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GENERATION OF MAT-LAB CODE FOR ISO-GEOMETRIC METHOD BY USING B-SPLINE CURVE AND COMPARISON WITH FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

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ABSTRACT

In this project, an attempt has been made to study and clearly explain the process between IGA and FEM Method. Meshing is difficult in complex problems such as bending model where an object may move out of alignment. In this project work, both IGA and FEM flowchart is shown and a static investigation is carried out by both method using the same geometry. After, investigation it has been observed that IGA method shows better results compare to FEM. As IGA method was quite a good method compare to FEM but it has its own disadvantage like the person needs to have a good knowledge of CAD.

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INTRODUCTION

In this project, new method Isogeometric Method is used to analyze the partial differential equation. This method has many properties common to the finite element method and some properties common with mesh-less method (Sangamesh Gondegaon, 2016). In FEM, the geometry of the area is separated into a set of elements. But it is challenging to separate a complex geometry into primitive elements. Also, meshing is not an accurate creation of the geometry (Austin, 2005). Meshing is the large concern in the utility of finite element method (Austin, 2005; Krishan *et al.*, 2013).

LITERATURE SURVEY

Sangamesh Gondegaon and Hari K. Voruganti have defined Isogeometric Analysis (IGA) was a fresh method for uniting (CAD) and (CAE). Use of NURBS basis functions for both representation and investigation (Sangamesh Gondegaon, 2016). J. Austin Cottrell and Thomas J.R. Hughes have studied Isogeometric analysis was impelled by the existing gap between the (FEM) and (CAD).

It may seem unthinkable to young engineers, but it was not long ago that computers were nowhere to be seen in design offices (Austin, 2005). Vinh Phu Nguyen and Stephane have implemented that predominant technology that was used by CAD to represent complex geometries was the Non-Uniform Rational B-spline (Vinu, Stephane).

BACKGROUND

In past, before the invention of computers, numerical calculations were done by hand. Different kinds of piece-wise function were used, among them, polynomial functions were preferred because it was easy to use (Austin, 2005; Vinu, Stephane).

B-Spline

It is a type of Spline. Hughes and his co-workers have formulated a more general formulation for using B-splines called Isogeometric method.

Basis Concept

B-Splines are piece-wise mathematical function curves. It is defined by a rectilinear assemblage of basis functions and control points.

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Knot-Vector

It is one dimension non-decreasing knot. It divides B-Spline into a small area. This small area is known as Knot-span, which are related to elements in FEM. It is in the form $U=\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n+p+1}\}$.

Where,

p =Order of B-Spline.

n =No. of Control Points.

i = Index of Knot. i.e $i=1, 2, \dots, n+p+1$.

Basis Function

It is determined by using Cox Recursive Formula. For, $p=1$

(a) $N_{i,p} = \{1 \text{ if } (t_i \leq t < t_{i+1}) \text{ or } \{0 \text{ otherwise.}$

For, $p > 1$

(b) $N_{i,p} = \left(\frac{(t - t_i)}{(t_{i+p} - t_i)} * N_{i,p-1} \right) + \left(\frac{(t_{i+p+1} - t)}{(t_{i+p+1} - t_{i+1})} * N_{i+1,p-1} \right)$

B-Spline Curve

B-Spline curvatures are defined by rectilinear assemblage of B-Spline Basis Function. B-Spline curve formula is given by;

$C(t) = \sum (N_{i,p}(t) * B_i)$

Where, $N_{i,p}(t)$ =Basis Function.

B_i =Control points. Z

Control Points:

$X=(0 \ 1 \ 1.5 \ 2); Y=(0 \ 3 \ 2 \ 2.5);$

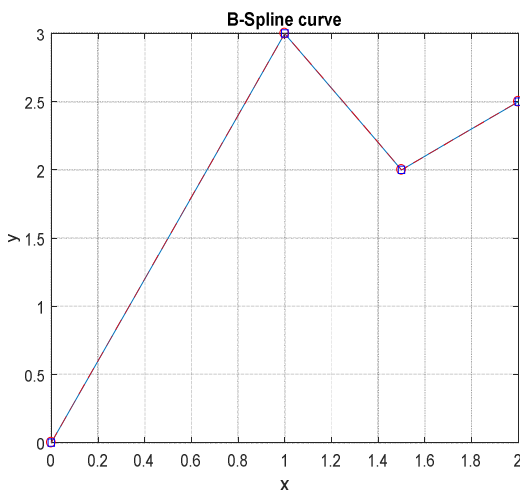


Fig. 1 B-spline Curve of $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3\}$.

