## APPENDIX A

# CBAR Element Shear Factor, K



### **Objectives:**

- Model a loaded cantilever beam with CBAR elements, including shear factors in element properties.
- Create a revised model which does not include shear factors.
- Compare both results with theory.

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### **Model Description:**

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Illustrate the effect of the shear factor, K, on a cantilevered beam under a transverse load.



Modeling the CBAR elements with an orientaion vector of <0., 1., 0.> results in the cross section:



Since the cross-section is square, K = 5/6 = 0.8333.

### **Exercise Procedure :**

1. Start up MSC/NASTRAN for Windows V3.0 and begin to create a new model.

Double click on the icon labeled MSC/NASTRAN for Windows V3.0.

On the Open Model File form, select New Model.

Open Model File:

New Model

2. Create a material called **mat\_1**.

From the pulldown menu, select Model/Material.

#### Model/Material...

Title:

Youngs Modulus:

Poisson's Ratio:

mat_1	
10e6	
0.3	

OK	
Cancel	

3. Create a property called **prop\_1** for the bar elements of the model.

#### Model/Property...

Title:

prop_1	
	_
1mat_1	

Material:

Elem/Property Type...

Change the property type from plate elements (default) to bar elements.

OK		
<i>A</i> :	0.25	
<i>I1:</i>	0.0052	
<i>I2:</i>	0.0052	

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0.0088	
0.20833	

Y Shear Area:

OK Cancel

4. Create the NASTRAN geometry for the beam.

#### Mesh/Between...

Property:	1pr	1prop_1	
Mesh Size/ #Nodes/ Dir 1:	5		
ОК			
	<i>X:</i>	<i>Y</i> :	<i>Z</i> :
Corner 1	0	0	0
ОК			
	<i>X</i> :	<i>Y</i> :	<i>Z</i> :
Corner 2	4	0	0

Now, specify the orientation vector for the bar elements.

	<i>X</i> :	<i>Y</i> :	<i>Z</i> :
Base	0	0	0
Tip	0	1	0

#### OK

OK

To fit the display onto the screen, use the **Autoscale** feature.

#### View/Autoscale...

5. Create the model constraints.

Before creating the appropriate constraints, a constraint set needs to be created. Do so by performing the following:

#### Model/Constraint/Set...

Title:

constraint

OK

Now define the relevant constraint for the model.

#### Model/Constraint/Nodal...

Select Node 1.

OK

OK

Cancel

On the DOF box, select all 6 boxes or select the "Fixed".

6. Create the model loading.

Like the constraints, a load set must first be created before creating the appropriate model loading.

Fixed

#### Model/Load/Set...

Title:

lood.	
load	

OK

Create the tip load.

Model/Load/Nodal...

Select Node 5.

OK

#### Highlight Force.

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FX 🔀	-100	
ОК		
Cancel		
7. Submit the job for and	alysis.	
File/Export/Analysis Mode	el	
Analysis Format/Type:	1Static	
ОК		
Change the directory to <b>C</b> :	\temp.	
File Name:	shear	
Write		
	🔀 Run Analysis	
ОК		
When asked if you wish to	save the model, respond Yes.	

File Name:

Yes

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Snear		

Save

When the MSC/NASTRAN manager is through running, MSC/ NASTRAN will be restored on your screen, and the Message Review form will appear. To read the messages, you could select Show Details. Since the analysis ran smoothly, we will not bother with the details this time.

#### Continue

8. List the results of the analysis.

To list the results, select the following:

#### List/Output/Unformatted...



OK

ID:

Unselect All Vectors and instead select T2 Translation.



#### OK

NOTE: You may want to expand the message box in order to view the results.

Answer the following questions using the results. The answers are listed at the end of the exercise.

What is the tip deflection at Node 5? Y Disp @ Node 5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Compare this value to the theoretical value.

9. Redo this exercise without the Shear Factor.

Modify the existing model and take out the Y Shear Area by following the following steps.

