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Title of Analysis: Validation of LS-Dyna and ABAQUS/Explicit

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Objectives: The objective is to validate features of LS-Dyna and ABAQUS/Explicit used in previous simulations by comparing the results of the test cases outlined in the initial validation document

Special Personnel Training or Qualification:

Knowledge of ABAQUS/Explicit and LS-Dyna and how they were used in previous simulations.

Equipment: Personal computers

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Division 20 analyses - (June 24)

add behavior/differences noted in case 1.12 (triaxial pressure, gravity case)

want to see if plasticity component is to blame

→ abaq_cl.12elastic.inp run to verify this

June 25, 2008 ISU

Division 20 -

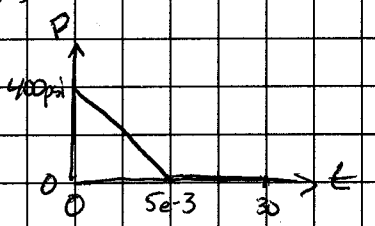
discovered error in model abaq_cl.11 → missing clamped BC

updated BC + reran as abaq_cl.11b.inp

loads track reasonably well initially but very slightly after significant yielding occurred

top 0° disp tracks w/in 5% or so

modify cl.11b so that load curve looks like



saved model as abaq_cl.11c.inp

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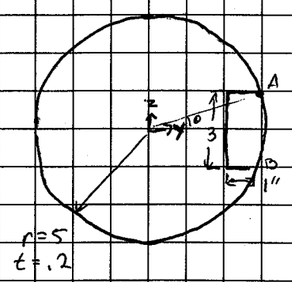
need to develop sample channel-cylinder interaction model for Case 2 gen

Goal → 1) determine how to model contact between surface + edge of surface
2) determine clearance issues at interface

model: c:\projects\cnwra_abaq_dyna_vr\case_2\channel_cyl.ex



pt A define θ $\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.5}{r}\right)$

let $r = 5$ (center of cylinder)

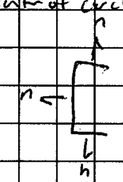
$\Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1.5}{5}\right) = 17.4576°$

$A(\cancel{x,y}\ y,z) = (r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta)$ (CJW 6-29-02)

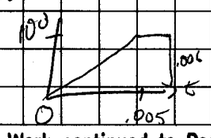
$= \cancel{4.279}\ (4.769696, 1.5)$ (CJW 6-29-02)

$B = (4.769696, -1.5)$

normals: cylinder → outward radially
channel → out towards center of circle



BC: clamp base (x=0) of both cyl + channel (CJW 6-29-02)
~~move top of channel by 1" in +y direction~~
apply 100 psi pressure to channel long fan



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Result → BIG Problem

apparently Abaqus tries to adjust surfaces on Every contact surface
- in this case my mesh gets extremely distorted

put in a call/~~to~~ email to Abaqus to see if they can help out here

July 25/26 2002 CJW

appears that for case 1, the primary variation in Dyna sol'ns are largest wrt integration scheme - maybe not so much if # of pts ≥ 5

~~[illegible]~~ (CJW 6-25-02)

convergence study on case 2.3b
- examine effect of # of int pts + int scheme on solution
- files located at D:\cnwra_abaqus_dyna_validation\case_2\c2_3\

model	int scheme	section pts	
c2.3b.inp	Simpson	5	← elset missing, didn't run
c2.3c.inp	Simpson	5	disp are pretty much ~~constant~~ converged
c2.3c.9.inp	Simpson	9	
c2.3c.5.gauss.inp ~~c2.3c.5.inp~~ (CJW 6-25-02)	Gauss	5	

re-run case c1.11b w/ Gauss integration
c1.11b → simpson w/ 5 section pts

abaq.c1.11b.gauss.inp → gauss integration w/ 5 pts

⇒ results agree much better w/ Dyna fully-integrated shell results

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Abaqus Shell Element

S4R is a general purpose shell that can approx thick shells that are shear flexible elements (Mindlin) or thin shells (Kirkchoff)

