

HypoidFaceMilled User's Manual



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Preface

In developing the HypoidFaceMilled computer program, we have received active support and encouragement from many people. We would especially like to thank Timothy Krantz of the Army Research Laboratory at the NASA Glenn Research Center for his support and encouragement.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In some applications gears are needed to connect shafts which are neither parallel nor intersecting. For this purpose a variation of the spiral bevel gear, called a *hypoid gear*, has been developed. The unusual geometry of the *hypoid gear* allows the pinion to be large and strong even though it has only a few teeth.

Hypoid gears resemble bevel gears in some aspects. They are used on crossed-axis shafts, and there is a tendency to parts to taper as do bevel gears. They differ from true bevel gears in that their axes do not intersect. The distance between a hypoid pinion axis and the axis of a hypoid gear is called the *offset*. Figure 1.1 shows offset and other terms.

Hypoid pinions may have as few as five teeth in a high gear ratio. Since the various types of bevel gears do not often go below 10 teeth in a pinion, it can be seen that it is easy to get high ratios with *hypoid gears*. They do not have pitch diameters which are in proportion to their numbers of teeth. This makes it possible to use a large and strong pinion even with a high ratio and only a few pinion teeth. They are used in various applications such as passenger cars, industrial drives, tractors, trucks etc.

Several manufacturing processes are available for hypoid gears. The *HypoidFaceMilled* package is meant for analyzing hypoid gears cut using the face milling process.

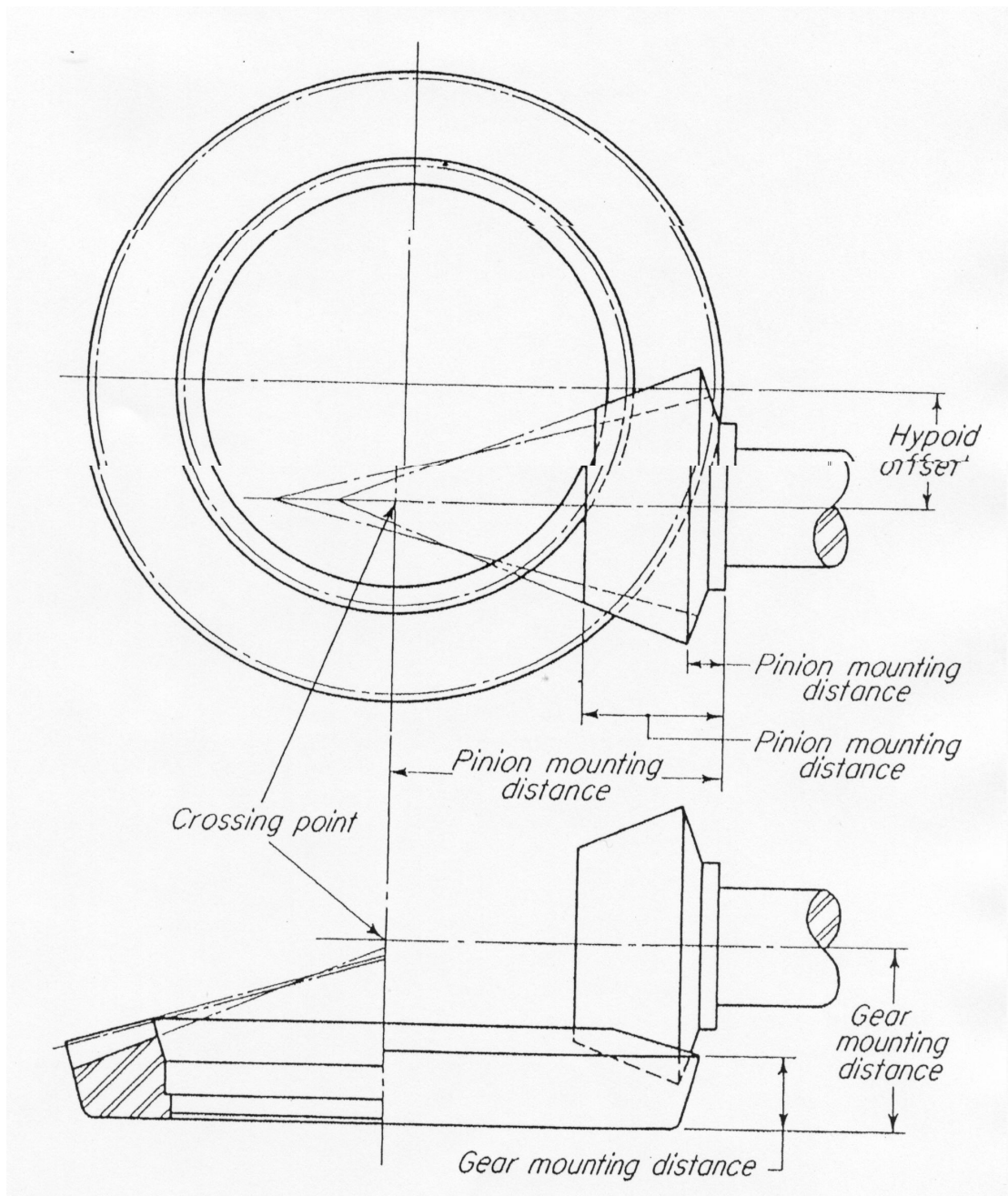


Figure 1.1: The hypoid gear arrangement

Chapter 2

HypoidFaceMilled Software Package

This chapter explains the various features of the *HypoidFaceMilled* software package.

2.1 HypoidFaceMilled analysis package

Calyx is a powerful contact analysis code capable of analyzing a variety of contact problems, including 2D and 3D dynamic and static analysis of systems such as gears, compressors, and brakes. Because *Calyx* has to be capable of handling a variety of problems, it communicates with the outside world through a programming language. The programming language interface of *Calyx* brings flexibility at the expense of ease of use. Such an interaction is appropriate for an advanced *Calyx* user, but not for a gear design engineer.

In order to address this issue, the program *Multyx* is used. *Multyx* is capable of communicating with the user through an easy to use menu-based interface. It translates the user's commands into the appropriate programming language statements and sends them on to *Calyx*. A typical user does not even need to know that *Calyx* is running in the background.

In addition to the user interface, *Multyx* also has built-in model generators. The hypoid gear tooth models, described in this manual are all generated by *Multyx*. It also has post-processing and data extraction code, to help the user extract the results of analysis from *Calyx*.

Multyx and *Calyx* are designed as portable code, and can run on any system that supports standard C++. In order to keep it portable, *Multyx*'s menu system is command line based, and does not use any of the GUI features such as buttons, windows or mouse interaction. The following dialog shows some of the command line interface of *Multyx*.

```
E:>multyx
MultyX v.1.06, Copyright Advanced Numerical Solutions Dec 21 2000
MultyX>post ok patt
MultyX.PostProc.1/11.Pattern>HELP
MENU           Show menu
?              Show menu
HELP           Show menu
EXIT           Return to main menu.
QUIT           Return to main menu.
START          Draw the contact pattern.
CLEAR          Clear the graphics page.
SURFACEPAIR    Surface pair (Currently=GEAR_SURFACE1_PINION_SURFACE1)
```