#### Modify/Edit/Property...

ID:

OK

Y Shear Area:

OK

1	
0	

Do step 7 again and rerun the analysis. But remember to write to a new file name in the **C:\temp** directory to differentiate the two cases.

File Name:

no\_shear

To list the new results, follow step 8 but select ID #2. (should be the default).

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Without the shear factor, what is the tip deflection at Node 5? Y Disp @ Node 5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Compare this value to the model with shear factor and the theoretical values.

This concludes the exercise.

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	Tip Deflection
With Shear Factor:	-0.041525
Without Shear Factor:	-0.041026

### **Results:**

The shear factors Ky and Kz define the shear displacements  $V_{ys}$  and  $V_{zs}$  in the element coordinate system. The total displacement of the reference axis is

$$V_y = V_{yb} + V_{ys}$$

where  $V_{yb}$  = displacement due to bending.

From hand calculations, the predicted maximum displacement due to bending is:

$$\frac{PL^3}{3EI} = \frac{100(4)^3}{3(10.E6)(0.0052)} = 0.04102564 \text{ in}$$

The maximum displacement due to shear is:

$$\frac{VL}{AG} = \frac{100(4)}{0.833(0.25)(3.846E6)} = 0.000499 i$$

Total displacement = 0.04102564 + 0.000499 = 0.041525 in

The following represent first, the beam modeled with shear factors, and second, the beam modeled without shear factors.

	Tip Deflection
Model w/ shear factors	-0.04153
Model w/o shear factors	-0.04103
Theory	-0.04153

### Sample NASTRAN Input File:

```
ID CBAR w/ ,MSC/N
SOL SESTATICS
TIME 10000
CEND
ECHO = NONE
DISPLACEMENT(PLOT) = ALL
 OLOAD(PLOT) = ALL
 SPCFORCE(PLOT) = ALL
FORCE(PLOT) = ALL
STRESS(PLOT) = ALL
SPC = 1
LOAD = 1
BEGIN BULK
PARAM, PRGPST, NO
PARAM, POST, 0
PARAM, AUTOSPC, YES
PARAM,K6ROT,100.
PARAM, MAXRATIO, 1.E+8
PARAM, GRDPNT, 0
PARAM, WTMASS, 0.00259
CORD2C
            1
                0
                    0.
                        0.
                             0. 0.
                                    0.
                                         1.+MSC/NC1
+MSC/NC1
                0.
                     1.
           1.
CORD2S
           2
                0
                    0.
                        0.
                             0.
                                 0.
                                     0.
                                          1.+MSC/NC2
+MSC/NC2 1.
                0.
                     1.
$ MSC/NASTRAN for Windows Load Set 1 : tip load
FORCE
           1
               5
                    0
                        1.
                            0. -100.
                                      0.
$ MSC/NASTRAN for Windows Constraint Set 1 : fixed
SPC
             1 123456
         1
                        0.
$ MSC/NASTRAN for Windows Property 1 : bar
          1
               1 0.25 0.0052 0.0052 0.0088
                                           0.
PBAR
                                                 +PR = 1
+PR 1 0.25 0.25 0.25 -0.25 -0.25 0.25 -0.25 -0.25 +PA 1
+PA 1 0.8333 0.8333
                      0.
$ MSC/NASTRAN for Windows Material 1 : mat 1
                             0.
MAT1
          1 1.E+7
                        0.3
                                  0.
                                      0.
                                            +MT = 1
+MT = 1
GRID
          1
              0
                  0.
                       0.
                           0.
                                0
GRID
          2
                      0.
                           0.
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              0
                 1.
GRID
          3
              0 2.
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GRID
          4
                  3.
                      0.
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          5
              0
                  4.
                                0
GRID
                       0.
                           0.
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### Sample NASTRAN Input File (cont.):

CBAR	1	1	1	2	0.	1.	0.
CBAR	2	1	2	3	0.	1.	0.
CBAR	3	1	3	4	0.	1.	0.
CBAR	4	1	4	5	0.	1.	0.
ENDDATA							

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