- bending strain approximate Koiter-Sanders shell theory
- thickness change as a fn of in-plane loading
- do not suffer from transverse shear locking or hourglassing

- thickness change def
$t/t_0 = (A/A_0)^{-\frac{\nu}{1-\nu}}$ where $\nu = 0.5$ for incompressible mat
$\nu = 0$ then thickness doesn't change

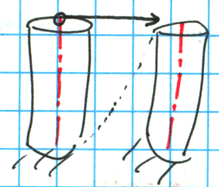
- transverse shear treatment
problem of shear locking goes away as $t \to 0$
use a Hu-Washizu

- 1st order transverse shear flexible theory
- transverse shear strain is constant through the thickness
- correction of 5/6 used for isotropic plate

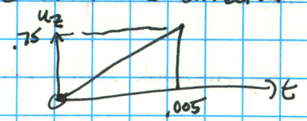
Aug 7, 2002 JW

Pre-Case 3 work
doing contact w/ 2 beams

beam properties
~~.25" diameter~~ ((JW 8-7-02)
.25" diameter (outer)
.10" diameter (inner)



disp on node 2 in z direction



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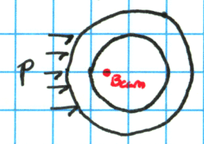
Beam to Beam contact in Abaqus
beams can be used in contact analyses BUT they must be the SLAVE surface (insufficient info to define normals)
as a result of this, there CAN NOT be beam to beam contact

Options:
1) modify case 3 to have 1 beam inside a cylinder



2) goto case 4
3) goto case 5 ⇒

My opinion is that case 5 is easier and makes more sense as it is all solid elements (except for rigid block of coin) and doesn't have contact

actually, we probably should have started w/ solid elements as they don't involve all the assumptions that shell elements have
- this would/may have made to solver comparison component "cleaner"

⇒ wait on Erick to review his stuff and he'll get back w/ me once it is finished

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modification to case 3 recognizing that beam-beam contact isn't possible
Case 3.0b → 1 beam inside 1 cylinder

elset 4 → loading face (pressure loads)
nset 5 → cylinder base
nset 3 → cyl top node

t	p
0	~~500~~ 600 (CJW 8-8-02)
.005	~~250~~ 300
.010	0
1	0

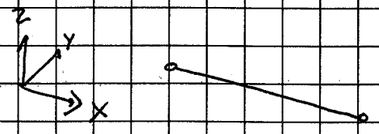
properties:
cylinder $t = 0.20$ in
$\bar{r} = 2.9$ in

beam OD = .25 in
ID = .10 in

* beam section, section = pipe, material = ,
elset = ,
r, t

r = .125 in
t = ~~.025~~ .075 (CJW 8-8-02)

elastic plastic ($\sigma_y = 45$ ksi)



t vector goes from 0 to 1 in x dir
n_1 goes in y dir
n_2 goes in z dir

* surface interaction
* contact pair, interaction = ___, weight = 1.0
s1, s2
master slave

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called Abaqus South Central [214-513-1600] to ask how to define beam/shell contact in Abaqus/Explicit

spoke w/ ~~Sarcash~~ Sarcash (CJW 8-8-02) - not much head way

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modify properties on beam to $r_o = .125$, $r_i = .05$ $r_o = .125$, $t = r_o - r_i = .125 - .05 = .075$
as per pg 6
shorten time span to .004

→ filename: case3.0b.v2.inp

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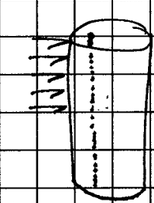
case 5.0b → double check load curve definition from base Excel spreadsheet
looks like I missed some data pts -
comp looks pretty good run w/ messed up loading

LS Dyna damping → use mass weighted damping either by nodes or part
use Rayleigh stiffness damping (values between 0.01 and 0.25 suggested)
$C = \alpha M + \beta K$
use damping relative → rigid body only