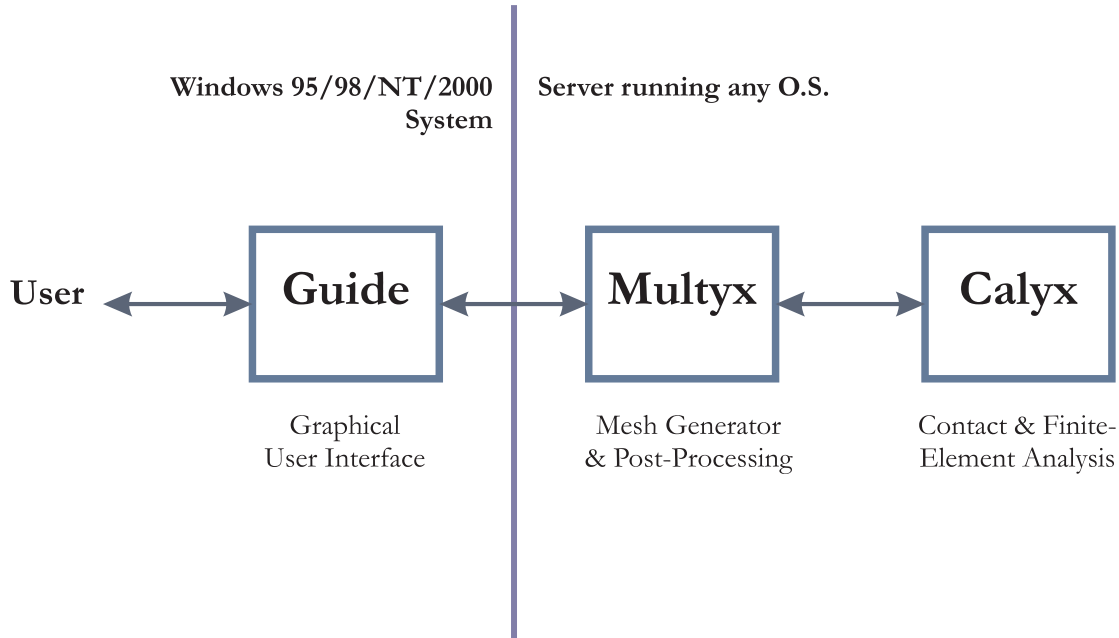


Figure 2.1: The computer programs in the *HypoidFaceMilled* analysis package

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MEMBER          Member (Currently=PINION)
TOOTHBEGIN      12          Tooth no. or instance no. of surface.
TOOTHEND        2           Tooth no. or instance no. of surface.
BEGINSTEP       1           Time/Roll angle step at which to begin search.
ENDSTEP         10          Time/Roll angle step at which to end search.
COLORS          Whether to render the model in color (Enabled)
CONTOURS        Whether to draw pressure contours (Enabled)
MINPRESS        4.000000E+004 Level of lowest press. contour.
MAXPRESS        4.200000E+005 Level of highest press. contour.
DELTAPRESS      4.000000E+004 Spacing between press. contours.
SMOOTH          (TRUE)      Whether to smooth the pressure contours.
OUTPUTTOFILE    Whether to write data to file. (Disabled)
MultyX.PostProc.1/20.Pattern>START

```

Guide is a program that provides a Graphical User Interface (GUI) to *Multyx*. *Guide* translates each of *Multyx*'s dialogs and presents them to the user in a graphical form. The command line menu described above is presented to the user as shown in Figure 2.2.

In addition, *Guide* provide the user with convenient ways of viewing the graphics, and helps the user convert the graphics into Microsoft formats and into Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) files.

Although *Guide* enhances the friendliness of *Multyx*, it is not required. All the features of *Multyx* can be accessed without *Guide*. The connection between *Guide* and *Multyx* is based on the TCP/IP telnet protocol when they are running on different computers. When running on the same computer, they communicate through named pipes. *Guide* is a heavy user of advanced operating system features including GUI support, multi-threading support, and inter-process communication support. *Guide* now runs on Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP/Vista/Win7/Win8 systems only.

MultyX.PostProc.1/11.Pattern	
EXIT	
QUIT	
START	
CLEAR	
SURFACEPAIR 	PINION_SURFACE1_GEAR_SURF.
MEMBER 	GEAR
TOOTHBEGIN 	40
TOOTHEND 	2
BEGINSTEP 	1
ENDSTEP 	11
COLORS ☒	
CONTOURS ☒	
MINPRESS 	40000.0000000000
MAXPRESS 	42000.0000000000
DELTAPRESS 	40000.0000000000
SMOOTH ☐	
GRID ☐	
OUTPUTTOFILE ☐	

Figure 2.2: The menu presented to the user by Guide

2.2 Installation of the software package on windows platform

The procedure for installing the *HypoidFaceMilled* software analysis package on Microsoft Windows NT/2000/XP/Vista/Win7/Win8 platforms is as follows:

- Obtain the self-extracting file *HypoidFaceMilled.msi* from us.
- Before installing anything make sure that there are no previous copies of *guide.exe*, *multyx.exe* or *calyx.exe* in your *path*. If these files are present then you either have to move the old programs elsewhere or change the *path* so that they don't conflict with the new programs.
- Now you are all set to install the software package. Close all the other programs and run *HypoidFaceMilled.msi*. It will ask you questions about where to install the program and where to keep the working directory.
- After you answer these questions, it will display the *Computer-ID* and ask for a *license key*. Copy the *Computer-ID* and click the button -*skip(or install key later)*. It will proceed with the installation and will install 3 icons under *Start/Programs/HypoidFaceMilled*.
- Send the *Computer-ID* via email to support@ansol.com, and we will send you the *License Key*. Click on the *skip* button. You can return to this license key dialog by using the icon at *Start/Programs/HypoidFaceMilled/Register*.
- After you receive the *License Key* from Ansol run- *Start/Programs/HypoidFaceMilled/Register* again and paste the *License Key* in the respective box. Now, click on the button-*Install License Key*.
- Now you are all set to run the analysis. Start the program by using the icon *Start/Programs/HypoidFaceMilled/HypoidFaceMilled*.

2.3 Upgrading of the software package on windows platform

The procedure for upgrading *HypoidFaceMilled* software analysis package on Microsoft Windows NT/2000/XP/Vista/Win7/Win8 platforms is as follows:

- Obtain the current *HypoidFaceMilled.msi* installation file.
- Uninstall old version. Go to *Control Panel|Add/Remove Programs*, Select *HypoidFaceMilled* and press *Uninstall*.
- Run installation file *HypoidFaceMilled.msi*.

Chapter 3

Preliminaries

The previous chapter gave an overview of the software architecture. This chapter provides some information to help you get up and running with the program.

3.1 System of units

Any system of units can be used provided that all the inputs provided by the user are consistent with this system of units. The user is free to choose any units for force, time and length. All the inputs should then be in units that are consistent with this choice. For example, if the user chooses Kgf as the unit for force, seconds as the unit for time, and cm as the unit for length, then the input torque should be in $Kgf.cm$, the Youngs modulus in Kgf/cm^2 , the Diametral pitch in $1/cm$ and the mass density in $Kgf.s^2/cm^4$. Outputs will also appear in consistent units.

3.2 Bodies

In multi-body contact analysis, the term ‘body’ is used to refer to an object that is capable of rigid body motion, and interacts with other bodies through surface contact and bearing connections (Figure 3.1).

There is a special body called the ‘fixed body’ which refers to ground.

In *HypoidFaceMilled*, the hypoid pinion and hypoid gear are treated as separate bodies. The interaction between the hypoid gear and the hypoid pinion is through contact.

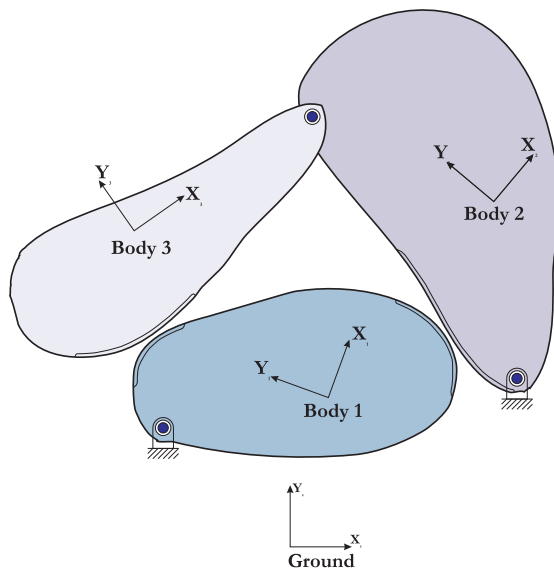