B-Spline Refinement

Refinement includes adding and removing of knots while meshing to solve a problem.

Knot Insertion

It is similar to formal FEM h-Refinement. In this refinement, knots are added in knot vectors, which make new knot interval or elements. e.g: $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3\}$, take knot to be inserted (2). After insertion, $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3\}$.

Degree Elevation

It is similar to formal FEM Method p-Refinement. In this refinement, each knot value is increased by one. e.g: $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3\}$. After Elevation, $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3\}$.

k-Refinement

It is also a combined a form of Knot Insertion and Degree Elevation Refinement. e.g: $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3\}$. Insert knot (2) for Knot insertion Refinement. After Refinement, $U=\{0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3\}$.

NURBS

B-splines are favorable for free-form representation, but they are not applied accurate representation for circle and ellipse shape. It is characterized as,

$$R_i^p = (N_{i,p} * W_i) / \sum (N_{i,p} * W_i)$$

Where,

R =NURBS Basis Function.

$N_{i,p}$ =B-Spline Basis Function.

W_i =NURBS Weights Value.

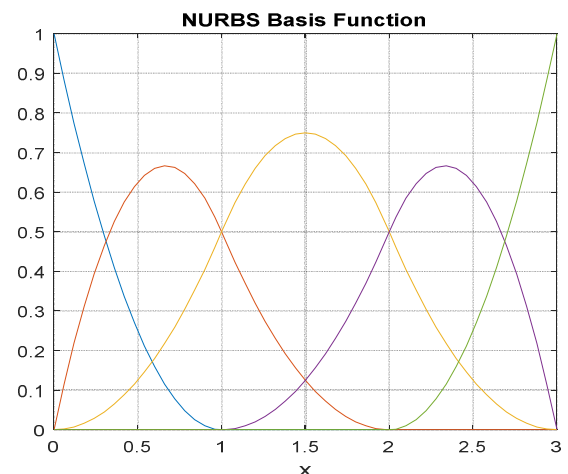


Fig. 2. NURBS Basis Function of $U=(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 3 \ 3)$, $p=2$.

NURBS Curve

It is similar to B-Spline Curve. It is associated with control points and weights value. It is given as;

$$C(t) = \sum (R_i^p * B_i)$$

Where,

R_i^p =NURBS Basis Function.

B_i =Control Points for B-Spline Curve.

IGA AND FEM FORMULATION

IIGA Formulation

Relevant Spaces in IGA

In IGA, physical mesh, control mesh, parameter space, and parent element are working area.

Flow Chart for IGA Method

Elements loop

Start
 Input Data
 Element Stiffness Matrix and Element load Vector. ie $K^e=0, F^e=0$.
 Stiffness Matrix and connectivity
 and Connectivity
 Quadrature points loop
 Global Stiffness matrix Displacement Vector and Load Vector. ie $K=0, F=0$.
 NURBS/B-spline function, Derivatives for Gaussian points.
 Solve $KU=F$
 Add K and F .
 Assemble global stiffness, Global load vector.
 Post-processing
 Stop

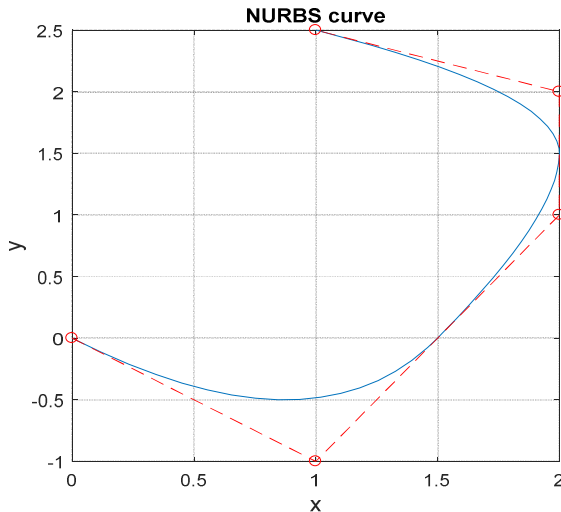


Fig. 3. NURBS Curve for $U=(0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 3\ 3)$.