Case 3.0b



initial offset on when shell contacts beam

- see if Abaqus can go to midplane of shell on contact
- run model w/o beam contact ⇒ $\boxed{\text{case 3.1a}}$
  (Dyna runs don't appear to have diff shell responses even though the contact occurs 0.2" later in one of the models)
  time ends at .003 seconds

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Abaqus damping methods

provides Rayleigh damping for cases where energy needs to be dissipated

2 factors are defined: α_R = mass proportional damping

β_R = stiffness proportional damping

α_R → damping forces caused by absolute velocities of model considered

sort of like moving body through viscous "ether."

units 1/time

β_R → damping proportional to strain rate

damping proportional to elastic material stiffness

$\underline{\sigma}_d = \beta_R [D^{el}] \dot{\underline{\varepsilon}}$ where D^{el} is current elastic stiffness

generally speaking: mass prop damping damps out low freq response (CJW 8-15-02)

stiffness prop damping damps out high freq response

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case 5 mass damping

file	α_R ($\frac{1}{sec}$)
case 5.1a	.0001
case 5.1b	.001
case 5.1c	.01
case 5.1d	.1
case 5.1e	1.0

case 5 stiffness damping

file	β_R (sec)
case 5.1f	7.5e-7 (critical stable time increment from case 5.1a)
case 5.1g	1.5e-6
case 5.1h	1.5e-5

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case 3.1b → load curve definition

t	A
0.0	20
5e-3	10
10e-3	0
2	0

t_{end} = .038"

time to run to 0.005 seconds

case 5 → run out to 1sec or so for mass / stiffness damping

still elastic

load curve is "C"

t	U_x
.0007	.16
.0014	.32
.0021	↓

file	α_R	β_R	t_{end}
case 5.1i	.01	0	1.00
case 5.1j	0	0	1.00
case 5.1k	0	1.5e-6	1.00
case 5.1l	0	7.5e-7	1.00

time step too small due to [illegible]

← coarse model

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case 3.2a → motion in Z direction for base (email is incorrect)

beam nodes → 7777 to 7807

modify Z coord on all nodes to be 0.0

model od = .40"

id = .20

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modifications to case 5.1

need more data pts to define history response

- reduce step time to 0.25 sec (from 1.00)
- history output every .000025 sec (every 22 inc of time step - should be reasonable)

file	α_R	β_R	t
case 5.1j	0.0	0.0	0.25
case 5.1i	.01	0.0	0.25
case 5.1~~k~~l	0.0	7.5e-7	0.25

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if we could start over, what would I do...

1) element verification

start w/ simple model of a cylinder modeled by (confident that each answer is correct)

i) solids

ii) shells

iii) beam

elastic material

prescribed motion at base or tip going through fairly large motion

2) material validation

~~start~~ single element verification (shell, solid, beam)

- piecewise linear plasticity model
- kinematic hardening
- other

3) loading conditions

take models in 1 and apply various loading conditions individually

- pressure
- ax load
- gravity

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4) added plasticity models from (2) to (1)

5) added plasticity models from (2) to (3)

6) contact simulations

solid to solid

solid to shell

solid to beam

shell to beam

shell to shell

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[redacted] write up

case 1 - looks like we have big differences in sol'n

case 3.1b - when we thin up the cylinder, get excellent solution

⇒ that is critical to our assessment of shell elements

case 2 →

- run case 5.1 w/ refined mesh out to ~ .5 seconds (CJW 8-23-02)

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Aug 26, 2002

resubmittal fine v5.1 mesh (modified case5.06.inp to impulse case)