Figure 3.1: A multi-body system

3.3 Reference frames

Each of the bodies in the system has a reference frame to which it is rigidly attached. The reference frame has 6 rigid body type degrees of freedom, three translation components U_x , U_y and U_z , and three rotation components θ_x , θ_y and θ_z (Figure 3.2).

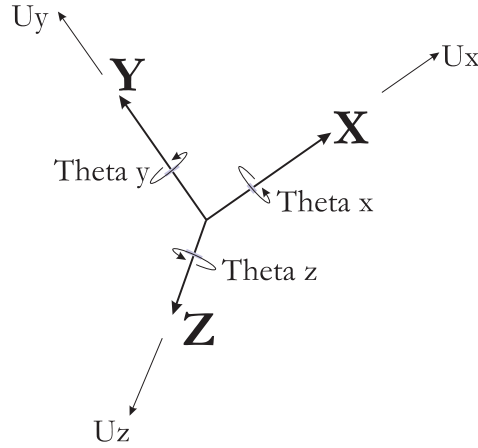


Figure 3.2: Reference frame degrees of freedom

In addition to the body reference frames, there is a special reference frame called the fixed reference frame that is considered as ‘ground’, and does not move. It is used as the reference for defining the locations of all other reference frames.

Figure 3.3 show how *HypoidFaceMilled* sets up the pinion and gear reference frames relative to the fixed reference frame in Hypoid gear set. Its Z axis is parallel to the axes of rotation of the gear. The pinion and gear reference frames have their origins at their crossing points, with the Z axis being the axis of rotation. At time $t = 0$, the gear X, Y and Z axes are parallel to the corresponding axes of the fixed reference frame.

Manufacturing and assembly errors applied to the system might perturb the location of these reference frames slightly from their nominal location.

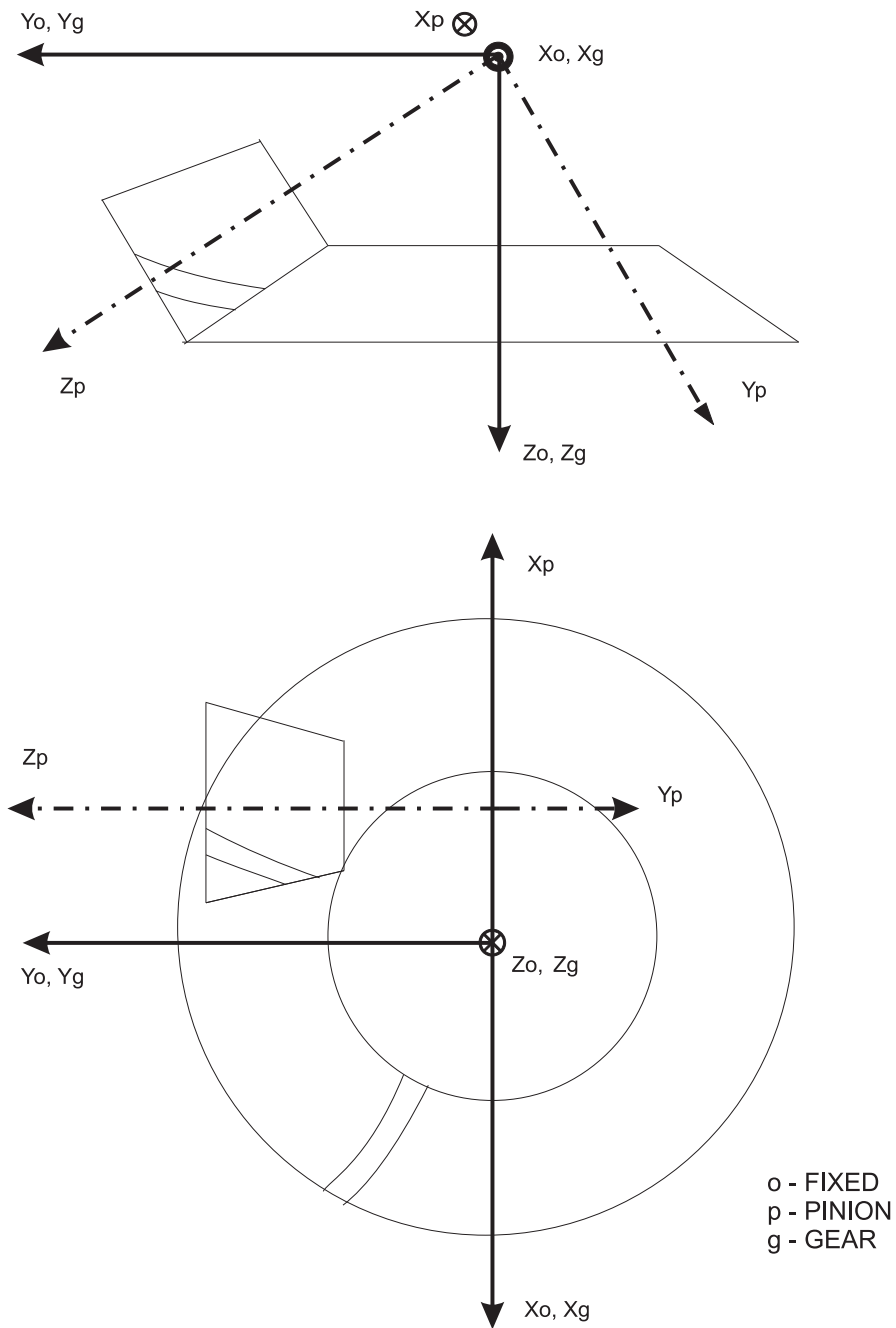


Figure 3.3: The reference frames set up for a pair of face milled hypoid gears

MultyX	
EXIT	
QUIT	
OPTIONS	
SESFILENAME	multyx.ses
LOADSESSION	
SAVESESSION	
EDIT	
SETUP	
GENERATE	
PREPROC	
SURFGAGES	
FEPROBES	
LOADSENSORS	
STARTANAL	
POSTPROC	
DOPOSTSCRIPT	☐ ?
DOMETAFILE	☐ ?
REPORT	

Figure 3.4: The main menu.

3.4 The main menu

The *HypoidFaceMilled* package is started by clicking on an icon created during the installation process. After the *HypoidFaceMilled* package is started, the main menu shown in Figure 3.4 comes up.

All user provided data is saved in a file called the session file. The name of this session file can be changed by typing the name in the SESFILENAME box. Changing the file name does not actually write the data to the new file, nor does it read data from the new file. Data is written to the session file through the SAVESESSION command. Data can be loaded from an existing session file using the LOADSESSION command.

The QUIT command terminates the program without saving any data in the session file. The EXIT command first writes data to the session file, and then terminates the program.

All data entry occurs in a hierarchy of submenus accessed through the EDIT command on this main menu.

After data entry is completed, the GENERATE command may be used to generate the model. At this point, a consistency check is carried out. If any errors or inconsistencies are detected in the user's inputs, then error messages are displayed, and the model is not generated. If the program detects something that it thinks is questionable, but is still able to proceed, then it

displays warning messages, but proceeds with generating the model.

The REPORT command is used to generate an ASCII file called `report.txt`, describing all the inputs the user has supplied to the program.

The PREPROC command allows the user to graphically inspect the latest model. If the user has changed some parameters after the last GENERATE action, then the PREPROC command detects this and calls the GENERATE command itself.

The SETUP command is used to set up an analysis, and the FEPROBES, SURFGAGES, and LOADSENSORS commands are to control the data created by the analysis.

The POSTPROC command is used to graphically inspect the results of the analysis.

Chapter 4

The Graphical User Interface

HypoidFaceMilled's user interface is presented by *Guide* in graphical form, as shown in Figure 4.1. *HypoidFaceMilled* also sends out a stream of informational, error and warning messages to the user. These messages are separated by *Guide*, and presented in separate windows as shown. The user activates these message windows by hitting the appropriate "Error", "Information" or "Warning" tab. Graphical information sent by *HypoidFaceMilled* is directed to a graphics window.

4.1 Menu command items

In the example shown in Figure 4.1, the large buttons such as those labeled EXIT ,QUIT, OPTIONS, LOADSESSION, EDIT send commands to *HypoidFaceMilled* when hit by the user. In response to the command, *HypoidFaceMilled* might carry out an action, as in the case of the LOADSESSION command, or lead the user to a different menu, as in the case of the EDIT command. Moving the mouse over a button without depressing it will cause *Guide* to momentarily pop up a balloon (a tool tip) containing a short description of the use of that button. The tool tips can be disabled by the View|DisableToolTips item in the *Guide* main menu.

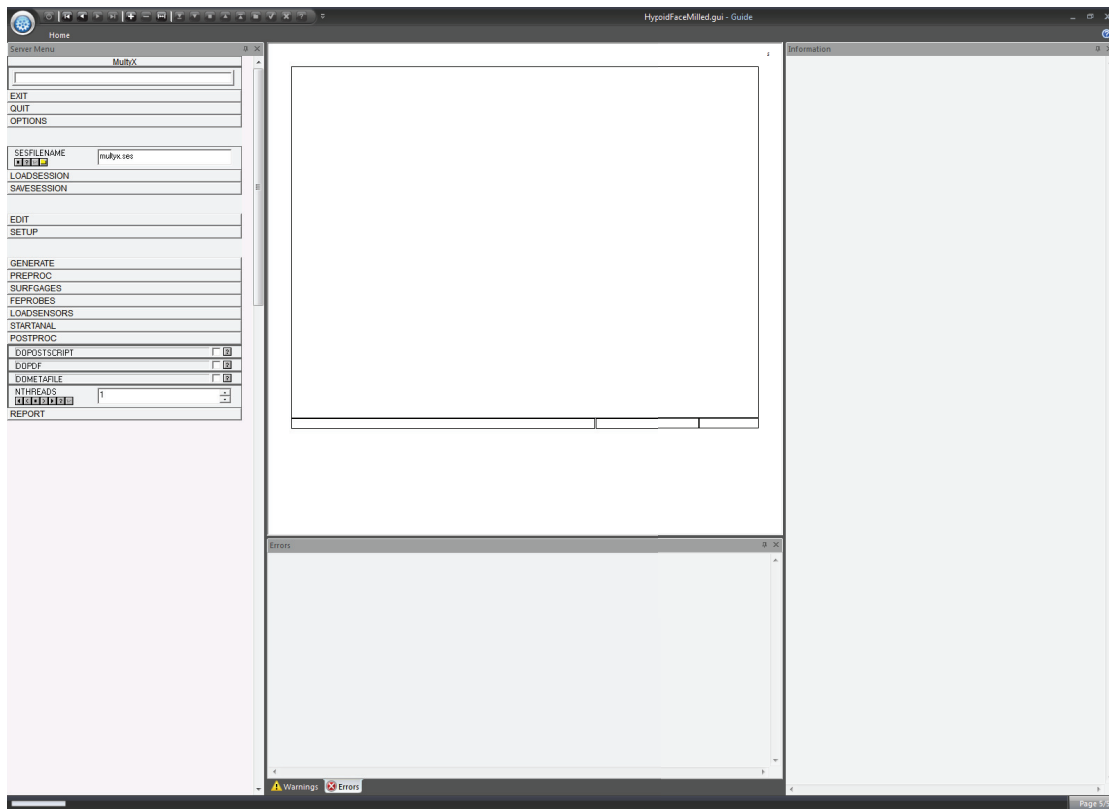


Figure 4.1: *HypoidFaceMilled*'s user interface.

4.2 Integer menu items

Integer data items are entered through a dialog box of the kind shown in Figure 4.2. The current value appears in a box in the dialog box. If the value of the data item is undefined, then the box appears blank.



Figure 4.2: An integer data entry box

4.3 Floating point menu items

Floating point data is entered through the dialog box shown in Figure 4.3.



Figure 4.3: An floating point data entry box

4.4 Boolean menu items

Boolean data items are those that can only take a YES/NO or TRUE/FALSE type of value. Their value is set by checking or clearing the box as shown in Figure 4.4.



Figure 4.4: An boolean data entry box

4.5 String menu items

String data items contain ASCII strings. The dialog box shown in Figure 4.5 allows the user to enter string type data.



Figure 4.5: A string data entry box

4.6 Switch type menu items

