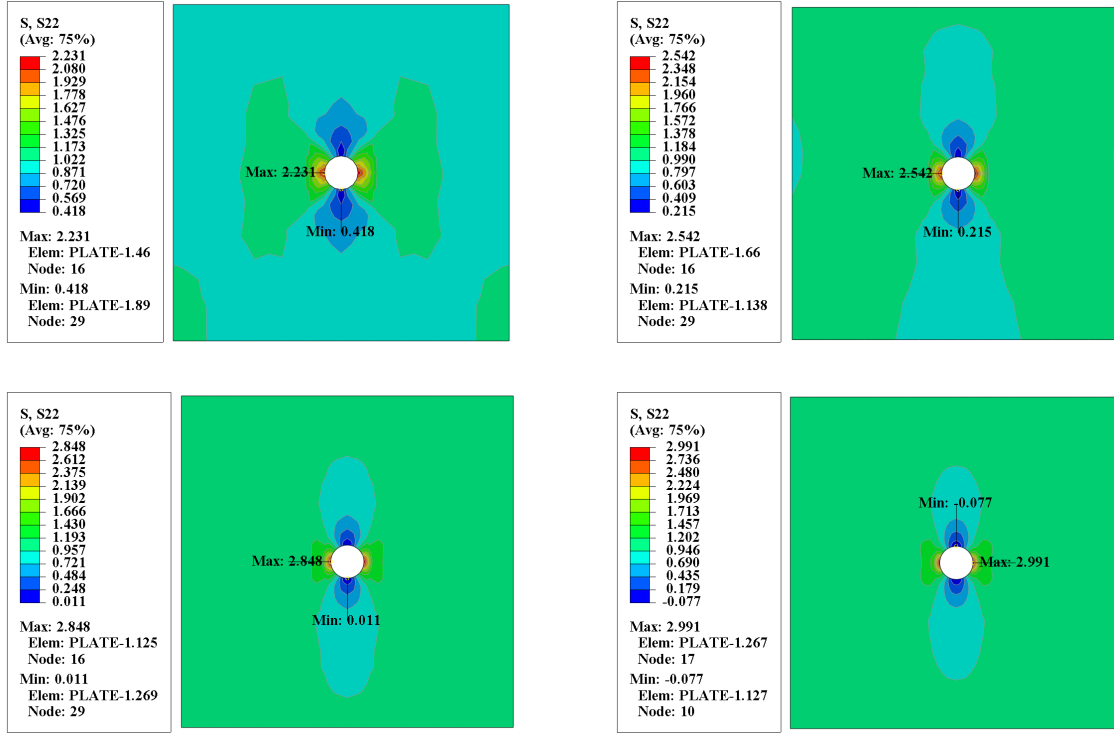


Figure 3: Contour plots of the S_{22} stress component for Mesh 1, 2, 3, and 4 (from left to right, top to bottom). Maximum and minimum stress locations are indicated.