↑

~~case5.2c~~ (CJW 8-26-02)

case5.1 ref

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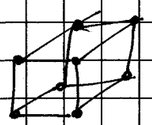
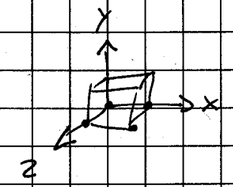
what's left to do

material model explanation

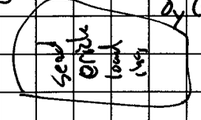




	x	y	z	u_x	u_y	u_z
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0		0	0
3	1	0	1		0	
4	0	0	1	0	0	
5	0	1	0	0	δ_y	0
6	1	1	0		δ_y	0
7	1	1	1		δ_y	
8	0	1	1	0	δ_y	

use curve from case 5 scaled by 0.3

$\delta_y(t) = .15 \cdot \sin(500t)$



t defined by increments similar to 5.0a (same loading of bar)

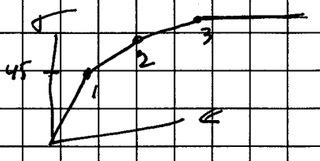
material model (CJW 8-28-07)

I) elastic perfectly plastic (same as below $E = 30e6$ $\nu = .3333$)

II) elastic perfectly plastic $\sigma_y = 45000$

IIA) kinematic hardening

$(\sigma_y)_{eng}$	ϵ_{eng}
45000	$\frac{45000}{30e6}$
50000	.05
55000	.20



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need to convert stress/strain to true stress and logarithmic plastic strain

σ_{nom}	ϵ_{nom}	σ_{true}	ϵ^{pl}_{ln}
45000	$\frac{45000}{30e6}$	45067.5	0.0
50000	.05	52500	.0470
55000	.20	66000	.1801

$$\sigma_{true} = \sigma_{nom}(1 + \epsilon_{nom})$$

$$\epsilon^{pl}_{ln} = \ln(1 + \epsilon_{nom}) - \frac{\sigma_{true}}{E}$$

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case 7 - material model tests on single shell element

case 7.1 - cyclic axial loading of elastic shell

$t = 0.1$

scheme from from case 6

same disp magnitude as in case 6

top_node = node 2

case 7.2 - uniaxial extension w/ elastic, perfectly plastic material

$\sigma_y = 45000$ psi

case 7.3 - modify case 7.1 to apply cyclic rotation on node 2 + 4

make rotation = 30° ($\pi = .5236$ rad)

$.5236 = .5 \sin(500t)$

$\frac{.5236}{.5} = 1.0472$ scale applied to be

case 7.4 - modify 7.2 with ↑ for x rotation on nodes 2 + 4

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case 7.5 – increase thickness in 7.3 to 0.2"
apply same bending rotation

case 7.6 – increase thickness in 7.4 to 0.1"
apply same bending rotation

case 7.7 – decrease thickness in 7.3 to .05"
apply same bending rotation

case 7.8 – decrease thickness in 7.4 to .05"
apply same bending rotation

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modified amplitude on 7.4 to be 0.3 to match Erick (who wasn't sure where 1.0472 had come from)

also modified 7.6 + 7.8

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Case 1 observ. → add time step study

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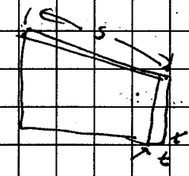
damping – target some % of critical damping w/ our inputs
overview → gives idea of scatter that may appear in between the 2 codes
something we can use in the future when considering design constraints
just keep goes w/ case 4 as scoped out
total package will be complete – everything covered

- check on spots welds on Case 2
  - give a shot again to see if we can get it going
- case 1 – finished
- case 3 – simplify running stuff + resubmit
  update initial pictures
  might have poor aspect ratio



want $t/5 \approx 1/5$ or so

when we went to $t=.038$, you get $\frac{t}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$
$t=.2$, you get $t/5 \Rightarrow 1$
} Large Cylinder

double check case 1 to see what happens as aspect ratio changes towards $\frac{1}{5}$ or so

- case 5 – calculate damping
  with out high frequency

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case 2 - generating spot welds

spot welds:
- only defined at slave nodes for pure master-slave contact pair
- rotational effects not considered/transfred between bodies

how to do this
- define edge of C shell to be a nodal group: C_node

*
* surface, name = cyl_mstr, type = element
cylinder, sneg
* surface, name = ~~C_node~~ C_slave, type = node (CJW 9-16-02)
C_node ← this should be entire slave group (channel in this case)

