Material Model for Deformation and Failure of Cast Iron for High-Speed Impacts

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Overview

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  • Material data basing on tension and compression tests

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  • Verification of the enhanced material implementation

• Summary
Introduction

• **Use of cast iron**
  - Cast iron parts have been used for a wide range of applications in mechanical engineering for a long time
  - Previously cast iron parts have often been used for simple parts only
    - e.g. fittings, wheels, exhaust manifolds, pipes, gates, ovens, boiler, pans, etc.
Introduction

• Use of cast iron
  • Today cast iron parts are very common in automotive and aircraft industry, turbo machinery, wind energy and generating plants
  • Due to their design flexibility cast parts are increasingly utilised for very high loadings e.g. axis, components of automotive space frames, subframes, turbine casings, etc.
Highly dynamic loading due to misuse or failure

- In case of an accident such as a car crash, an aircraft emergency landing, a turbine burst, etc. highly dynamic impacts occur
- These highly dynamic impacts of cast parts can be analysed by an explicit simulation code such as RADIOSS

Example: Turbocharger

Common turbocharger design with cast iron casings

Display model of a containment simulation of a turbocharger
Specimen Tests

• Overview
  • Specimen tests are required to determine the material properties
  • The most common tests are tension tests with quasi-static and dynamic loading, sometimes also considering the temperature

• Tension Test
  • Tension tests are well known in the industry, nonetheless often missing in practice due to time and costs
  • Anyway, the description of an isotropic elastoplastic material behaviour requires a stress-strain-curve input

• Compression Test
  • In addition compression tests are required for the analysis of a possible interrelation of behaviour under tension and compression
Specimen Tests

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Tension test of a specimen

- Nowadays servo-hydraulic test rigs are very common for tension tests
- These test rigs can be controlled by load and by strain for different speeds
- The measurement system comprises load cells and strain gauges
- A heating system allows testing at different temperatures
- Test results are given as engineering data (force vs. displacement)
- The use for simulation requires a transfer to true stress-strain data

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- Tension test of a specimen
  - For a sufficient set of input data, the tension test has to be performed with different strain rates, e.g. $10^{-4}$ 1/s (quasi-static) as well as 5, 100, 500 1/s (dynamic loading)
  - Depending on the intended use different temperature are required also, e.g. 20 °C (ambient temperature), 200, 400, 600 °C
  - In the simulation a $\frac{1}{4}$ specimen model is very common

FE model of a specimen with common crash dimension

2229 nodes
1584 elements
element length ~1.5 mm

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Specimen Tests

- Tension test of a specimen
  - Typical effects of higher strain rate and higher temperature

- Increasing by higher strain rate
- Decreasing by higher temperature
Specimen Tests

- Tension test of a specimen, comparison of simulation/test

Overview of raw data, engineering stress and true stress-strain data of a cast iron for a single strain-rate and a single temperature

The relation of engineering and true values is given by (valid until uniform elongation)

\[ \varepsilon_{\text{true}} = \ln \left( 1 + \varepsilon_{\text{eng}} \right) \]

\[ \sigma_{\text{true}} = \sigma_{\text{eng}} \left( 1 + \varepsilon_{\text{eng}} \right) \]
Specimen Tests

- Compression Test
  - An additional compression test allows the analysis of a possible interrelation of material behaviour under tension and compression.
  - But as testing under highly dynamic loading is very difficult, normally this test is done with quasi-static loading.
  - There is a significant influence of the friction between the specimen and the plates of the test rig.

FE model of a specimen with common crash dimension:

- 1929 nodes
- 1604 elements
- Element length ~0.8 mm

Specimen before and after test.
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- Compression Test

In compression tests it's not easy to identify the limit of plastic strain, because there is no breaking into two parts. So a common criterion is the appearance of the first shear lines.

Overview of raw test data, engineering stress and true stress-strain data of a cast iron for a single strain-rate and a single temperature.
Implementation

• **Overview**
  • RADIOSS offers a wide range of different material laws that are very common in explicit respectively crash simulation
  • Examples are /MAT/LAW2 (Johnson-Cook) with polynomial input or /MAT/LAW36 with tabulated input, which is preferred today

• **Standard** material implementation
  • Using /MAT/LAW36 as a standard crash material for a common description of an isotropic elastoplastic material law

• **Enhanced** material implementation
  • Different stress-strain-curves for tension and compression
  • Different failure modes for tension and compression (triaxiality)
• **Standard** material implementation
  • Using /MAT/LAW36 as a standard material description for crash simulation with an isotropic elastoplastic material law

• **Common input data**
  • Physical data e.g. bulk modulus, density, Poisson’s ration, etc.
  • Maximum plastic strain (element eroding if this limit is reached)
  • Isotropic / kinematic hardening formulation
  • Yield stress functions for different strain rates
    • The first curve represents the lower limit of strain-rates (quasi-static)
    • Extrapolation for higher strain rates using the two last curves
    • Linear interpolation between two strain-rates
  • Remark: stress-strain-curves are based on tension tests
### Implementation

- **/MAT/LAW36 - Standard**
  
  Isotropic elastoplastic material law using a user defined function for the plastic stress-strain-curve

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- **yield1** ID number of the stress-strain-curve 1 to 5 which are associated to the strain rate value 1 to 5 of the stress-strain-curve
Implementation