Structural Analysis for Plate with a rectangular hole

Here, for analysis, 2Dimension plate with a rectangle hole of half/symmetric portion is taken.

Input Data is given as;
 Young's Modulus (E) = $1e5$.
 Poisson's ratio (ν) = 0.3.
 Load (F) = 1N.

Force load is applied on the right side and left side of the model is taken as fixed. Stress state is taken as Plane stress condition. Mat-lab code is given in Appendix A.

Geometry and Mesh

It helps to create a model of given data using B-Spline or NURBS Curve.

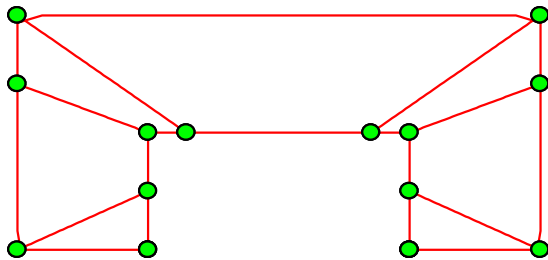


Fig. 4. Model with control points.

Numerical-Integration

Element stiffness Matrix is calculated by Variational method i.e Minimum Potential Energy.

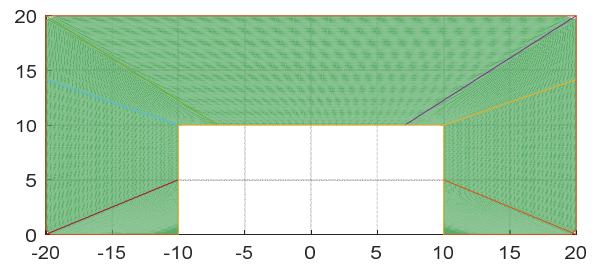


Fig. 5Knot plot of Model

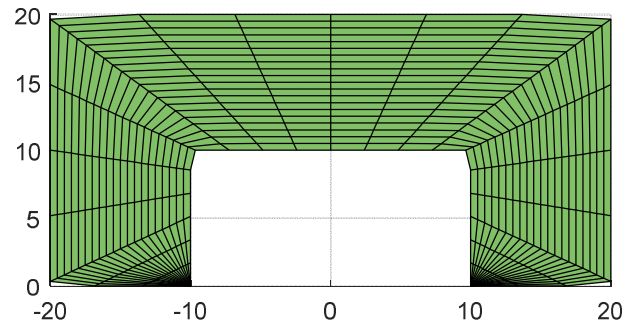


Fig. 6Nrbplot of Model

$$K = \int (B^T C B \, d\Omega)$$

Where,

K =Stiffness Matrix.

B =Strain Displacement Matrix.

C =Elasticity Matrix.

Calculation of Stress

Stress is calculated by formula;

$$\text{Stress} = C * \text{strain}.$$

$$\text{Strain} = B * U.$$

Where,

C =Elasticity Matrix.

B =Strain Displacement Matrix.

U =Displacement Value.

Solution

The left edge of the plate is fixed. The positive load is applied on the right side of the model.