* contact pair, weight = 1.0, interaction = spt_weld, mechanical (constraint) = kinematic (CJW 9-16-02)
cyl_mstr, C_slave
* surface interaction, name = spt_weld
* bond
C_node

file user_2\ channel_cyl_ex_spt_weld.inp

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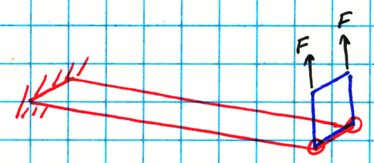


- 10" x 1" wide by 0.1" thick (1 elem)
- 1" x 1" wide (1 elem)

spot weld properties
- $F_n = \frac{9}{10} F = 3.375$
- $F_s = \frac{9}{10} F = 3.375$
- d_b = bead size = 0.0
- T_f = 1.0 sec

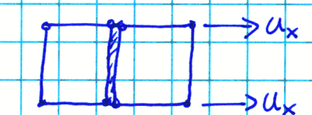
calc F: $\sigma = \frac{(2F \cdot L)(\frac{1}{2} \cdot .1)}{\frac{1}{12}(1)(.1)^3}$

σ = ~~45 ksi~~ 45 ksi

$\Rightarrow F = 3.75$ lbs

possible simplistic models to check out

1)



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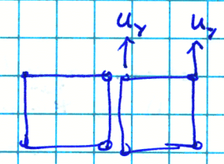

(= no, don't like)

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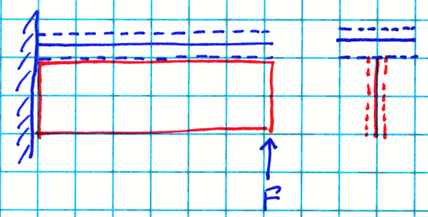

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mesh refinement -
concern exists over the applicability of the use of shell elements in highly refined meshes → element length ≈ element thickness
does this exceed good engineering approx?

Abaqus / Explicit
↳ $\frac{K_{\alpha\alpha} l^2}{D_{(\alpha+3)(\alpha+3)}} > 100$ [limit on applicability] $\alpha = 1, 2$ (not summed)

assumptions: linear elastic material

$K_{\alpha\alpha}$ = transverse shear stiffness
l = characteristic length ≠ element's characteristic length
$D_{\alpha\beta}$ = section stiffness matrix

to determine required input
1) use *General Section, Composite option
2) run datacheck analysis

mesh refinements to be examined
1) 10×20 mesh
2) 80×96 mesh
3) 160×192 mesh

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cl_10by20.inp
cl_80by96.inp
cl_160by192.inp

cl_10by20 results
$(K_{11})_{11} = 1.875 e6$
$(K_{11})_{12} = 1.875 e6$
$D_{44} = 22494$
$D_{55} = 22494$

since l is a fn of model geometry only, focus on stiffness fcn

$\frac{K_{\alpha\alpha}}{D_{(\alpha+3)(\alpha+3)}} = 83.4 > \frac{100}{l^2}$

$l > 1.095$ in ($t = .2$ inches)

this ends up being a very thick cylinder $D/t = 5.5$

$K+1$ values identical for 160×192 mesh

As anticipated validity of shell formulation is not affected by mesh discretization for elastic material

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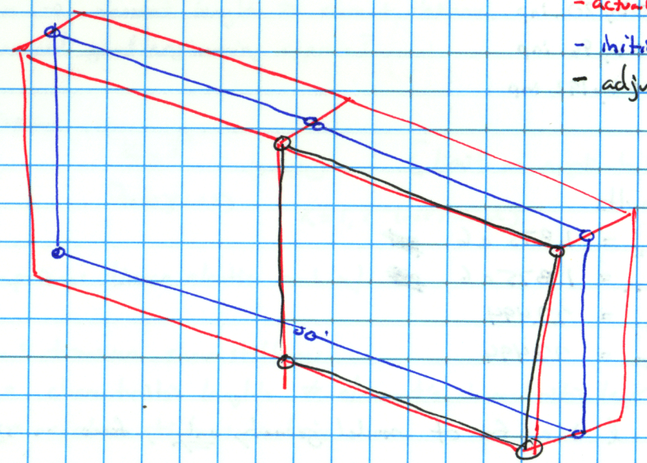
spot weld work