The last kind of data item is of the ‘switch’ type. This item can be switched between a fixed set of valid choices. The choice is made through a drop down list as shown in Figure 4.6.

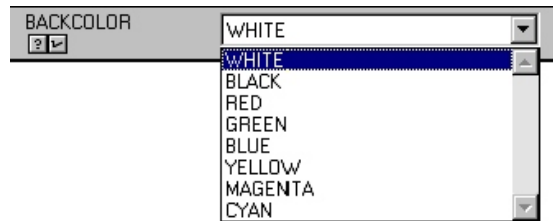


Figure 4.6: An switch type data entry box

4.7 Commonly occurring buttons

The data entry dialog boxes use a few small buttons as short cuts for common tasks as shown in the Table 4.1. Some of these buttons may be disabled depending upon the particular item and its value.

Table 4.1: Common buttons

Button	Purpose
	Select the minimum allowable value
	Decrement the value by 1
	Select the default value
	Increment the value by 1
	Select the maximum allowable value
	Accept the value just typed in
	Discard the value just typed in
	Get additional information
	Change the current graphics page
	Change the zoom level

4.8 Graphics

Guide directs the graphical output from *HypoidFaceMilled* to a graphics window. The graphics are stored as separate pages. A new page is started when *HypoidFaceMilled* clears the graphics screen. The user can move between screens using the  buttons on the toolbar.

Double clicking anywhere in the graphics window with the left mouse button or dragging the mouse in the graphics window with the left button depressed lets you zoom in. To zoom out, double-click with the right mouse button. The  buttons on the toolbar can also be used to zoom in, zoom out and to return to the original view.

It is possible to save a sequence of graphics pages in a metafile (a .MET file) using the Home|Graph|Write command. This file can later be replayed in *Guide* using the Home|Graph  button command.

The graphics currently displayed can be saved in Windows Metafile format (a .WMF file) by using the Home|Graph|Write command. This .WMF file can subsequently be loaded by another application such a word processor. An encapsulated PostScript file (a .EPS file) can be created by using the Home|Graph|Write command. This command creates an .EPS file containing only the visible part of the current graphics page. Parts of the page that are not visible because of the zoom level will be cropped from the .EPS file.

The Home|Clipboard|Copy command will copy the graphics in Windows Metafile format onto the clipboard.

Graphics pages can be printed by using the File|Print command on *Guide*'s main menu.

Chapter 5

Building a Model

All data describing the model is entered in sub-menus of the EDIT menu. Figure 5.1 shows the EDIT menu. In this EDIT menu, and in all sub-menus under it, the QUIT command takes the user back to the parent menu after discarding all changes made in the sub-menu and all sub-menus under it. The EXIT command takes the user back to the parent while keeping changes.

There are four sub-menus under this EDIT menu. The SPAFILE command leads to a menu for reading special analysis files. The SYSTEM command leads to a menu for entering system level data. The PINION and GEAR commands lead to separate sub-menus for entering data specific to the pinion and gear, respectively. The DOMODELHOUSING flag enables a fifth sub-menu that allows you to import an outside housing mesh file.

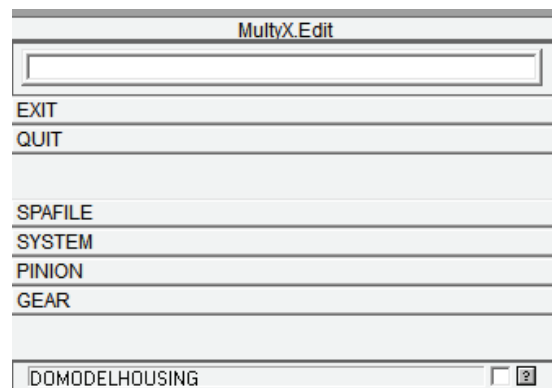


Figure 5.1: The EDIT menu.

5.1 Special Analysis File

If the hypoid gear is manufactured using the Gleason's manufacturing process then the finite element analyst is given a special analysis file by the gear manufacturer. This file contains the design data used for the manufacturing of the hypoid gear. An example of a special analysis file record is shown in Appendix B. This file contains many such records. We will need records 1 through 47 for analysis. The special analysis files can be automatically read by using the SPAFILE menu and providing a filename and selecting the units to use for the system.

Table 5.1: System configuration parameters

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
MODELTYPE	Switch, Type of mesh to generate (CALYX3D/CAPP)	
CONFIGFILE	String, Configuration file for CAPP (if MODELTYPE=CAPP)	
HANDPINION	Switch, Hand of the pinion (Left-handed/Righthanded)	Record#6,Item#8
OFFSET	Float, Shaft offset distance	Record# 1, Item# 7
ANGLE	Float, Shaft angle (Deg)	Record# 1, Item# 4
LOADEDSEIDE	Switch, Side of the gear to be loaded(Convex/Concave)	
DRIVER	Switch, Member that is driving (Pinion/Gear)	
MU	Float, The coefficient of Coulomb friction	
TORQUE	Float, The pinion torque magnitude (always positive)	
RPM	Float, Pinion angular velocity in RPM	
DOASSEMBLYERRORS	Boolean, Whether or not to include assembly errors	

5.2 System level data

The SYSTEM command in the EDIT menu of Figure 5.1 leads to the SYSTEM menu shown in Figure 5.2. The parameters in this menu are summarized in Table 5.1.

The kind of mesh the mesh generator will create is controlled by the MODELTYPE switch. The choices are CAPP type and CALYX3D type. If the MODELTYPE option in the main menu is set to CAPP then the name of the configuration file can be specified in the item CONFIGFILE. This file is created by the program. CAPP is an older analysis and post-processing package. You are only able to generate the model if you select the CAPP type model. The preproc, postproc, setup, startanal, probes, loadsensors, surfgages menus cannot be accessed for the CAPP type model.

The HANDPINION switch controls whether the pinion is lefthanded or righthanded. If the Special Analysis Record value for this item is 1 then the pinion is lefthanded and if the value is 2 the pinion is righthanded. The shaft offset value is specified in the OFFSET menu. Offset is the perpendicular distance between the axes of the hypoid gear and the pinion. Refer to Figures 5.3 and 5.4 for the sign convention for the offset menu. The shaft ANGLE is the angle between the axes of the gear and the pinion. It is measured in degrees. The Special Analysis File (Record and Item numbers specified in Table 5.1) has value for this angle in radians. Conversion to degrees is done before specifying it in the ANGLE menu.