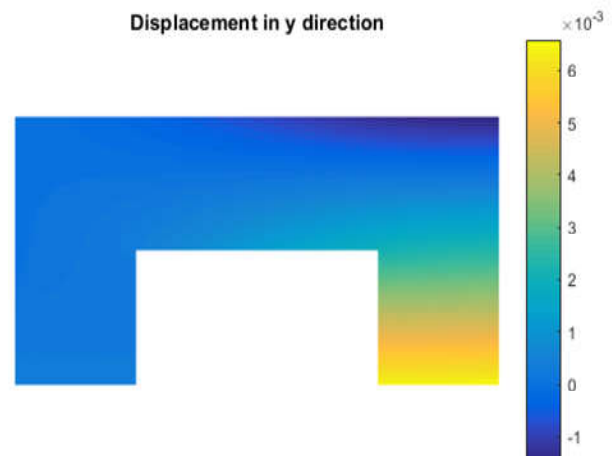


Fig. 7 Displacement in the y-direction for the positive load

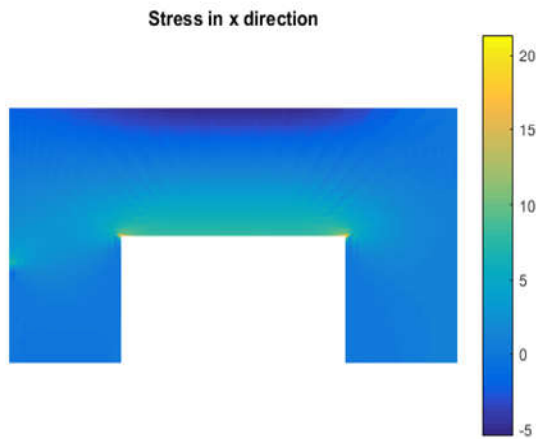


Fig. 8 Stress in the x-direction for the positive load

Flow Chart for FEM Method

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Elements loop
Start
Input Data
Element stiffness matrix, Load vector. ie K=0, F=0.
Stiffness Matrix and connectivity
Quadrature loop
G.S. Matrix, Displacement and Load, K=0, F=0.
Lagrange's function, Derivative Gaussian points
Solve KU=F
Add K and F
Write-Output
Stop
Assemble global stiffness and load vector

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Structural Analysis for Plate with a rectangular hole

Here, for analysis, 2 Dimension plate with a rectangle hole of half/symmetric portion is taken.

Input Data is given as;
 Young's Modulus (E)= $1e5$.
 Poisson's ratio (ν)= 0.3.
 Load (F)= 1N.

Force load is applied on the right side and left side of the module is taken as fixed. Mat-lab code is given in Appendix B.

Geometry, Mesh

In FEM meshing the element is done in different ways;

- Q9 elements.
- Q4 elements.
- T3 elements.

Meshing is based on Gaussian Quadrature points.

Numerical-Integration

Element stiffness Matrix is calculated by Variational method i.e Minimum Potential Energy.

$K = \int (B^T C B) d\Omega$
 Where,
 K=Stiffness Matrix.

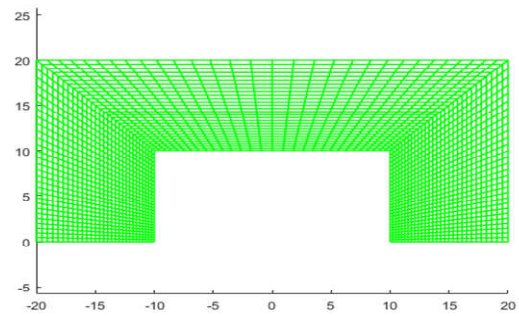


Fig. 9 Geometry mesh model by Q4 element.

C=Elasticity Matrix.

Calculation of Stress

Stress is calculated by formula;
 $\text{Stress} = C * \text{strain}$.
 $\text{Strain} = B * U$.
 Where,
 C=Elasticity Matrix.

Solution

The left edge of the plate is fixed. A positive load is applied on the right side of the model.

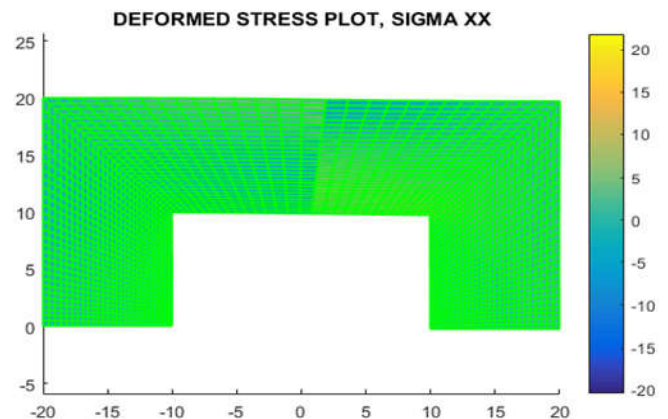


Fig. 10 Deformed Stress for positive load

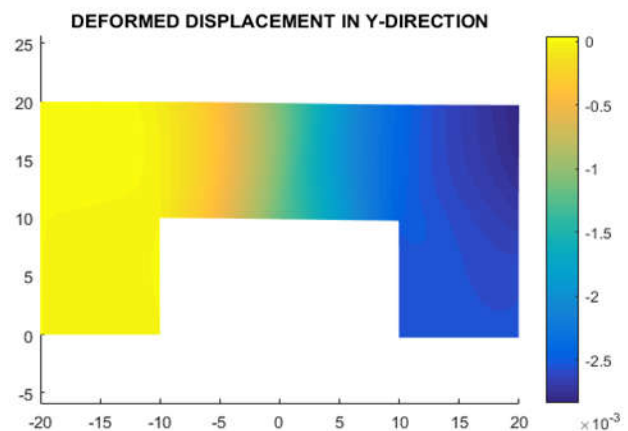


Fig. 11 Deformed Displacement in the y-direction for a positive load

Structural Analysis of a plate with a circular hole by IGA Method

Here, for analysis 2 D plate with a circular hole of half part is taken.