looking at 8.0 (2 elements w/ spot weld joint + axial truss) there is an offset problem



case 8.0b.inp

- offset master element nodes to SPOS surface (hopefully get everything in a line after adjustment)
  - define master nodes to be a SPOS geometrically
  - offset el 1 to SPOS
- aligns w/ spot weld surfaces (sort of) but the loaded nodes are no longer in line

case 8.0c also has issues

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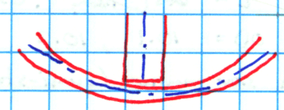
need to call Abaqus

- can I perform a spot weld analysis for the case where I have a shell perpendicular to another



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add large mass damping factor to case 5

$\alpha_R = 314.0$

⇒ case 5.1m.inp

base time increment = 7.4623e-7

total analysis time = 0.25

10000 pts output ⇒ time interval = .000025

executed w/ double precision solution

email sent to Abaqus regarding spot weld concerns - waiting reply

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Thick vs Thin Shell Solutions

make a ring with ~~mean diameter~~ following geometry → elastic : $E = 30e6$, $\nu = .333$

- height = 1.0" t = ~~0.5, 1.0~~, .05, .1, .5, 1.0
- ID = 10.0" OD = 10.1, 10.2, 11, 12

apply an ~~external~~ internal (LSU 11-25-02) pressure in slow manner (quasi-static)

compare solution to hand calc

- focus on stress variation through thickness
- focus on strain variation through thickness

directory = thick_thin_shell

model	t	$\bar{r}$ $(= \frac{1}{2}(ID + t))$	OD/t
tts_1	.05	5.025	202
tts_2	.1	5.05	102
tts_3	.5	5.25	22
tts_4	1.0	5.50	12

need to model closed pipe

- may have issues w/ single element axially if go to equivalent line load for thrust
- put hemiheads on model to "accurately" capture thrust loading
- make model 5 elements axially on cylindrical portion

estimated pressure

$\sigma = 50000$

tts_1 → P = ~~498 psi~~ 500 psi
tts_2 → P = 1000
tts_3 → P = 5000
tts_4 → P = 10000

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need to redo the model

- make nodes on inner surface
- outward normals
- offset = Sneg

⇒ only need to change t on shell section for 4 models

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run tts_3 w/ plasticity (no strain hardening)

$\sigma_y = 50000$ psi

$t_{max} = .015$

amp wave = unchanged

tts3_plasticity.inp ← input deck

yield stress too high (forgot ax tension component)

$\sigma_y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sigma_y^{old}$ (von mises) = 43300 psi

speed up analysis

$t_{max} = .0075$

end press @ .006 sec

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* previous case 8 models moved to initial models - edge - edge - contact directory

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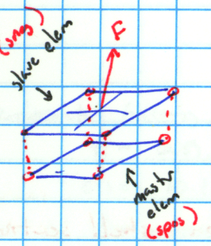
case 8.0 model



o spot welds

t = .50"

normal + shear failure force on spot welds = ~~0.0~~ 1.0 lbs

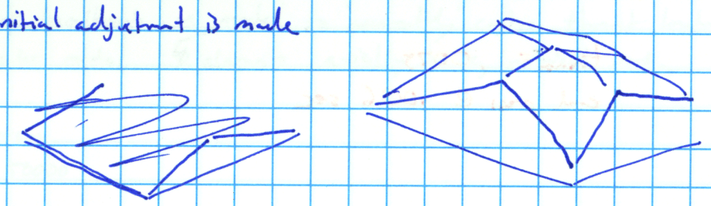
applied force F

t	F
0	0
1	~~4.0~~ 4.10
2	4.10

total duration considered = 1.5 seconds

problem w/ spot welds

the use of ~~[illegible]~~ nodal contact pairs instead of surfaces w/ shell elements results in formation of a tent like structure after initial adjustment is made



need to modify model some what

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modifications made to 8.0.1.inp