The LOADEDSEIDE switch controls whether the convex side or the concave side of the gear tooth is going to carry the load. The DRIVER switch defines which member is the input member. Power will enter the gear pair at this member. The angular velocity and the torque for the pinion are entered in the RPM and TORQUE items respectively.

MultyX.Edit.System

EXIT

QUIT

MODELTYPE

2

CALYX3D

HANDPINION

2

LEFT

OFFSET

4

0.000000000e+000

ANGLE

4

90.000000000

LOADED SIDE

2

CONVEX

DRIVER

2

PINION

MU

4

0.000000000e+000

TORQUE

4

2613.330000000

RPM

4

100.000000000

DOASSEMBLYERRORS

Figure 5.2: The system data menu.

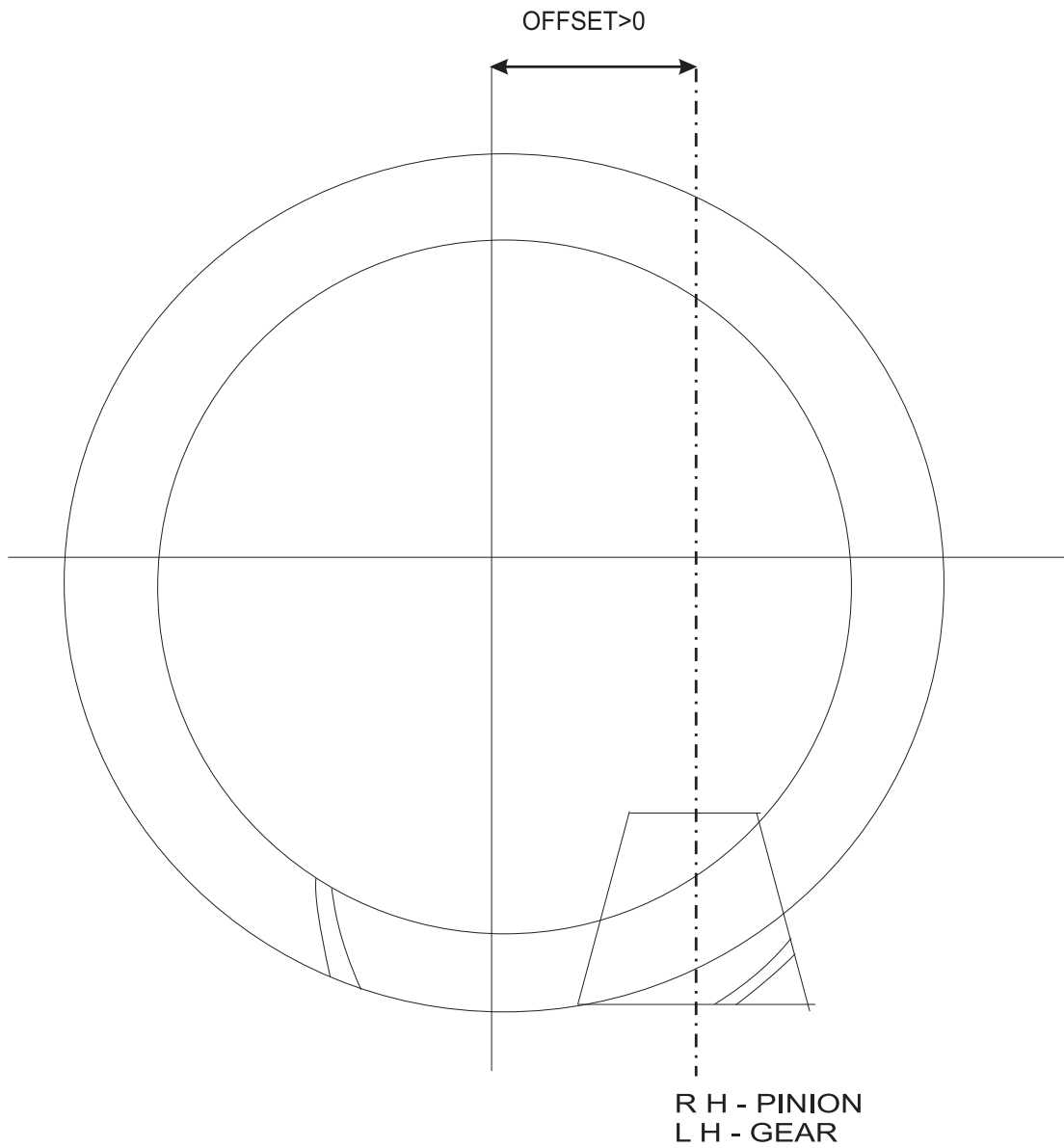


Figure 5.3: Sign convention for offset menu for left-handed gear.

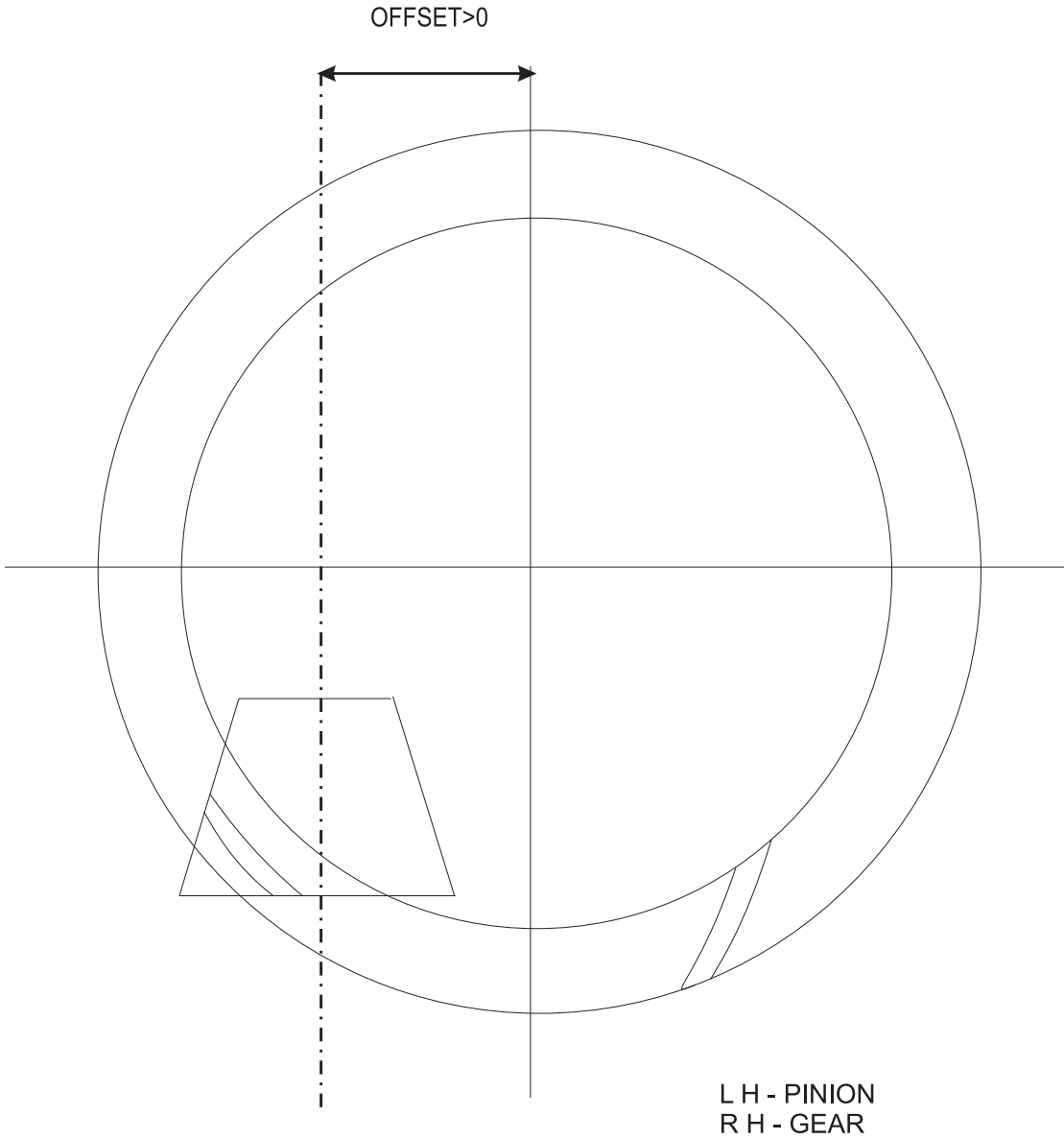


Figure 5.4: Sign convention for offset menu for righthanded gear.

5.3 Assembly errors

If you set the DOASSEMBLYERRORS flag shown in Figure 5.2 then the assembly errors will also be included in the analysis(Figure 5.5). Assembly error V is the assembly error of the gear with respect to the pinion in the plane of rotation of the gear in a direction perpendicular to the pinion axis. Assembly error H is the error in the axial direction of the pinion. It is positive when the pinion is moved out of mesh relative to the gear. Assembly error R is the error in the axial direction of the gear. It is positive when the gear is moved out of mesh relative to the pinion. Assembly error BETA is the difference in the shaft angle from the design shaft angle. It is positive when the actual shaft angle is larger than the design shaft angle. Figures 5.6 and 5.7 shows the sign convention used to model the assembly errors for the left handed and right handed gear respectively.

Figures 5.8 through 5.10 show the three methods used to calculate the assembly errors. Method 1 calculates displacement values at the base surfaces, method 2 calculates displacement at the base surfaces of contacting teeth and method 3 calculates the displacement within the contacting teeth underneath of the contact zone. The preferred method and the method employed within the *HypoidFaceMilled* software package is method 2.

Figure 5.11 shows the output file format for the assembly error file. The E, P, G, and α parameters are synonymous with the V, H, R, and β parameters described previously.

MultyX Edit System	
EXIT	
QUIT	
MODELTYPE 	CALYX3D
HANDPINION 	LEFT
OFFSET 	0.000000000e+000
ANGLE 	90.000000000
LOADED SIDE 	CONVEX
DRIVER 	PINION
MU 	0.000000000e+000
TORQUE 	2613.330000000
RPM 	100.000000000
DOASSEMBLYERRORS	☒
V 	
H 	
R 	
BETA 	

Figure 5.5: The assembly errors menu.

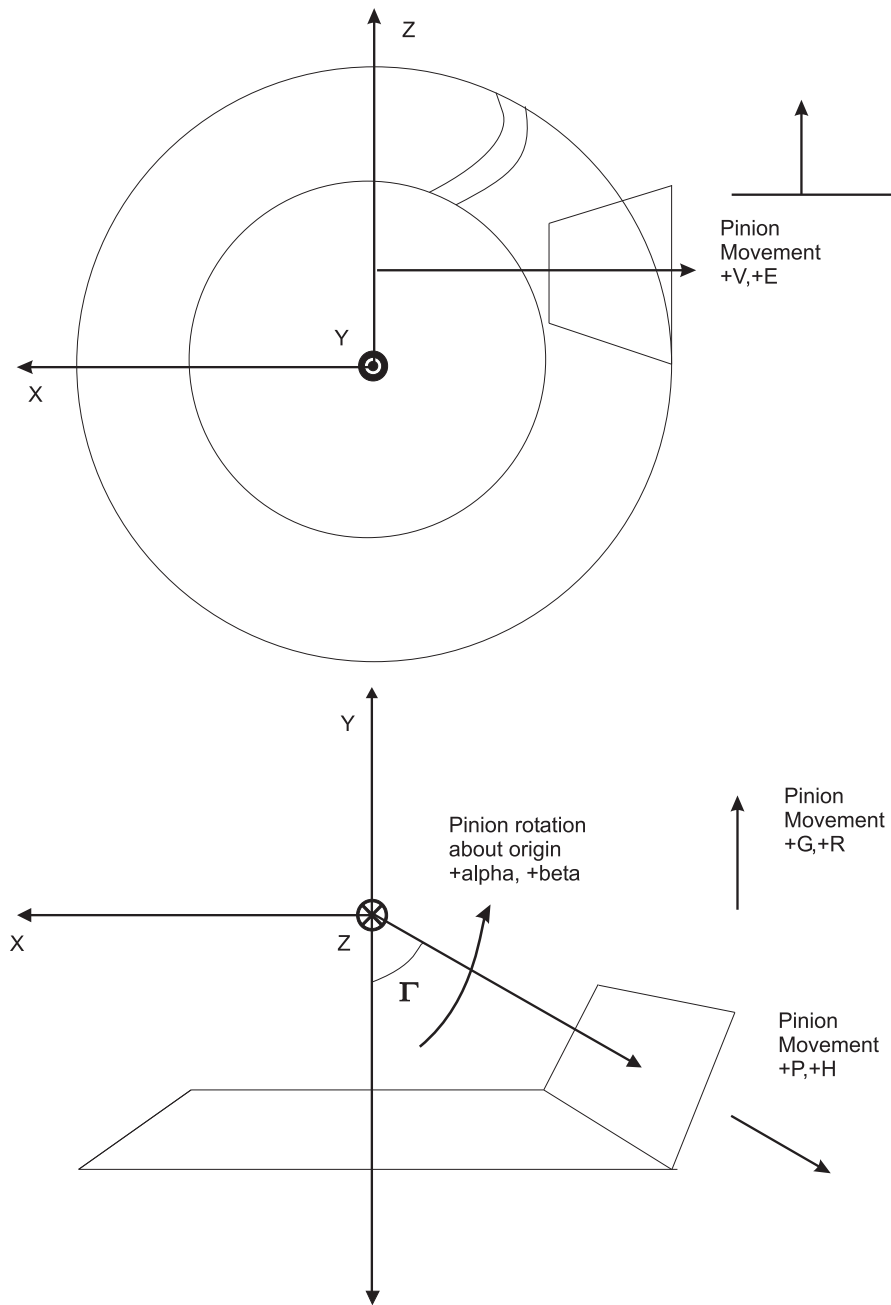


Figure 5.6: Sign convention for modelling assembly errors for a lefthanded gear

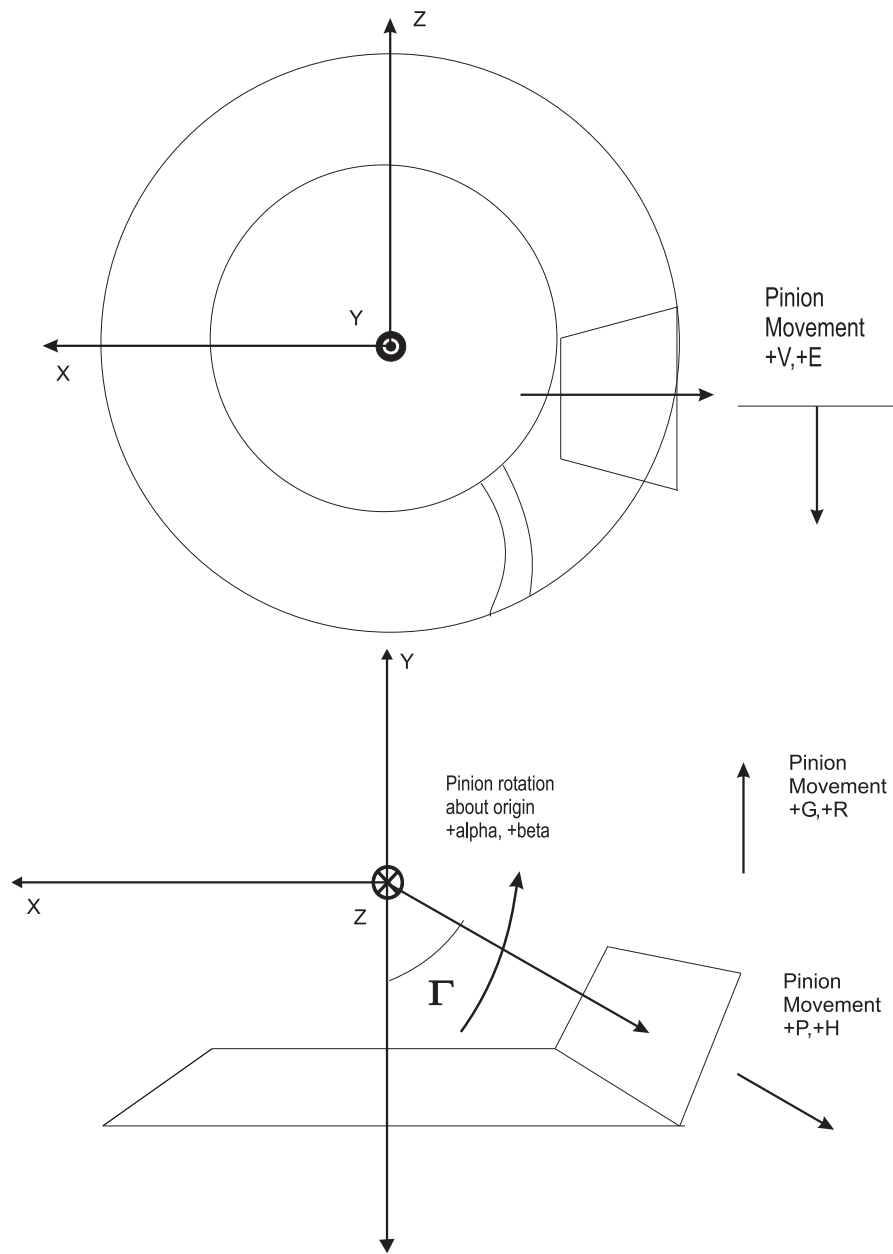


Figure 5.7: Sign convention for modelling assembly errors for a righthanded gear

In Method 1, displacement measurements are made at **all** the Finite Element nodes that lie on the 'base cone' of the pinion and gear.

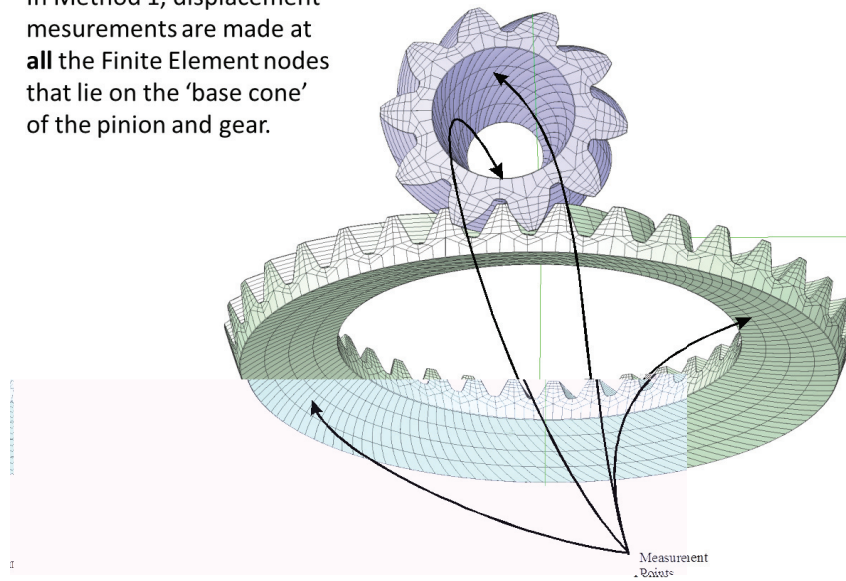


Figure 5.8: Assembly error calculation - Method 1

In Method 2, displacement measurements are made at the Finite Element nodes that lie on the 'base cone' of the pinion and gear, **only of the teeth that are in contact**.

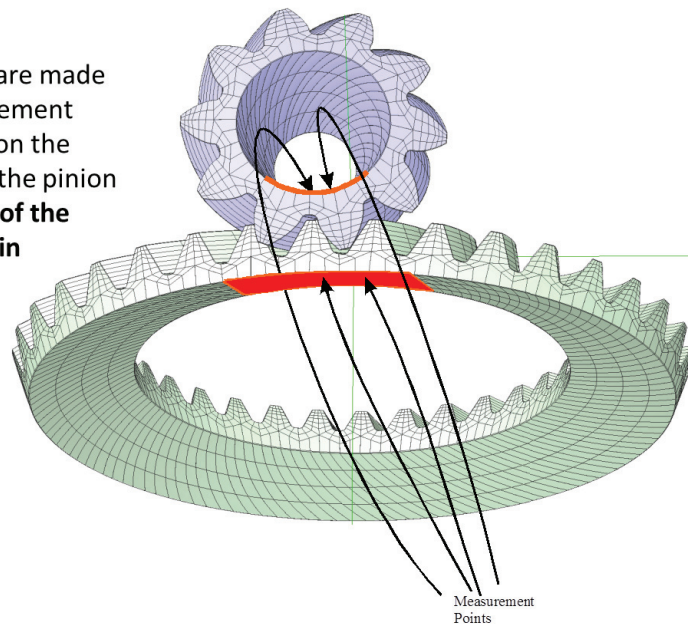


Figure 5.9: Assembly error calculation - Method 2

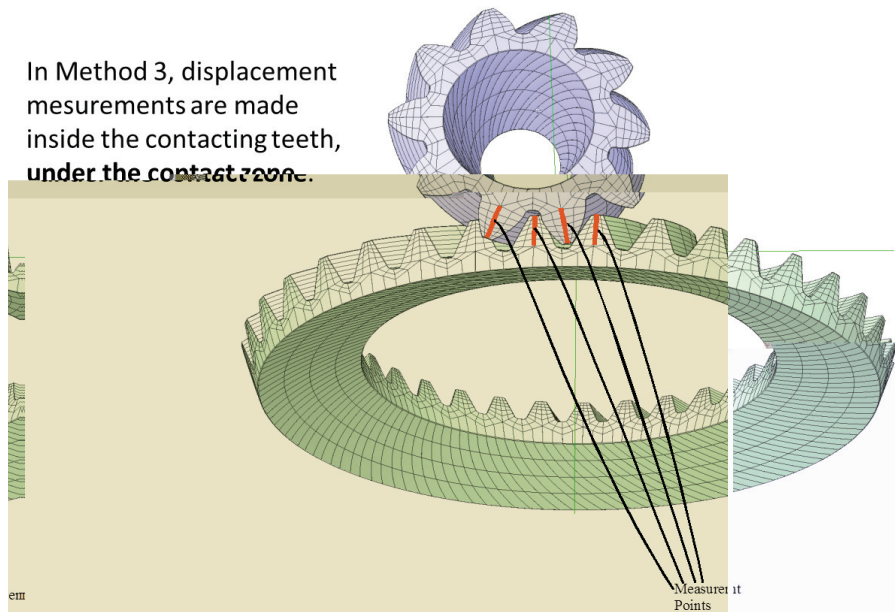


Figure 5.10: Assembly error calculation - Method 3

Time t	Method 1				Method 2				Method 3			
	E	P	G	α	E	P	G	α	E	P	G	α

Figure 5.11: Assembly error output file format.

MultyX.Edit.Pinion	
EXIT	
QUIT	
COMMON	
CONCAVE	
CONVEX	
SHAFT	
ENABLESHAFT	☒ ?

Figure 5.12: The pinion data menu.

5.4 Pinion and gear data

MultyX.Edit.Gear

EXIT

QUIT

COMMON

CONCAVE

CONVEX

RIM

SHAFT

DIFFCARRIER

?

FORMATE

ENABLESHAFT

✓

?

ENABLEDIFFCARRIER

✓

?

Figure 5.13: The gear data menu.

MultyX.Edit.Pinion.Common

EXIT

QUIT

NTEETH

◀◀▶▶?

 12

▲▼

NFACELEMS

◀◀▶▶?

 4

▲▼

COORDORDER

◀◀▶▶?

 10

▲▼

DISPORDER

◀◀▶▶?

 3

▲▼

SPIRALANGLE

◀▶?

 35.0000000000

SPECIFYMSRPT

✓

?

MEASADDENDUM

◀▶?

THICKNESS

◀▶?

 0.2620000000

OUTERCONEDIST

◀▶?

 3.6910000000

FACEWIDTH

◀▶?

 1.0000000000

FACEANGLE

◀▶?

 22.3167000000

BACKANGLE

◀▶?

 18.4333000000

FRONTANGLE

◀▶?

 18.4333000000

PITCHANGLE

◀▶?

 18.4333000000

PITCHAPEX

◀▶?

 0.0000000000e+000

FACEAPEX

◀▶?

 0.0000000000e+000

ROOTAPEX

◀▶?

 0.0000000000e+000

BASESURFACTYPE

?

 CYLINDER

BASECYLINDERDIAME

◀▶?

 1.1380000000

ISRACERIGID

?

AXIALORDER

◀▶?

 1

▲▼

CIRCORDER

◀◀▶▶?

 4

▲▼

YOUNGSMOD

◀▶?

 3.0000000000e+007

POISSON

◀▶?

 0.3000000000

DENSITY

◀▶?

 0.3000000000

ALPHA

◀▶?

 0.0010000000

BETA

◀▶?

 1.0000000000e-007

TPLFILE

?

 MEDIUM

MESHFILE

?

 pinioncalyx.msh

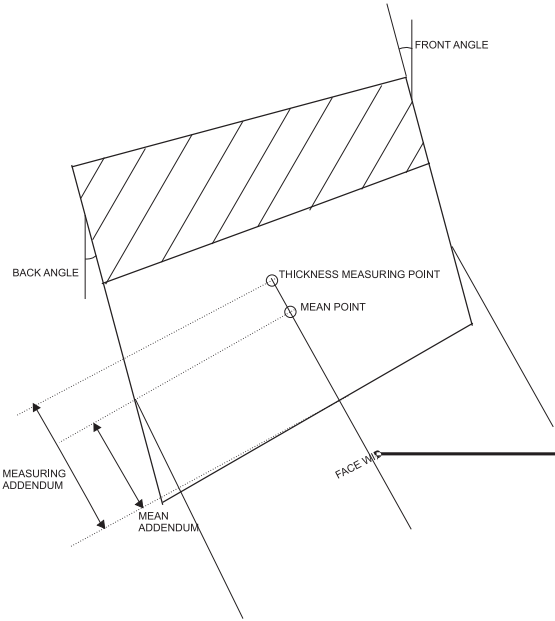
Figure 5.14: The common design and blank data menu.

Table 5.2: Common design and blank parameters

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
NTEETH	Integer, Number of teeth on the pinion/gear	Pinion-Record#1,Item#1 & Gear-Record#1,Item#2
NFACEELEMENTS	Integer, Number of elements across the face width of the pinion/gear	
COORDORDER	Integer, Limit on the order of coordinate axodes for the pinion/gear	
DISPLORDER	Integer, Limit on displ order of axodes	
SPIRALANGLE	Float, Angle between the tooth trace and an element of the pitch cone(Deg)	Pinion-Record#1,Item#10 & Gear-Record#8,Item#4
SPECIFYMSRPT	Boolean, Whether to specify the thickness measuring point	
MEASADDENDUM	Float, The measuring addendum	Pinion-Record#47,Item#7 & Gear-Record#47,Item#8