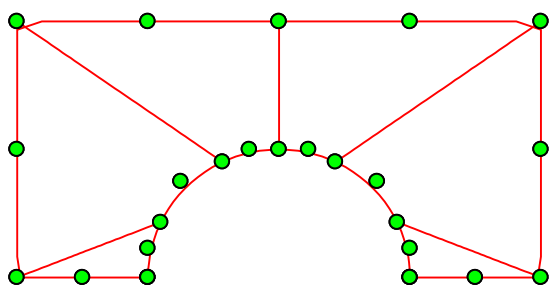


Fig. 12 Control plot for given model

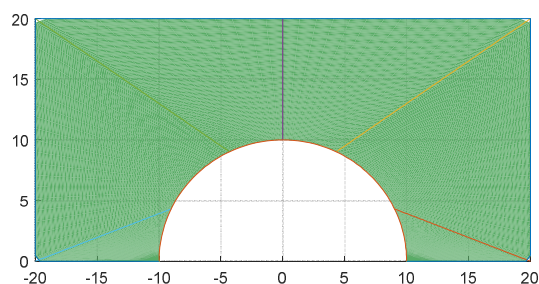


Fig. 13 Knot plot for a model

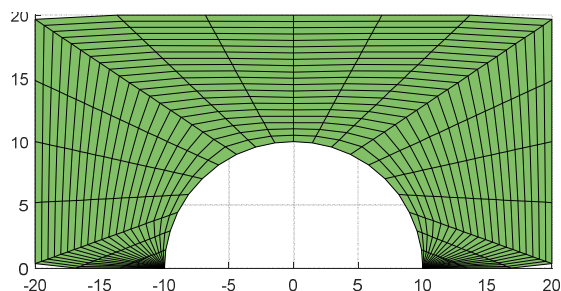


Fig. 14 Nrplot for a model

For IGA Method

$F = 1N$

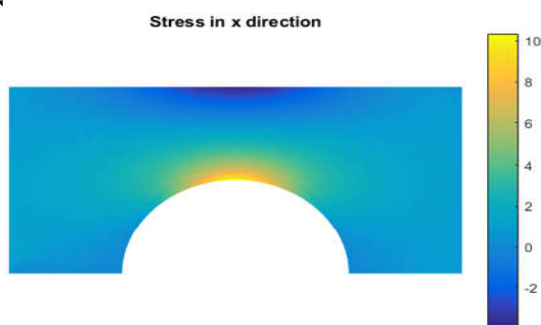


Fig. 15. Stress in x-direction

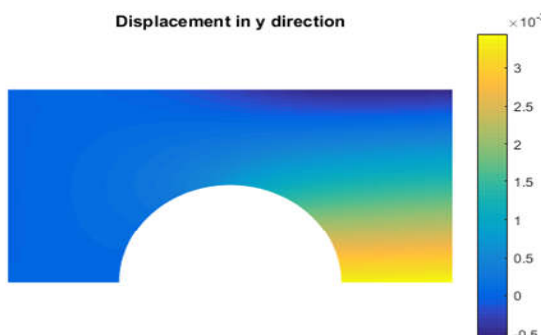


Fig. 16. Displacement in y-direction

Structural Analysis for a plate with circular hole by FEM Method

Here, for analysis, 2Dimension plate with a circular hole of half/symmetric portion is taken.