- move slave element nodes flush w/ top of master elements
- offset reference plane using snag
- increase spot weld strength to 10 000 lbs (from 1)

remove for time being × ~~repeat analysis~~ ← get larger deformations

~~delete - want to be able to track plate disp after failure~~

~~add 1 second time to failure~~

~~modify amp curve (0,0) (1, 4.10) (~~

modify time scale to ~~1.0~~ 1.00

modified shear force in spot weld and got "good" answer (separation when applied load = 4 × F_{normal} for spot weld)

~~8.0.2 → go to shear condition (apply F_y)~~ (CJW 10-4-02)

~~∞ F_{norm}~~

~~1.0 F_{shear}~~

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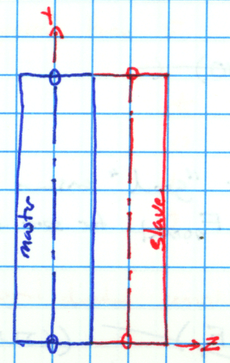
unresolved issues w/ spot weld adjustments in v6.2

need to determine how adjustments are made

case	z_{master}	adjustment of slave nodes	adjustments ⇓ my theoretical shifts
full offset (no overlap)	0.0	.15	.25
no offset (centerlines flush)	0.5	.35	.25
full offset (no overlap, SNEG side)	0.0	.85	.75



Abaqus will automatically move slave nodes to free surface of master element

Why doesn't this appear to be the case?

looks like it thinks the master shell is 0.70" thick not the 0.5" input

if I change both shell thicknesses to ~~0.5~~ 0.3", keep the center of master el @ z=0, the adjustment is 0.25" when it should be

$0.5"(\text{slave node}) - \frac{1}{2}(0.3")(\text{master pos surface}) = .35$

Keeping ↑ unchanged, I make SNEG ref surface adjustment → 0.75"

"should have been" → $0.5 - (-\frac{1}{2})(.3) = .65$

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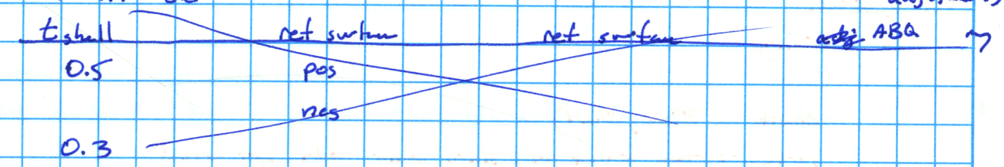
for z=0 on master elt



t shell	master elem ref surface	adjustments Abaqus	adjustments my
0.5	pos	.15	.25
0.5	neg	.85	~~.25~~ .75
0.3	pos	.25	.35
0.3	neg	.75	.65

in each case, the Abaqus adjustment was

0.1" < my prediction on pos side

0.1" > my prediction on neg side

send summary off to Abaqus again to see if they have any suggestions (hotline@abaqus-sc.com @ 7:01 am 10-7-02)

→ the culprit was the beadsize was set to 0.1"

if this was set to 0.0, everything would be fine I believe

other modifications

1) make slave surface the entire shell elements (not just corner nodes) } completed summary on next page
2) try setting $d_0 = 0.0$ (might adjust this but
3) time to failure = 0.0 secnds

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case 8.0.inp

elastic (30e6, 0.333)

surface-surface contact w/ slave corner nodes spot welded

F_n = 1.0 lbs

F_s = 1,000,000

d_b = 0.0

T_f = 0.0

z force drop at center of slave elements

t	F
0	0
1.0	4.10
2.0	4.10

analysis run to 1.2 seconds

case 8.1.inp (shear loading)

modify 8.0.inp so that → F_n = 10,000,000 lbs

F_s = 1.0 lbs

z force becomes positive y force

case 8.2.inp (normal + shear)

modify 8.1.inp so that → $F_n = F_s$ = 1.0 lbs

applied force in y + z directions = 2.828 $\left(=\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