THICKNESS	Float, Mean transverse tooth thickness	
OUTERCONEDIST	Float, Distance from the apex of the pitch cone to the outer ends of the tooth	Pinion-Record#3,Item#9 & Gear-Record#3,Item#10
FACEWIDTH	Float, Face width of the tooth	Pinion-Record#1,Item#6 & Gear-Record#1,Item#5
FACEANGLE	Float, Angle between the element of the face cone and axis(Deg)	Pinion-Record#5,Item#6 & Gear-Record#7,Item#6
BACKANGLE	Float, Angle between the element of the back cone and the plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation(Deg)	Pinion-Record#5,Item#9 & Gear-Record#7,Item#9
FRONTANGLE	Float,Angle between the element of the front cone and the plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation(Deg)	Pinion-Record#5,Item#10 & Gear-Record#7,Item#10
PITCHANGLE	Float, Angle between the element of the pitch cone and axis(Deg)	Pinion-Record#5,Item#5 & Gear-Record#7,Item#5
PITCHAPEX	Float, Pitch apex beyond crossing point distance	Pinion-Record#5,Item#15 & Gear-Record#7,Item#15
FACEAPEX	Float, Face apex beyond crossing point distance	Pinion-Record#4,Item#3 & Gear-Record#4,Item#4
ROOTAPEX	Float, Root apex beyond the crossing point distance	Pinion-Record#5,Item#12 & Gear-Record#7,Item#12

Table 5.3: Common design and blank parameters

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
BASESURFACETYPE	Switch, Kind of surface to be used as the base surface(CYLINDER/CONE)	
BASECYLINDERDIAME	Float, Diameter of the cylinder used as the base of the tooth mesh(IF BASESURFACETYPE=CYLINDER)	
BASECONEANGLE	Float, Angle(Deg) between the element of the base cone and the axis(IF BASESURFACETYPE=CONE)	
BASECONEAPEX	Float, Inner cone apex beyond crossing point distance(IF BASESURFACETYPE=CONE)	
ISRACERIGID	Boolean, Whether the bearing race is a rigid surface	
AXIALORDER	Integer, Polynomial order in the face direction	
CIRCORDER	Integer, Fourier series order in the circular direction	
YOUNGSMOD	Float, Youngs modulus for the pinion/gear	
POISSON	Float, Poisson's ratio for the pinion/gear	
DENSITY	Float, Density of the pinion/gear	
ALPHA	Float, Damping constant alpha for the pinion/gear	
BETA	Float, Damping constant beta for the pinion/gear	
TPLFILE	Switch, Template file for the pinion/gear(Refer to appendix for details)	
MESHFILE	String, Mesh file name for the pinion/gear	



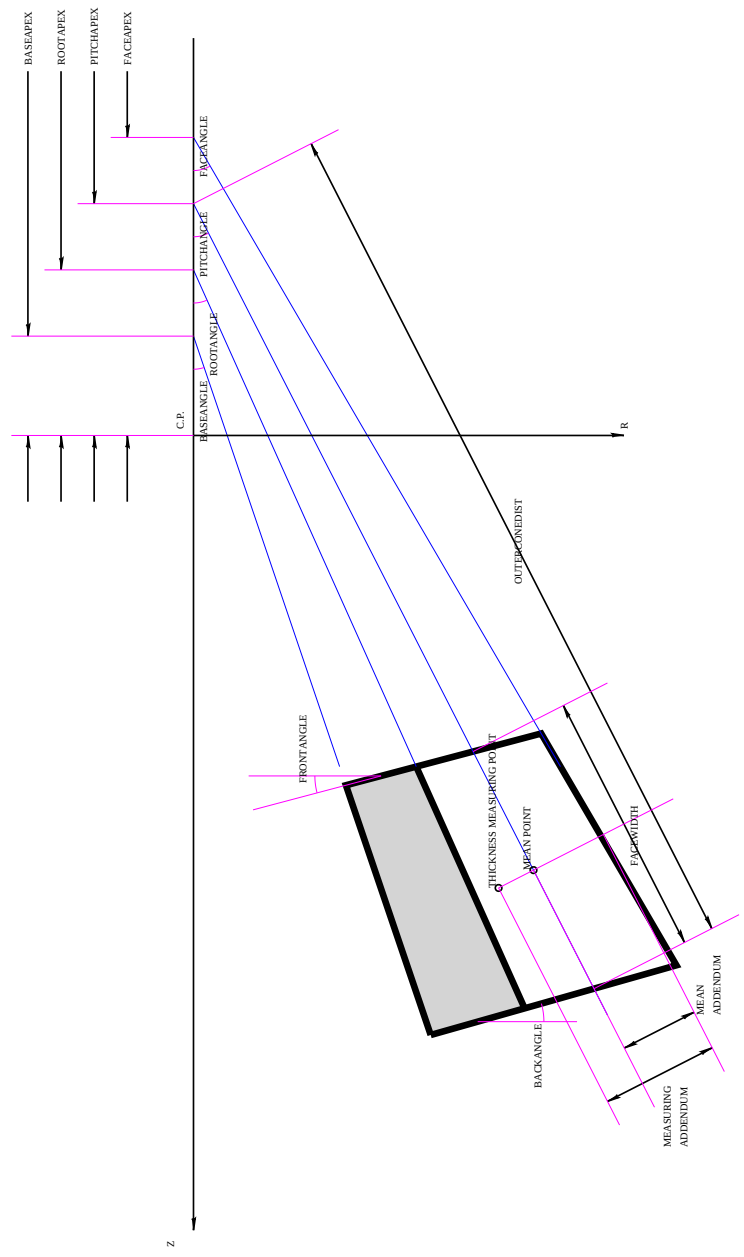


Figure 5.16: The Pinion Common Parameters.

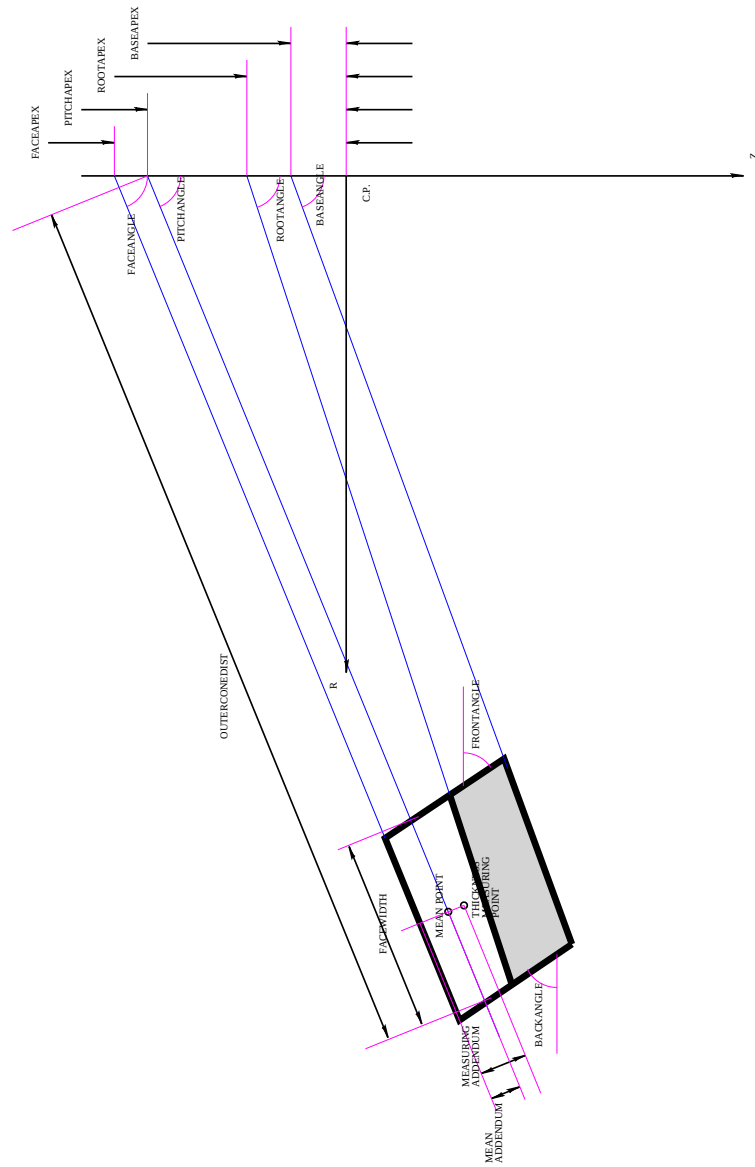


Figure 5.17: The Gear Common Parameters.

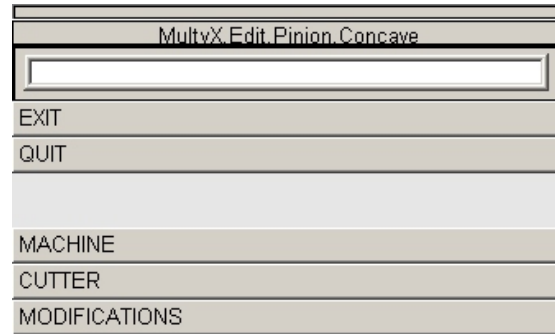


Figure 5.18: The Concave tooth side data menu.

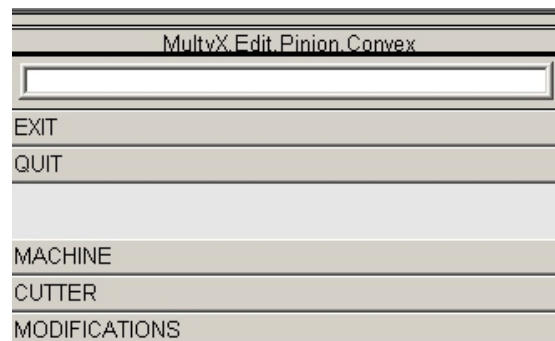


Figure 5.19: The Convex tooth side data menu.

5.6 Concave and Convex side data

The CONCAVE and CONVEX command in the pinion menu(Figure 5.12) leads to the concave and convex side data menus shown in Figures 5.18 & 5.19 . There are three submenus- MACHINE, CUTTER and MODIFICATIONS. All three data submenus are similar for both the concave and convex side data except that the data comes from a different part of the Special Analysis File. For the generated type gear the data menus for concave and convex side gear tooth are similar to those for the pinion. They are slightly different for the formate type gear.

5.7 Machine settings for the pinion

The MACHINE command in Figures 5.18 & 5.19 leads to the details of the face milling operation settings used for the manufacturing of the hypoid pinion/gear shown in Figure 5.20. Table 5.4 explains all the machine parameters in this menu.

The values for Tiltangle, Swivelangle, Rootangle, and the Cradleangle are given in radians in the Special Analysis File. The user should convert them in to degrees before entering them in to their respective menus.

MultvX.Edit.Pinion.Convex.Machine	
EXIT	
QUIT	
RADIALSETTING [←][→][?]	2.8010500000
TILTANGLE [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
SWIVELANGLE [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
BLANK.OFFSET [←][→][?]	-0.1742620000
ROOTANGLE [←][→][?]	16.8667000000
MACHCTRBACK [←][→][?]	0.0541429000
SLIDINGBASE [←][→][?]	-0.0157093000
CRADLEANGLE [←][→][?]	53.9260000000
RATIOROLL [←][→][?]	3.1051800000
2C [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
6D [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
24E [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
120F [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
H1 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
H2 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
H3 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
V1 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
V2 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000
V3 [←][→][?]	0.0000000000e+000

Figure 5.20: Machine parameters

Table 5.4: Machine parameters for concave and convex tooth side for the pinion

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
RADIALSETTING	Float, Distance between the cradle axis and the cutter axis when they are parallel	Concave side-Record#15,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#1
TILTANGLE	Float, Tilt of the cutter axis with respect to the direction of the cradle axis(Deg)	Concave side-Record#15,Item#2 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#2
SWIVELANGLE	Float, Direction of the cutter spindle tilt with respect to the gear being generated(Deg)	Concave side-Record#15,Item#3 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#3
BLANKOFFSET	Float, Offset between the work spindle axis and the cradle axis	Concave side-Record#15,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#4
ROOTANGLE	Float, Angle between the element of the root cone and its axis(Deg)	Concave side-Record#15,Item#5 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#5