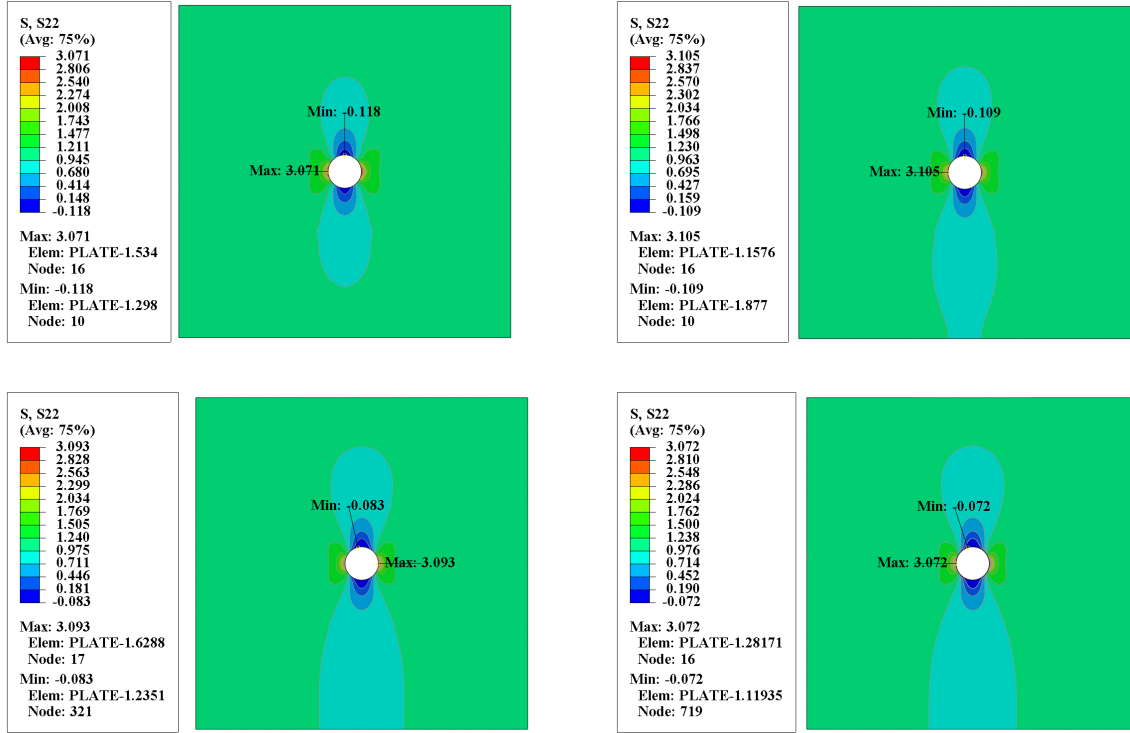


Figure 4: Contour plots of the S_{22} stress component for Mesh 5, 6, 7, and 8 (from left to right, top to bottom). Maximum and minimum stress locations are indicated.

... For each mesh size, calculate the stress concentration factor $K_t = \sigma_{max}/\sigma_{nom}$. You are required to provide two plots: the first plot should show eight curves (one for each mesh size), the relevant stress over the path. The second plot should display the mesh number against K_t . Based on the results, discuss and justify which mesh provides the most accurate and efficient representation of stress concentration, and explain why it should be chosen.

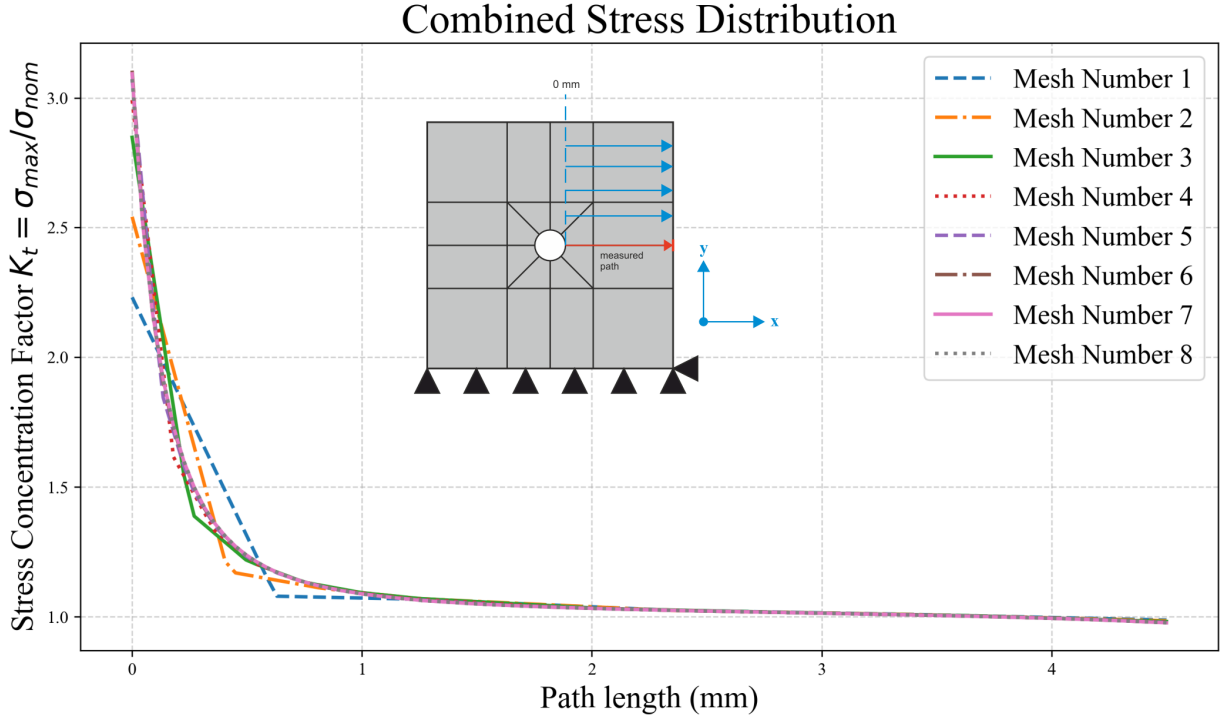


Figure 5: Stress distribution along the defined path for all mesh sizes. Each curve represents the relevant stress component for a specific mesh configuration, illustrating the effect of mesh refinement on capturing the stress concentration near the circular hole.