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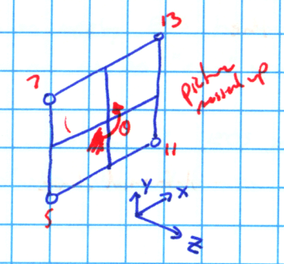
want to "unzip" our spot weld model

-current analyses (8.0, 8.1, & 8.2) have all welds fail at same time



0 spot welds

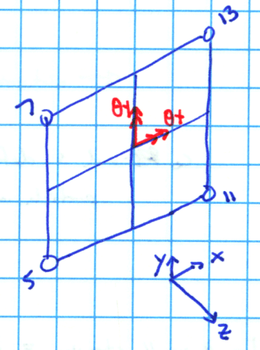
θ net rotation about diagonal)

$\theta_x = \theta_y = \theta$

let $\theta_x = \theta_y$ = .1745 rad (10 degrees)

save as 8.3 and rerun

[baseline model is 8.2]



slave surface

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much too high applied rotation:

make it .01745 rad

up normal/shear strength to 10 lbs

final version of 8.3 → .01745 rad about x+y axes

1000 lbs normal + shear spot weld strength

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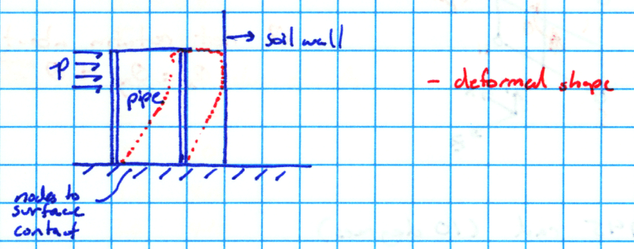
features in case 41 – thin walled pipe filled w/ concrete impacting soil wall

- concrete material properties of eqn of state tabulated computer must called
- soil properties
- contact surface? Abaqus doesn't have this
- semi-infinite elements



– deformed shape

what is an equation of state & how can it be applied to concrete?

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EOS

linear U_s-U_p Hugoniot Form

$$P_H = \frac{\rho_0 C_0^2 \eta}{(1-s\eta)^2}$$

C_0 and s define linear shock velocity U_s and particle velocity U_p

$$U_s = C_0 + s U_p$$

$\rho_0 C_0^2$ = elastic bulk modulus @ small strains = $K = \frac{E}{3(1-2\nu)}$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{\rho_0}{\rho} = \text{nominal volumetric strain} = \varepsilon_{vol}$$

not clear – start over

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possible text that might help

"Cracking in reinforced concrete flexural members" Shock and Vibration Digest vol 31 no 5 (9-1-99)

by Rao

-no luck

everything appears to focus on apply EOS to materials that change state (solid-liquid-gas)

really doesn't strike me as an "easy" way to model concrete at all

Abaqus does allow for a combination of EOS ~~and~~ (defines only hydrostatic pressure component) and elastic shear deformation & a plasticity option (Mises or Johnson-Cook plasticity)

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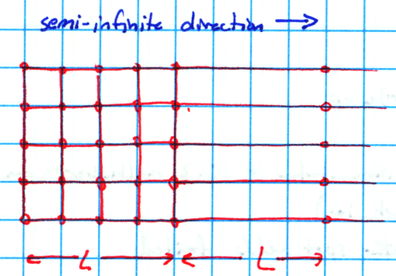
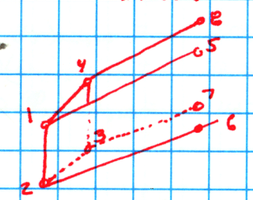
semi-infinite elements



If needed the *Ncopy, Pole command can be used (explicit user manual 7.1.1)



might have to use a script to define these elements?

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