MACHCTRBACK	Float, Axial distance from the root apex of the gear to the spindle mounting surface	Concave side-Record#15,Item#6 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#6
SLIDINGBASE	Float, Position of the sliding base with respect to the machine plane	Concave side-Record#15,Item#7 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#7
CRADLEANGLE	Float, Angular position of the cradle axis with respect to the gear generated	Concave side-Record#16,Item#9 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#9
RATOROLL	Float, Ratio of the number of teeth on the imaginary gear to the number of teeth on the gear being cut	Concave side-Record#15,Item#13 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#13
2C	Float, Modified roll 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#15,Item#14 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#14
6D	Float, Modified roll 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#15,Item#15 & Convex side-Record#18,Item#15
24E	Float, Modified roll 4th order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#1
120F	Float, Modified roll 5th order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#2 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#2
H1	Float, Helical motion 1st order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#3 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#3
H2	Float, Helical motion 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#4
H3	Float, Helical motion 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#5 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#5
V1	Float, Vertical motion 1st order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#6 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#6
V2	Float, Vertical motion 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#7 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#7
V3	Float, Vertical motion 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#16,Item#8 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#8

MultvX Edit Gear Concave Machine	
EXIT	
QUIT	
HORIZONTAL [Left] [Right] [Up] [Down] [Reset]	
VERTICAL [Left] [Right] [Up] [Down] [Reset]	
ROOTANGLE [Left] [Right] [Up] [Down] [Reset]	67.6833000000
MACHCTRBACK [Left] [Right] [Up] [Down] [Reset]	0.0000000000e+000

Figure 5.21: Machine parameters for formate gear

5.8 Machine settings for the generated type gear

All the parameters for the machine details specifications for the generated type gear are similar to those of the pinion (Figure 5.20), except for the record numbers in the Special Analysis File. Table 5.5 explains all the parameters for the Machine menu for the generated type gear. Again, the values for Tiltangle, Swivelangle, Rootangle, and the Cradleangle are given in radians in the Special Analysis File. The user should convert them in to degrees before entering them in to their respective menus.

5.9 Machine settings for the formate type gear

Figure 5.21 shows the machine parameters for the concave side of the formate type gear. The parameters for the convex side are similar to those of the concave side. The Root angle value is given in radians in the Special Analysis File. The user should convert it in to degrees before entering it in the Rootangle menu. Table 5.6 explains all the machine parameters associated with the manufacturing of the formate gear.

Table 5.5: Machine parameters for concave and convex tooth side for the generated type gear

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
RADIALSETTING	Float, Distance between the cradle axis and the cutter axis when they are parallel	Concave side-Record#25,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#1
TILTANGLE	Float, Tilt of the cutter axis with respect to the direction of the cradle axis(Deg)	Concave side-Record#25,Item#2 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#2
SWIVELANGLE	Float, Direction of the cutter spindle tilt with respect to the gear being generated(Deg)	Concave side-Record#25,Item#3 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#3
BLANKOFFSET	Float, Offset between the work spindle axis and the cradle axis	Concave side-Record#25,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#4
ROOTANGLE	Float, Angle between the element of the root cone and its axis(Deg)	Concave side-Record#25,Item#5 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#5
MACHCTRBACK	Float, Axial distance from the root apex of the gear to the spindle mounting surface	Concave side-Record#25,Item#6 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#6
SLIDINGBASE	Float, Position of the sliding base with respect to the machine plane	Concave side-Record#25,Item#7 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#7
CRADLEANGLE	Float, Angular position of the cradle axis with respect to the gear generated	Concave side-Record#26,Item#9 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#9
RATOROLL	Float, Ratio of the number of teeth on the imaginary gear to the number of teeth on the gear being cut	Concave side-Record#25,Item#13 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#13
2C	Float, Modified roll 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#25,Item#14 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#14
6D	Float, Modified roll 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#25,Item#15 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#15
24E	Float, Modified roll 4th order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#1
120F	Float, Modified roll 5th order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#2 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#2
H1	Float, Helical motion 1st order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#3 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#3