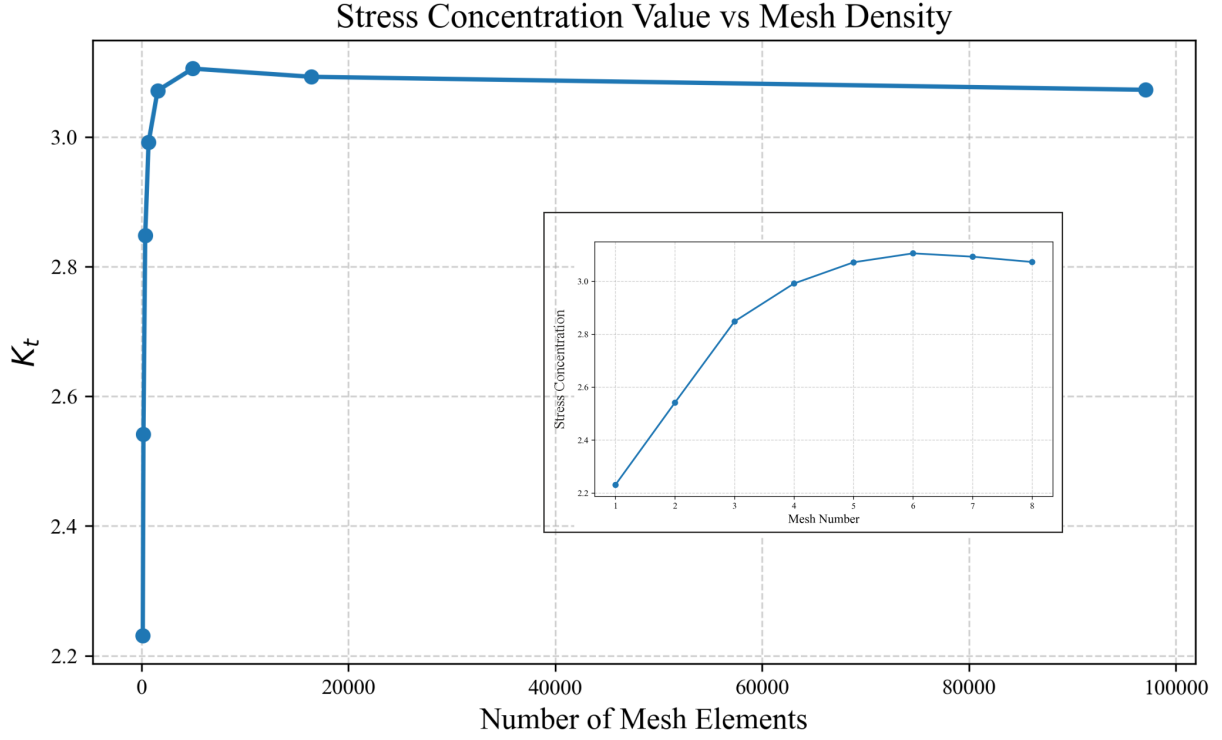


Figure 6: Stress concentration factor K_t along the defined path for all mesh sizes. Each curve represents the K_t value for a specific mesh configuration, illustrating the effect of mesh refinement on capturing the stress concentration near the circular hole.

... Taking advantage of the symmetry in both the geometry and the boundary conditions, propose a simplified model that reduces computational cost and simulation time. Create and submit two figures: one showing the mesh of the proposed model, and the other displaying contour plot of the relevant stress distribution. Compare it to the original model.