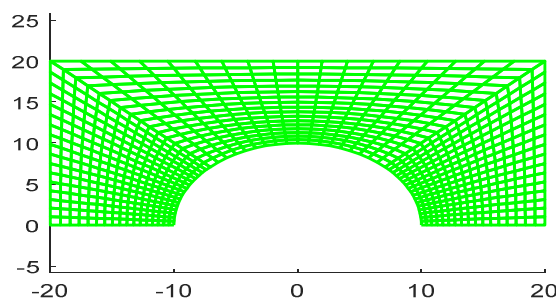


Fig. 17 Geometry mesh model by Q4 element

For FEM Method

$F = 1N$

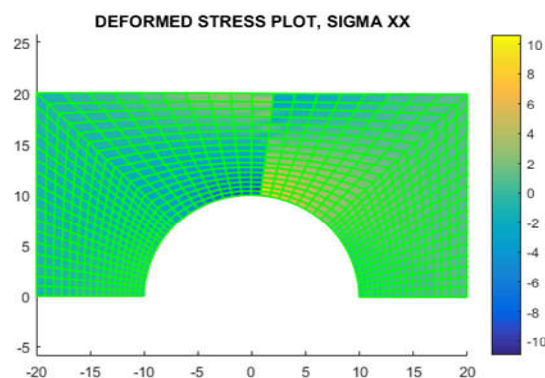


Fig. 18 Stress in x-direction

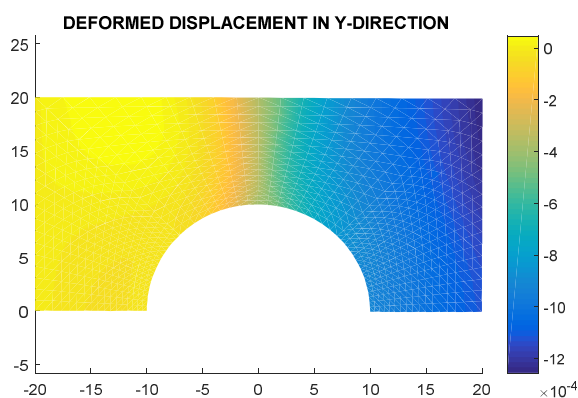


Fig. 19. Displacement in the y-direction

Structural Analysis of a plate with a rectangle and circular hole using Ansys

Input Data is given as;
Young's Modulus= $1e5$
Poisson's ratio=0.3
 $F=1N$.

Force load is applied on the right side and left side of the module is taken as fixed.

For Positive Load

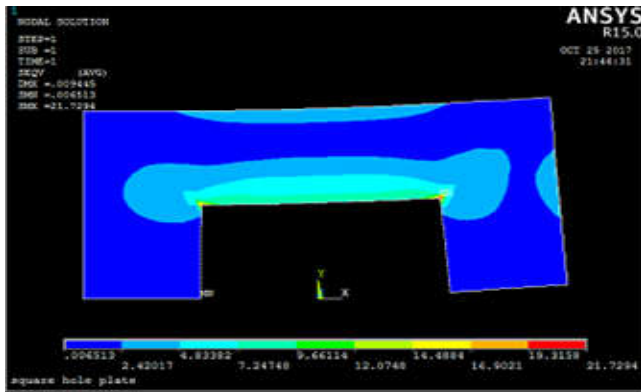


Fig. 20 Stress for a plate with rectangle hole

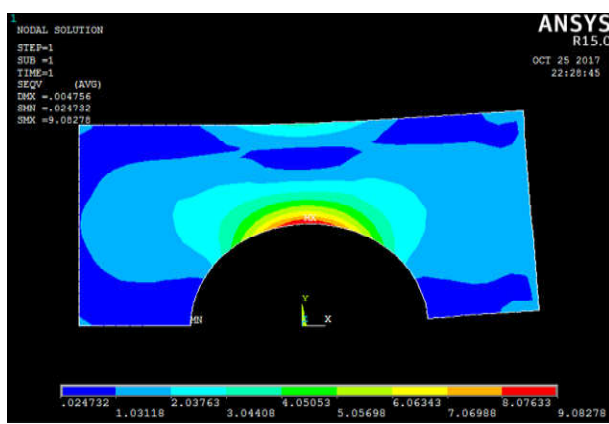


Fig. 21. Stress for a plate with a circular hole

COMPARISON BETWEEN IGA AND FEM METHOD

After performing, analysis of given model by using both IGA and FEM method it is found few similarities and difference between these two methods. Some of them are discussed below;

Geometry

- In IGA method, curves are used to determine area so, it employs perfect geometry. These are not interpolated.
- In FEM method, piece-wise polynomial estimation for the element.
- Nodal points are used to define the domain of geometry. These nodal are interpolated in Lagrange's shape Function.

Basis Function

- In IGA method B-Spline/NURBS Basis Functions are used to analysis for geometry.
- In FEM Lagrange's Polynomial Basis Functions are used to analysis for geometry.

