

## Finite Element simulation of 2D metal strip in Hot-Dip galvanization Process

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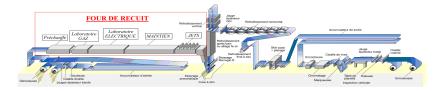
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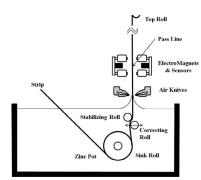
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## Hot-Dip Galvanization Process

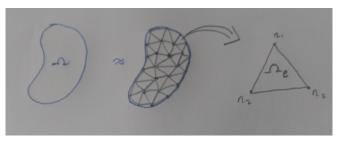




- A thin Layer of Zinc is coated to Increase the corrosion resistance of steel
- Air knives control the thickness of the Zinc layer
- Excessive Vibration results in uneven coating.
- Electromagnets are used to control the vibration of the strip.

# Finite Element Modelling

In Finite element a continuous domain is discretized into elements. Each element is connected by nodes.



$$\Omega pprox \sum_{i}^{nE} \Omega_e^i$$

- Complex behaviour of the metal strip.
- Two dimensional domain and Three Dimensional Displacement field.
- Complex and multiple boundary condition.
- Free control over discretization of the domain.
- Intuitive Solution Procedure.



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# Hamilton principle

Hamilton principle is used to derive the equation of motion and the Hamilton is given as

$$H=\int_{t_0}^{t_1}\left(T-V+W\right)dt$$

The Hamilton Principle states that variation of Hamilton is zero

$$\delta H = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \delta T - \delta V + \delta W \right) dt = 0$$

The variation of displacement  $\delta u$  is zero at the beginning and end time.

$$\delta u\Big|_{t_0}^{t_1}=0$$

T is the kinetic energy, V in the potential energy and W is the work done to the system.

# Final Equation of Motion

#### Final weak form

$$\int \int_{\Omega} \rho \ddot{\tilde{u}}_{i} Z_{ij} \delta \tilde{u}_{i} + 2\rho V_{1} \delta \tilde{u}_{i} Z_{ij} \dot{\tilde{u}}_{j,1} - \rho V_{1}^{2} \tilde{u}_{j,1} Z_{ij} \delta \tilde{u}_{j,1}$$
$$+ \kappa^{T} \tilde{D} \delta \kappa + \left( \epsilon^{S} \right)^{T} \tilde{D}_{c} \delta \epsilon^{S} + w_{,\alpha} \tilde{\sigma}^{A} \delta w_{,\alpha} d\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^{nb} \int \int_{\Omega_{i}} q_{i} \delta \mathbf{u}_{i} d\Omega_{i} dt$$

## Final strong Form

$$\rho h \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} + 2 V_1 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x \partial t} + V_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \right) + D \nabla^4 w - N_x h \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = F$$

$$\triangledown^4 w = \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^4 w}{\partial Y^4} \qquad D = \frac{Eh^3}{12 \left(1 - \nu^2\right)}$$

Where,  $\rho=$  Density,  $N_x=$  Axial Stress, h= thickness,  $V_1=$  Line speed, F= Distributed Force



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# Shape function of a rectangular element

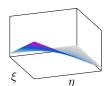
The displacement field over the element is given as the sum of product of shape function and nodal displacements. Here n is the total number of nodes in an element

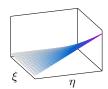
## Displacement field of an element

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \approx \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( N_{i} w_{i} + \overline{N}_{i} \theta_{x_{i}} + \overline{\overline{N}}_{i} \theta_{y_{i}} \right)$$

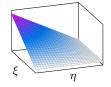
$$\tilde{u} = [w, \theta_x, \theta_y]^T \theta_x = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \theta_y = \frac{\partial w}{\partial y}$$

$$N_2 = \frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1-\eta)$$
  $N_3 = \frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1+\eta)$ 

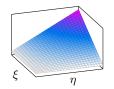




$$N_1 = \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1-\eta)$$



$$N_4 = \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1+\eta)$$



# Representation of Displacements and Strains in terms of Shape Function.

The FE approximation

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} pprox \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( N_{i} w_{i} + \overline{N}_{i} \theta_{x_{i}} + \overline{\overline{N}}_{i} \theta_{y_{i}} \right)$$

is written in matrix format as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \approx \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & N_{nN} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \overline{N}_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \overline{N}_{nN} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \overline{\overline{N}}_1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \overline{\overline{N}}_{nN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ \theta_{x_1} \\ \theta_{y_1} \\ \vdots \\ w_{nN} \\ \theta_{x_{nN}} \\ \theta_{y_n} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{N}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e$$