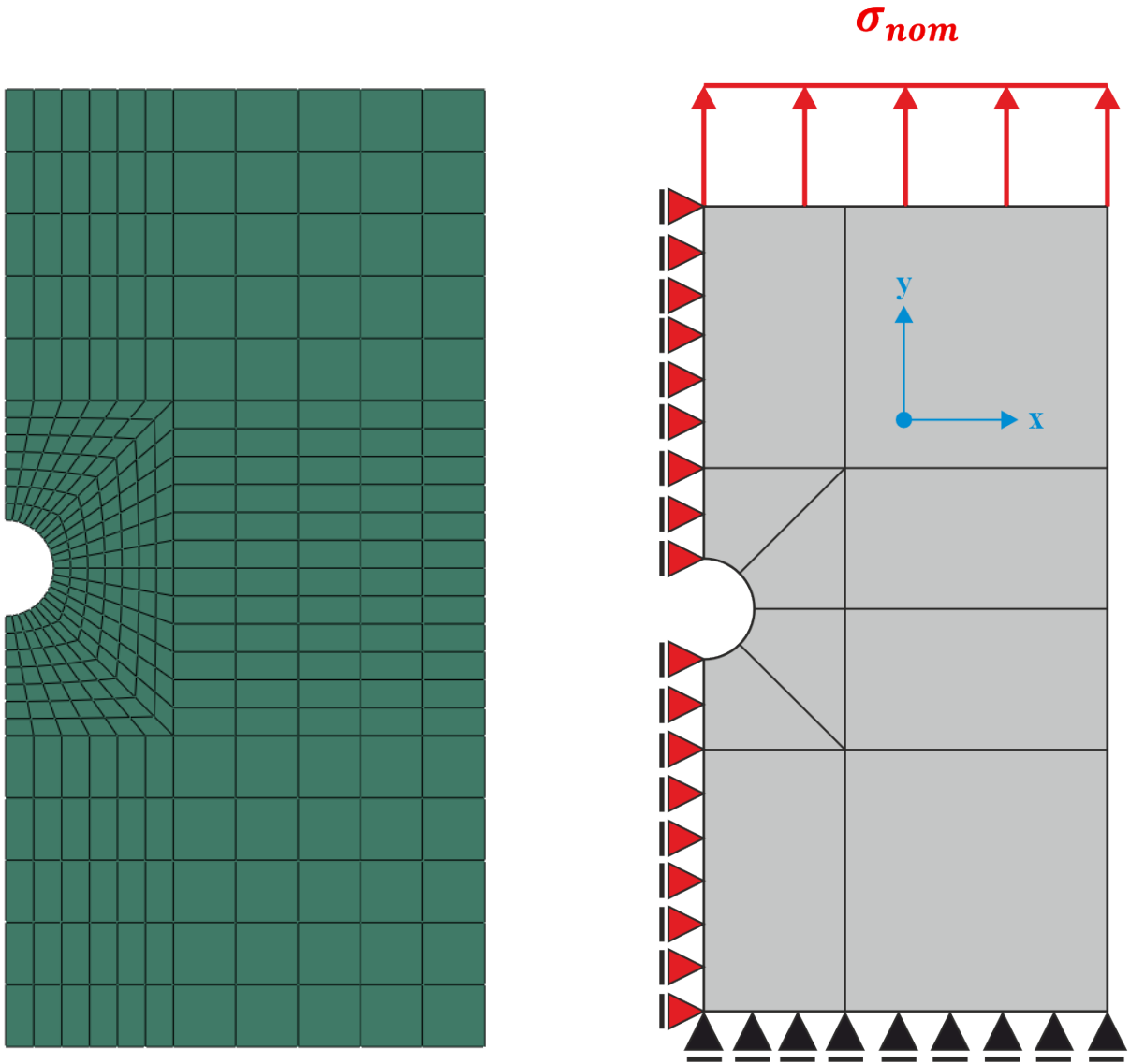


Figure 7: (Left) Mesh of the proposed half-symmetry model. (Right) Contour plot of the relevant stress distribution for the half model. The simplified model reduces computational cost while maintaining accuracy due to symmetry.

Q2: Investigate the effects of isotropic and kinematic hardening on the mechanical behavior of a material

... **Isotropic Hardening Model:** Set the material parameters for the isotropic hardening model, keeping kinematic hardening deactivated. Perform a cyclic loading simulation (tension-compression) using the amplitude plotted in figure 3. Plot and analyze the stress-strain hysteresis loops.

... **Kinematic Hardening Model:** Set the material parameters for the kinematic hardening model, assuming no isotropic hardening. Perform a cyclic loading simulation (tension-compression) using the amplitude plotted in figure 3. Plot and analyze the stress-strain hysteresis loops.

... Compare the extracted curves from previous questions and discuss the results.

... Simulate the model using combined hardening law parameters in table 2. Compare the results with those obtained using isotropic and kinematic hardening parameters. Discuss how variations in the combined hardening parameters influence the material behavior.

Q3: Standard and UMAT subroutine for J2 plasticity

... Read the provided J2 UMAT, then decide to choose plane stress or plane strain condition, add a screenshot that shows the code lines where this choice is made and where elastic stiffness and equivalent von mises stress is calculated, and give an explanation based on the lecture.

... Run two simulations with a displacement of 0.5 mm and same material properties: one with the Abaqus embedded J2 model and one with UMAT. Plot, compare, and discuss the true stress-strain curve for both cases.

... From the embedded J2 simulation, select four representative time frames that trace the evolution from the purely elastic status to the onset of localized necking, present for each frame a contour plot of von Mises stress and equivalent plastic strain. Describe the deformation process of the plate with a hole.

... From the UMAT simulation, plot the distribution of the relevant stress and plastic strain components for the final time, indicating the meaning of the different SDVs, showing the maximum and minimum location, then discussing the results for different regions.

Conclusion

To sum up everything that have been analyzed and gathered in this study, here are some several key takeaways from this small case study:

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