Assembly of Global Stiffness Matrix

- In IGA method, C^{p-m} continuity is maintained so, each knot span shares two control points. During assembly of the matrix.

Where, p = Degree of Basis Function.

m = No. of repeated knots in the interval of knot vector.

❖ In FEM C^0 continuity is maintained at each element so, each element shares one node during assembly of the matrix.

Meshing

- In IGA method, geometry is built and the automatic mesh is carried out.
- In FEM method, meshing is carried out in a different way;
 - Q9 element type.
 - Q4 element type.
 - T3 element type.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

After performing structural analysis on a plate with rectangle hole by both method. Displacement and stress value is measured. Comparison value is listed in given table;

Table.1 for plate with rectangle hole: (Positive Load)

S.No		IGA	FEM	ANSYS
(a).	Max.Stress	21.6585	21.9709	21.7294
(b).	Max.Dis.	0.0088	0.0083	0.009446

Table 2. for plate with circular hole (Positive Load)

S.No		IGA	FEM	ANSYS
(a).	Max.Stress	10.3538	10.5702	9.08378
(b).	Max.Dis.	0.0043	0.0040	0.004756

In this table, IGA, FEM Method and Ansys results are calculated and analyzed for rectangle and circular hole plate. Ansys result is taken as reference for both IGA and FEM Method. It shows IGA Method result is quite closer than FEM results.

Table.3 Discretization details for a plate with rectangle hole

S.No:	Properties	IGA Method	FEM Method
(a).	No.of Elements.	1792	2552
(b).	No.of Nodes.	1921	2670
(c).	No.of Dof.	3842	5340

Table.4 Discretization details for a plate with a circular hole

S.No:	Properties	IGA Method	FEM Method
(a).	No.of Elements.	1536	2552
(b).	No.of Nodes.	1751	2670
(c).	No.of Dof.	3502	5340

It shows that for IGA Method low number of an element, nodes/control points and degree of freedom is required for the same model than FEM Method. After, investigation on both method it is concluded that for low no of elements, nodes and degree of freedom generate more accuracy with low computation compare to high no. for elements, nodes/control points and degree of freedom.

Conclusion

The main motto of this project is to generate code in Mat-lab using B-Spline/NURBS for IGA Method based on FEM

Method process. The result is compared with FEM Method on 2D dimensional elasticity problem of regular geometry by taking Ansys result as a reference. It also shows that in order to maintain the same result with IGA Method, FEM Method requires a large number of elements and control points. Due to a low number of elements and control points, IGA Method result is quite accurate than FEM Method. As, IGA method is quite fantastic than FEM, but IGA method required expertise with good knowledge of CAD. IGA Method is costly as compared to FEM. Isogeometric investigation, a new investigation method with a great deal of benefit, has a vast range in the future day.

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Appendix.A

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For IGA Method
%Input Material Data.
E= 'Input Young's Modulus value'.
nu= 'Input Poisson's Ratio value'.
p=...% Order in u direction.
q=...% Order in v direction.
refineCount=...
Force(F)=Input Value.
stressState='Plane Stress' or 'Plane Strain'.
L=Length of the plate.
%Compute Elasticity Matrix.
C=elasticityMatrix(E0,nu0,stressState);
tic;
rectangleholeplate;
if (refineCount)
hRefinement2d
end
noGps=p+1; %No of global degree of freedom.
noCtrPts=noPt x noPts y;
noDofs=noCtrPts*2;
% Compute boundary condition.
bottomNodes=find(controlPts(:,2)==0);
rightNodes=find(controlPts(:,1)==L);
leftNodes=find(controlPts(:,1)==-L);
topNodes=find(controlPts(:,2)==L);
%Essential boundary condition.
uFixed=zeros(size(leftNodes));
vFixed=zeros(size(leftNodes));
Plot_mesh(controlpts,weights,uKnot,vKnot,p,q,10 'r')
generateIGA2DMesh.
rightPoints=controlPts(rightNodes);
rightEdge=zeros(noElemsV,q+1);
For I=1:noElemsV
rightEdgeMesh(i,:)=rightNodes(i:i+q);
end
k=sparse(noDofs,noDofs); % Matrix for Global.
U=zeros(noDofs,1); %Vector for displacement.
F=zeros(noDofs,1); %Vector for external force applied.
% Gauss Quadrature rule.
(Wt,Q)=quadrature(nogps,'GAUSS',2);
% Loop for elements.
For e=1:noelems
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idu=index(e,1);
idv=index(e,2);
Xie=ElrangeU(idu,:);
Etae=ElrangeV(idv,:);
sctr=Element(e,:);
SctrB=(sctr sctr+noctrlpts);
n=length(sctr);
D=zeros(3,2*nn);
pts=controlpts(sctr,:);
For gps=1:size(Wt,1)
pt=Q(gps,:);
wt=Wt(gps);
xi=parent2ParametricSpace(xiE,pt(1));
eta=parent2ParametricSpace(etaE,pt(2));
J2=jacobianpaMapping(xiE,etaE);
(dSdx,dSdeta)=NURBS2Dders((xi,eta),p,q,uKnot,vKnot,weights);
jacob=pts*(dSdx' dSdeta');
J1=det(jacob);
invJacob=inv(jacob);
dSdx=(dSdx' dSdeta')*invJacobi;
% Compute D Matrix.
D(1,1:n)=dSdx(:,1)';
D(2,n+1:2*n)=dSdx(:,2)';
D(3,1:n)=dSdx(:,2)';
D(3,n+1:2*n)=dSdx(:,1)';
k(sctrD,sctrD)=k(sctrD,sctrD)+D'*C*D*J1*J2*wt;
end
end
```

Appendix.B