Similarly other terms of the Finite Element Matrices are

$$\begin{split} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}} &\approx \mathsf{N} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}^e & \qquad \ddot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}} \approx \mathsf{N} \ddot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}^e & \qquad \kappa \approx \mathsf{B} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e & \qquad \tilde{\epsilon}^S \approx \mathsf{B}_{\mathsf{S}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \\ \tilde{u}_{1,\alpha} &\approx \mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{A}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e & \qquad \tilde{u}_{\alpha,1} \approx \mathsf{H}_{\mathsf{v}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e & \qquad \tilde{w} \approx \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{f}} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \end{split}$$

## Weak Form to FE format

The Finite Element Matrix equation is given as

$$\begin{split} \int \int_{\Omega} \left( \rho \left[ \mathbf{N} \right] \left[ \mathbf{Z} \right] \left[ \mathbf{N} \right] \left\{ \ddot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e + \left( 2 \rho V_1 \left[ \mathbf{N} \right] \left[ \mathbf{Z} \right] \left[ \mathbf{H_v} \right] \left\{ \ddot{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \\ - \left( \rho V_1^2 \left[ \mathbf{H_v} \right] \left[ \mathbf{Z} \right] \left[ \mathbf{H_v} \right] \left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e + \left( \left[ \mathbf{B} \right] \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{D}} \right] \left[ \mathbf{B} \right] \left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \\ + \left( \left[ \mathbf{B_S} \right] \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_S \right] \left[ \mathbf{B_S} \right] \left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e + \left( \left[ \mathbf{H_A} \right] \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{N}}_A \right] \left[ \mathbf{H_A} \right] \left\{ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e \right\} \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e d \Omega \\ = \sum_i \int \int_{\Omega_i} \left( q_i \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{N}}_f \right] \right) \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^e d \Omega_i \end{split}$$

After rearranging them to their respective groups we get.

$$\left[\boldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}^{e}\right]\left\{\ddot{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}}^{e}\right\}+\left[\boldsymbol{\mathsf{C}}^{e}\right]\left\{\dot{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}}^{e}\right\}+\left[\boldsymbol{\mathsf{K}}^{e}\right]\left\{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}^{e}\right\}=\left\{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{F}}^{e}\right\}$$

All the Element mass Matrices  $[M^e]$  are assembled in the final Mass Matrix [M]. Doing same for other matrices gives us the ODE in terms of FE matrices.

$$\left[M\right]\left\{\ddot{u}\right\}+\left[C\right]\left\{\dot{u}\right\}+\left[K\right]\left\{u\right\}=\left\{F\right\}$$

## Solution Procedure

### Static Analysis:

To solve a static system

$$\left[ K\right] \left\{ u\right\} =\left\{ F\right\}$$

 $u = K \setminus F$  command is used since,  $u = K^{-1}F$  is a very expensive command.  $u = K \setminus F$  command first factorizes the K matrix into upper and lower triangles then it is solved, which is a much more efficient process.

### **Modal Analysis:**

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{u}} + K\mathbf{u} = 0$$

is converted in to a eigenvalue problem

$$\left(\mathbf{K} - \omega^2 \mathbf{M}\right) \overline{\mathbf{u}} = 0 \qquad \mathbf{u} = \overline{\mathbf{u}} e^{i\omega t}$$

 $\omega$  is the natural frequency and  $\overline{\mathbf{u}}$  is the natural mode. In MATLAB, [V,D]=eig(K,M) function is used to do the modal analysis.

## **Dynamic Analysis:**

To solve the dynamic system

$$\left[\mathsf{M}\right]\left\{\ddot{\mathsf{u}}\right\}+\left[\mathsf{C}\right]\left\{\dot{\mathsf{u}}\right\}+\left[\mathsf{K}\right]\left\{\mathsf{u}\right\}=\left\{\mathsf{F}\right\}$$

Newmark time integration scheme is employed.