• /MAT/LAW36 - **Standard**
  • Common stress-strain-curves for /MAT/LAW36

![Graph showing stress-strain curves with different strain-rates](image)

- **Increasing by higher strain-rate**
- **Stress-strain curve for one strain-rate**
- **Max plastic strain**
- **Elements will be eroded, if this limit is reached (individual check for each element)**

**Legend**
- **Strain rate (yield3)**
- **Quasi-static stress-strain-curve**
- **Dynamic stress-strain-curves for different strain-rates**

- **Strain rate**
  - 1.0 E-4 1/s
  - 2.0 1/s
  - 10.0 1/s
  - 200.0 1/s
  - 500.0 1/s
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- Enhanced material implementation
  - Using /MAT/LAW36 as a standard material description for crash simulation with an isotropic elastoplastic material law

- Additional feature - Enhancement 1
  - Different stress-strain-curves for tension and compression

- Physical background
  - Most cast iron materials have significant differences in the stress-strain-curves for tension and for compression
  - This has to be taken into account for 3D-structures especially
  - This can be implemented directly into the standard material card /MAT/LAW36, no extra card is needed
- Implementation -

- /MAT/LAW36 - Enhancement 1

- Enhanced material implementation for the relationship of compression and tension by using the standard card

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**pressure** ID number of the compression / tension relationship
**scale** scaling factor for the relationship
• **/MAT/LAW36 - Enhancement 1**

  - Enhanced material implementation for the relationship of compression and tension by using the standard card

Yield stress scale factor vs. pressure for defining the difference of tension and compression.

Without enhancement, the loading for compression and tension is the same, but that is not correct.
Implementation

- Enhanced material implementation
  - Using /MAT/LAW36 as a standard material description for crash simulation with an isotropic elastoplastic material law

- Additional feature - **Enhancement 2**
  - Different failure modes for tension and for compression (triaxiality)

- Physical background
  - Most cast iron materials also have significant differences in the failure mode due to tension and due to compression
  - This has to be taken into account for all simulation with fracture
  - This effect can be described by an additional failure card which can be associated to the used material card
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- Enhancement 2 /FAIL/JOHNSON - physical background
  - Enhanced material implementation for the failure relationship of compression and tension using the additional /FAIL card
  - The failure relationship is defined by a function of mid-stress level to von-Mises stress
  - This relation is named triaxiality

\[
\sigma^*_\text{Tension/compression} = \frac{\sigma_M}{\sigma_{VM}} = \frac{\sigma}{|\sigma|} = \pm \frac{1}{3}
\]

\[
\sigma^*_\text{Shear} = \frac{\sigma_M}{\sigma_{VM}} = 0
\]

\[
\varepsilon_{T,f}^p = F(\sigma^*)
\]

-0.333 = compression

0.0 = shear

+0.333 = tension
- **Enhancement 2 / FAIL/JOHNSON**
  - Enhanced material implementation for the failure relationship of compression and tension using the additional /FAIL card

- The relationship (failure curve) is defined by at least three failure parameters $D_1$ to $D_3$, $D_4$ and $D_5$ can be added optionally

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{T,f}^P = \left[ D_1 + D_2 \cdot \exp(D_3 \cdot \sigma^*) \right] \left[ 1 + D_4 \cdot \ln \left( \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}}{\dot{\varepsilon}_0} \right) \right] \left[ 1 + D_5 \cdot T^* \right]$$

-> therefore normalized mean stress $\sigma^* = \sigma_M / \sigma_{VM}$
Impact Test

Overview
- The impact test is a simple but repeatable test for analysing a multiaxial stress combination under highly dynamic loading
- Thus in this presentation the impact test is used for demonstrating the qualities of the material implementations described above

Verification / Comparison of test and simulation
- The calculations were carried out using different initial speeds of the bullet when hitting the plate
- This allows to determine the limit of specific energy needed for a full penetration and to compare it for test and simulation
- The simulation compares the standard material law versus the optimised i.e. the enhanced material implementation with the additional failure specification
Impact Test

- Impact Test
  - For this impact test the same cast iron material is used for the plate and for the bullet
  - The plate is clamped by a rigid steel frame
  - The bullet has different initial speeds
- Simulation
  - Comparison of standard material and optimised material implementation
    - Standard = /MAT/LAW36
    - Optimised = /MAT/LAW36 + /FAIL/JC
      Enhancement 1 + Enhancement 2
Comparison of both material implementations
Impact Test

Comparison of both material implementations

Standard Material Implementation

Optimised Material Implementation
Impact Test

• Comparison of impact test and simulation

The optimised material law with the enhanced material and the additional failure specification leads to an excellent correlation of deformation and failure behaviour and meets the specific energy which is needed for a full penetration.
Summary

• Cast Iron Parts
  • Due to design flexibility and low costs, cast iron parts are used increasingly for very high loadings in a wide range of applications
  • But for highly dynamic loads with a significant failure behaviour, e.g. in a car crash, an impeller burst, etc. a standard material law defined only by a tension test is no longer sufficient
  • In particular for cast iron parts, the different behaviour under tension and compression in the stress-strain curves as well as in the failure behaviour have to be taken into account

• CAE Simulation / Process
  • RADIOSS Explicit can handle this by using common crash material laws, which can enhanced very comfortably with specific parameters and with an add-on of given failure criteria cards
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