```
For FEM Method
tic;
% material properties.
E=Young's Modulus.
nu=Poisson's Ratio.
stressState='Plane Stress' or 'Plane Strain';
Force(F)=..input value.
% Compute elasticity matrix;
C=elasticityMatrix(E0,nu0,stressState);
Rectangleplatehole.% Input data for model.
% Define boundaries.
uleftn=numu*(numv-1)+1; % leftside node no of upper.
urighn=numu*numv;% rightside node no.
lrightn=numu;% rightside node no.in lower.
lleftn=1;%leftside node no.in lower.
rightside=(lrightn:numu:(uleftn-1);
(lrightn+numu):numu:urighn);
leftside=(urighn:-numu:(lrightn+1); (uleftn-numu):-numu:1);
edgeelemType='L2';
fixedXnodes=b4;
fixedYnodes=b4;
uFixed=zeros(length(fixedXnodes),1);
vFixed=zeros(length(fixedYnodes),1);
%plot mesh.
Plot_mesh(node,element,ElemType,'g-');
k=sparse(2*nnode,2*nnode);% stiffness matrix for Global.
U=zeros(2*nnode,1);% Displacement matrix.
F=zeros(2*nnode,1);% external force matrix.
xs=1:nnode;
ys=(nnode+1):2*nnode;
udofs=fixedXnodes;
vdofs=fixedYnodes+nnode;
%Compute assemble matrix.
(W,Q)=quadrature(2,'GAUSS',2);
for e=1:nElem
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Sctr=Element(e,:);
SctrB=(Sctr Sctr+nElem);
n=length(Sctr);
for q1=1:size(Wt,1)
    Pt=Q(q1,1);
    wt=Wt(q1);
    (M,dMdx)=lagrange_basis(ElemType,pt);
    J0=node(sctr,:)*dMdx;
    invJ0=inv(J0);
    dMdx=dMdx*invJ0;
    D=zeros(3,2*n);
    D(1,1:n)=dMdx(:,1)';
    D(2,n+1)=dMdx(:,2)';
    D(3,1:n)=dMdx(:,2)';
    D(3,n+1:2*n)=dMdx(:,1)';
    K(SctrD,SctrD)=K(SctrD,SctrD+D'*C*D*Wt(q1)*det(J0);
end
end
%Compute external force.
(Wt,Q)=quadrature(8,'GAUSS',2);
for e=1:size(rightside,1)
    Sctr=rightside(e,:);
    Sctrx=Sctr;
    Sctry=Sctrx+nnode;
    for q1=1:size(Wt,1)
        pt=Q(q1,1);
        wt=Wt(q1);
        (M,dMdx)=lagrange_basis(EdgeelemType,pt);
        J0=dMdx'*node(Sctr,:);
        detJ0=norm(J0);
        f(Sctrx)=f(Scytx)+M*F*detJ0*wt;
    End
end
Disp((num2str,(toc),'apply boundary'))
Apply BC.
U=K\f;

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