### Newmark algorithm

$$R = F_t + \mathbf{M} \left( a_0 u_t + a_2 \dot{u}_t + a_3 \ddot{u}_t \right) + \mathbf{C} \left( a_1 u_t + a_4 \dot{u}_t + a_5 \ddot{u}_t \right)$$

$$u_{t+1} = \left[ a_0 \mathbf{M} + a_1 \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{K} \right]^{-1} R$$

$$\dot{u}_{t+1} = a_1 \left( u_{t+1} - u_t \right) - a_4 \dot{u}_t - a_5 \ddot{u}_t$$

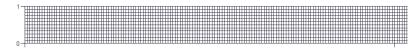
$$\ddot{u}_{t+1} = a_0 \left( u_{t+1} - u_t \right) - a_2 \dot{u}_t - a_3 \ddot{u}_t$$

 $a_0$  ..  $a_5$  are the integration variables which depends on the Integration parameters  $\theta,~\alpha$  and time step size  $h.~u_t,\dot{u}_t$  and  $\ddot{u}_t$  are the displacement , velocity and acceleration of current time step.  $u_{t+1},\dot{u}_{t+1}$  and  $\ddot{u}_{t+1}$  are the displacement , velocity and acceleration of next time step.

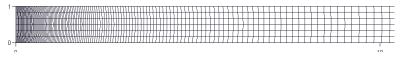
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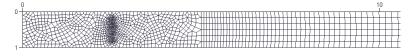
## Finite Element Discretization



(a) Mesh : 4 , Nn = 7813, Solution Time = 929s



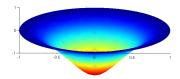
(b) Mesh :  $2\_3$  , Nn = 1407, Solution Time = 13s



(c) Mesh: strip, Nn = 1886, Solution Time = 21s

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# TIM69 Static Analysis , Circular Plate with Point load



The target analytically solution given as

$$w = \frac{F_z}{16\pi D} \left[ r^2 - a^2 \right] + \frac{F_z r^2}{8\pi D} \left[ log \frac{a}{r} \right]$$
(1)

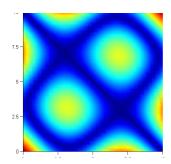
The analytical solution is -0.000434 in. Numerical solution is -0.000429in. So the Error percentage is 1.26%.

Material Property	
Young's Modulus (E)	5E11 <i>Pa</i>
Poission's Ratio $( u)$	0.3
Geometric Data	
Radius (r)	1 m
Thickness(t)	0.01 <i>m</i>
Loading Data	
Point Load $(F_z)$	-1000 N

#### Reference

S.Timoshenko , S . Woinowsky , Theory of Plates and Shells , pg:69, Article : 19 .

## VMP09 Modal Analysis , Free square Plate



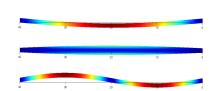
The analytical frequency is  $1.632\ Hz$ . The numerical frequency is  $1.626\ Hz$ . So the Error percentage is  $0.32\ \%$ 

Material Property	
Young's Modulus (E)	25E11 <i>Pa</i>
Poission's Ratio $( u)$	0.3
$Density(\rho)$	8000
Geometric Data	
length (/)	10 m
breath $(b)$	10 m
Thickness(t)	0.01 m

#### Reference

NAFEMS Manual. Solution Retrieved from Ansys verification problem (VMP09-T12).

## NAS227 Modal analysis of thin plate with axial load



Analytical Solution = 77.47 Hz Numerical Solution = 77.45 Hz Error % = 0.01 %.

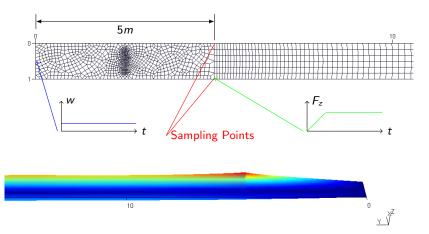
$$\rho^{2}\omega_{mn}^{2} = D\left[\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^{2}\right] + N_{1}\left(\frac{m\pi}{a}\right)^{2} + N_{2}\left(\frac{n\pi}{b}\right)^{2}$$

Material Property	
Young's Modulus (E)	1E11 <i>Pa</i>
Poission's Ratio $( u)$	0.3
$Density(\rho)$	7810
Geometric Data	
length (/)	1 m
breath $(b)$	40 m
Thickness(t)	0.5 <i>mm</i>
Loading Data	
Axial load $(N_x)$	6E7 N/m <sup>2</sup>

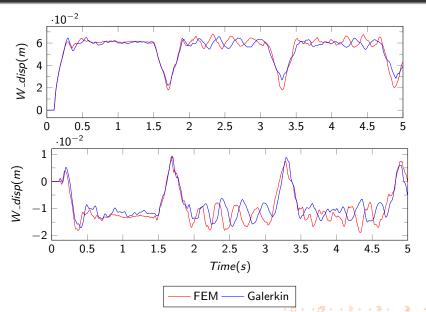
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Arthur W.Leissa , Vibration of Plates, NASA SP-160, pg:277, Ch:10.2.

## Comparison of FEM solution with Galerkin method

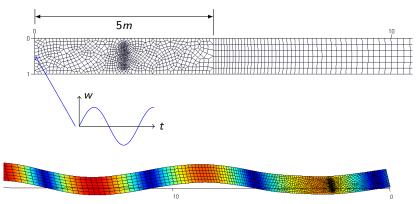


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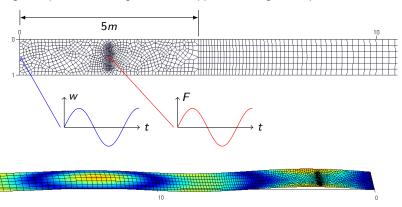
## Same Geometry from previous problem with harmonic load at one end



## Analysis Statistics

nT=1000 , nN = 1886 , nE = 1836, nDOF = 5640, Solution Time = 145 s

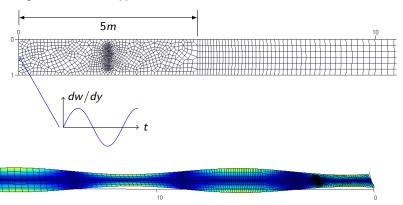
Along with previous loading, forces are applied at designated spots.



## Analysis Statistics

nT=1000, nN=1886, nE=1836, nDOF=5640, Solution Time =182 s

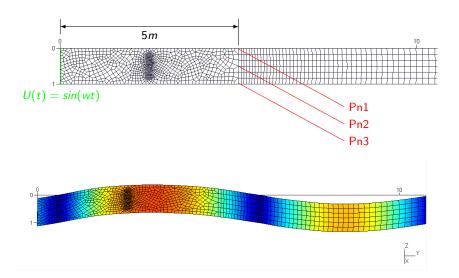
Twisting deformation is applied at one end.



## **Analysis Statistics**

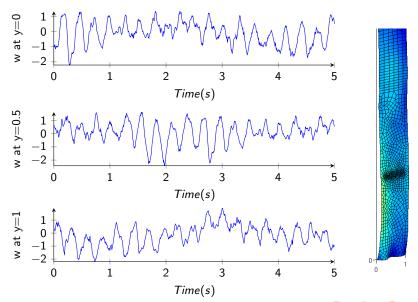
nT=200, nN=1886, nE=1836, nDOF=5640, Solution Time = 39s

# Response of the plate for different Axial velocities (V) m/s

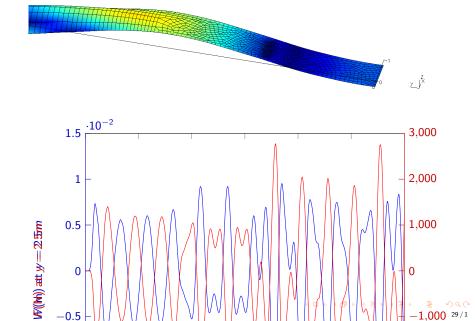


Response of the plate for different Axial velocities (V) m/s

# Strip with displacement from real world data



## Basic Control Demonstration



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#### Work to be Done

- Interfacing with control law
- Optimizing the code to increase efficiency
- To clear bugs and bottle necks
- Creating well documentation for the FEM program.

### Suggested Future Work

- Better Shape function
- Including non-linearity and Multi physics
- Including Contact between plate and rollers
- Better Linear algebra solver packages (LAPACK, cuBLAS ..)
- Modal superposition and Modal order reduction techniques
- Creating a user friendly GUI

## Conclusion

## Advantages of FEM

- Better control over accuracy.
- Once coded successfully, It is very easy to implement even for complex geometry and mesh.
- Higher dimensions can be easily modelled.

## Disadvantages of FEM

- Computationally expensive.
- Complexity in coding may be overwhelming .
- Suffers from "The curse of dimensionality!".

Thank you for your attention!!!