H2	Float, Helical motion 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#4
H3	Float, Helical motion 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#5 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#5
V1	Float, Vertical motion 1st order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#6 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#6
V2	Float, Vertical motion 2nd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#7 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#7
V3	Float, Vertical motion 3rd order coefficient	Concave side-Record#26,Item#8 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#8

Table 5.6: Machine parameters for the formate gear

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
HORIZONTAL	Float, Horizontal setting of the cutter	Concave side-Record#28,Item#2 & Convex side-Record#24,Item#2

MultyX.Edit.Pinion.Concave.Cutter

EXIT

QUIT

POINTRADIUS

BLADEANGLE

EDGERADIUS

USENEWCUTTER ☒

TYPE STRAIGHT

Figure 5.22: Cutter specifications for the pinion

5.10 Cutter Specifications for the pinion

The CUTTER command in Figures 5.18 & 5.19 leads to the cutter menu shown in Figure 5.22. Table 5.7 gives the Special Analysis File details for the Cutter menu.

Cutter point radius is the radius of the cutter in a plane perpendicular to the cutter axis of rotation and passing through the tips of the blades. The special analysis file gives the blade angle (angle between the cutting edge of the cutter and the cutter axis of rotation) in radians. The user should convert that value in to degrees before entering it in to the BLADEANGLE menu. The value to be entered should always be positive. The sign for this item in the Special Analysis File can be disregarded.

5.10.1 Use new cutter

If the USENEWCUTTER flag in Figure 5.22 is checked, then the menu will update to display the new cutter options, Figure 5.23. The new cutter menu has three sets of options: Type, Toprem Option and Flankrem Option. The default type of cutter is the STRAIGHT type and the default type of Toprem and Flankrem is NONE.

A cutter can have any combination of Toprem and Flankrem options. For both the choices are NONE, STRAIGHT and BLENDED. If a STRAIGHT Toprem or Flankrem is chosen then two new parameters (TOPREM_DEPTH or FLANKREM_DEPTH and TOPREM_ANGLE or FLANKREM_ANGLE) are added to the cutter menu. Figures 5.24 and 5.26 show the concave side cutter profile for STRAIGHT Toprem and Flankrem on a STRAIGHT blade type. If a BLENDED Toprem or Flankrem is chosen then two new parameters (TOPREM_DEPTH or FLANKREM_DEPTH and TOPREM_BLEND_RADIUS or FLANKREM_BLEND_RADIUS) are added to the cutter menu. Figures 5.25 and 5.27 show the concave side of the cutter profile with the appropriate parameters on a STRAIGHT blade type.

If the CURVED type cutter is selected then a parameter called RHO is added to the cutter menu. RHO is the spherical radius of the blade. If the STRAIGHT Toprem or Flankrem option is selected then a new parameter called DEDENDUM is added to the cutter menu. DEDENDUM is the distance from the mean point to the cutter tip, measured along the cutter axis (Z) direction. Figures 5.28 and 5.30 show the concave side cutter profile for STRAIGHT Toprem and Flankrem on a CURVED blade type. Figures 5.29 and 5.31 show the concave side of the cutter profile for

MultyX.Edit.Gear.Concave.Cutter	
EXIT	
QUIT	
POINTRADIUS ← → 0 °	
BLADEANGLE ← → 0 °	
EDGERADIUS ← → 0 °	
USENEWCUTTER	☒ °
TYPE °	STRAIGHT v
TOPREM_OPTION °	NONE v
FLANKREM_OPTION °	NONE v

Figure 5.23: Cutter specifications with USENEWCUTTER flag checked

BLENDED Toprem and Flankrem on a CURVED blade type.

5.10.2 Use old cutter

The default type of cutter is the STRAIGHT type, but if the TOPREM type is used then two more parameters (TOPREMANGLE and TOPREMLENGTH) are added to the cutter menu. TOPREMANGLE (Special Analysis File Record#17, Item#1 for Concave side and Record#20, Item#1 for Convex Side) is the angle that the modified part of the cutter makes with the unmodified part. When it is zero modification has no effect. A positive angle implies that the material is being added to the tip of the cutter. The value of this angle given in the Special Analysis File is in radians. The user should convert in to degress before entering it in the TOPREMANGLE menu. TOPREMLENGTH(Record#17, Item#2 for Concave side and Record#20, Item#2 for Convex side) is the distance from the cutter point of the start of the modified part of the cutter.

If the Special Analysis File Record shows a non-zero value for the TYPE item(Refer to the Table 5.7 for details) then the Cutter type is TOPREM or else it is STRAIGHT type or CURVED type. Figures 5.32 and 5.33 show the various terms associated with the modified cutter for Concave side and Convex side respectively.

If the CURVED type cutter is selected then a parameter called RHO (Special Analysis File Record#15, Item#12 for Concave side and Record#18, Item#12 for Convex Side) is added to the cutter menu. RHO is the spherical radius for the curved blade. If the Special Analysis File Record shows a non-zero value for the RHO item then the cutter type is CURVED or else it is STRAIGHT. A CURVED type cutter for concave and convex side tooth is shown in Figure 5.34 and Figure 5.35 respectively.

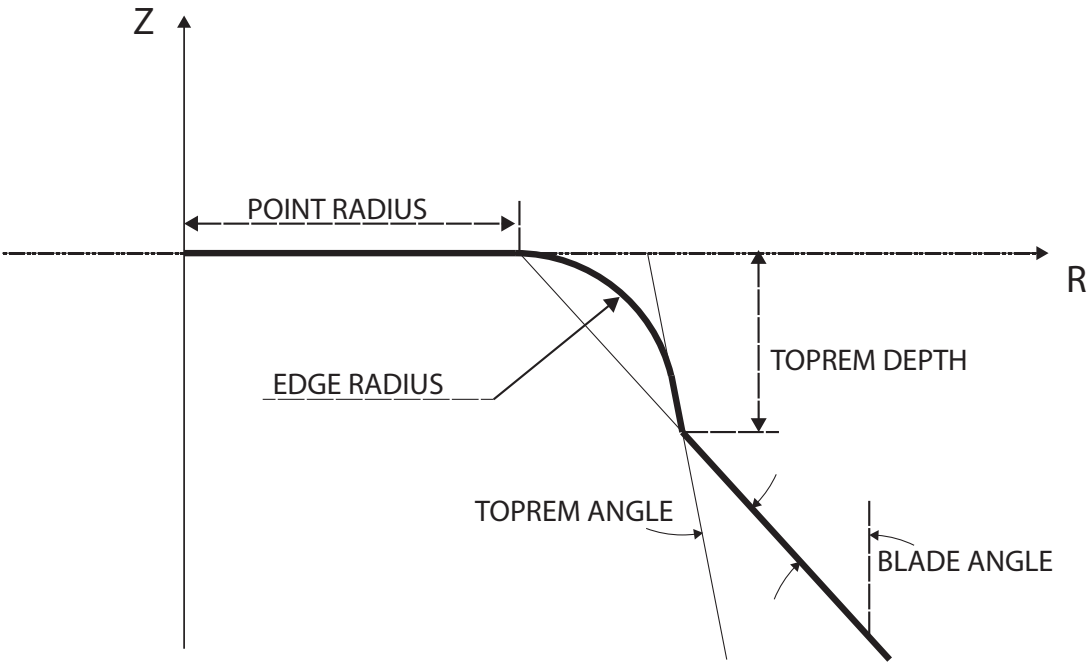


Figure 5.24: Cutter description for Straight Blade with Straight Toprem (New Cutter)

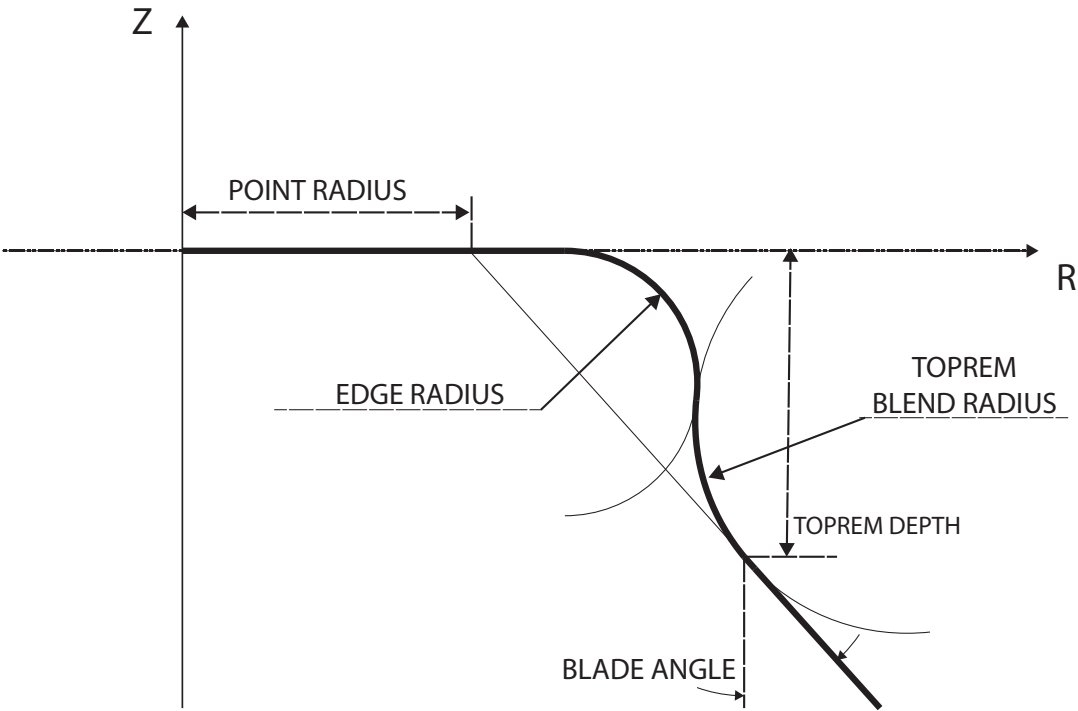


Figure 5.25: Cutter description for Straight Blade with Blended Toprem (New Cutter)

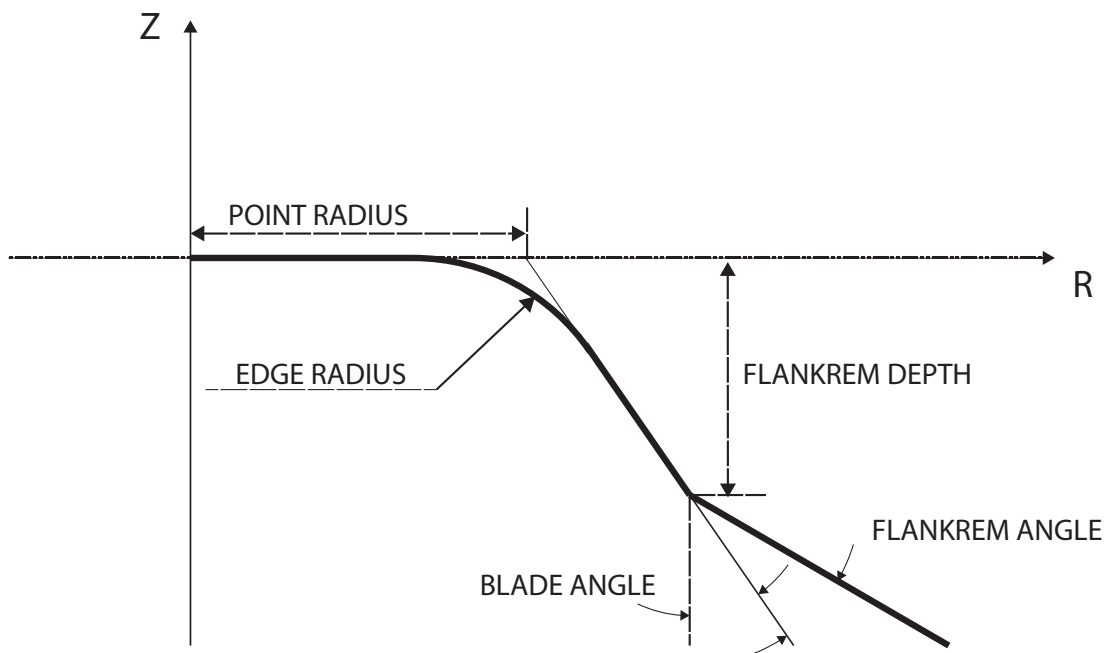


Figure 5.26: Cutter description for Straight Blade with Straight Flankrem (New Cutter)

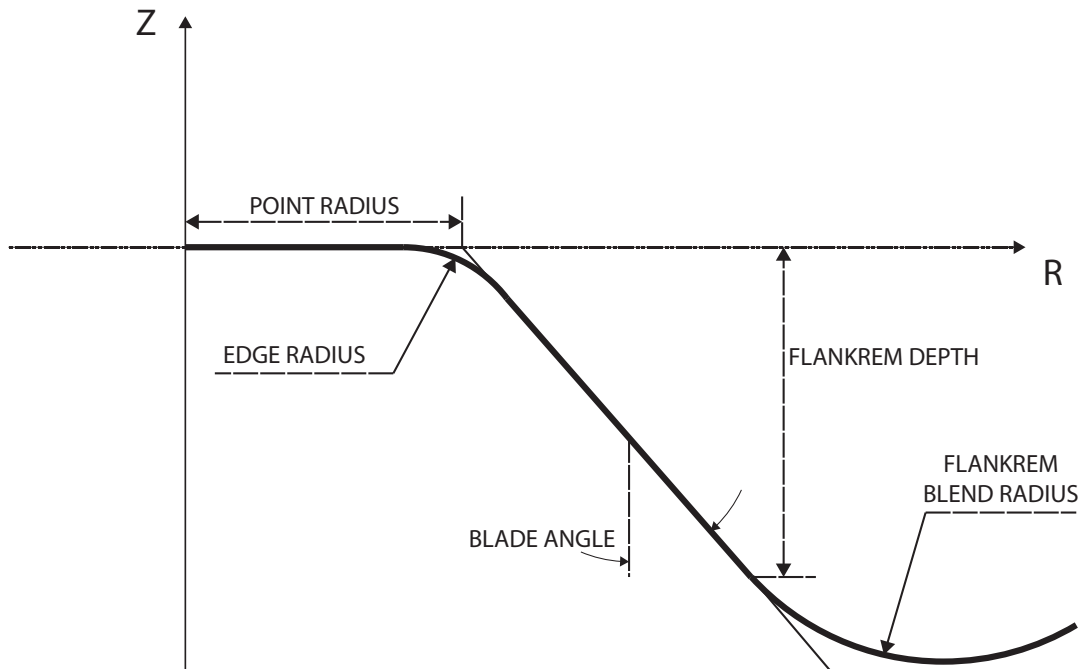


Figure 5.27: Cutter description for Straight Blade with Blended Flankrem (New Cutter)

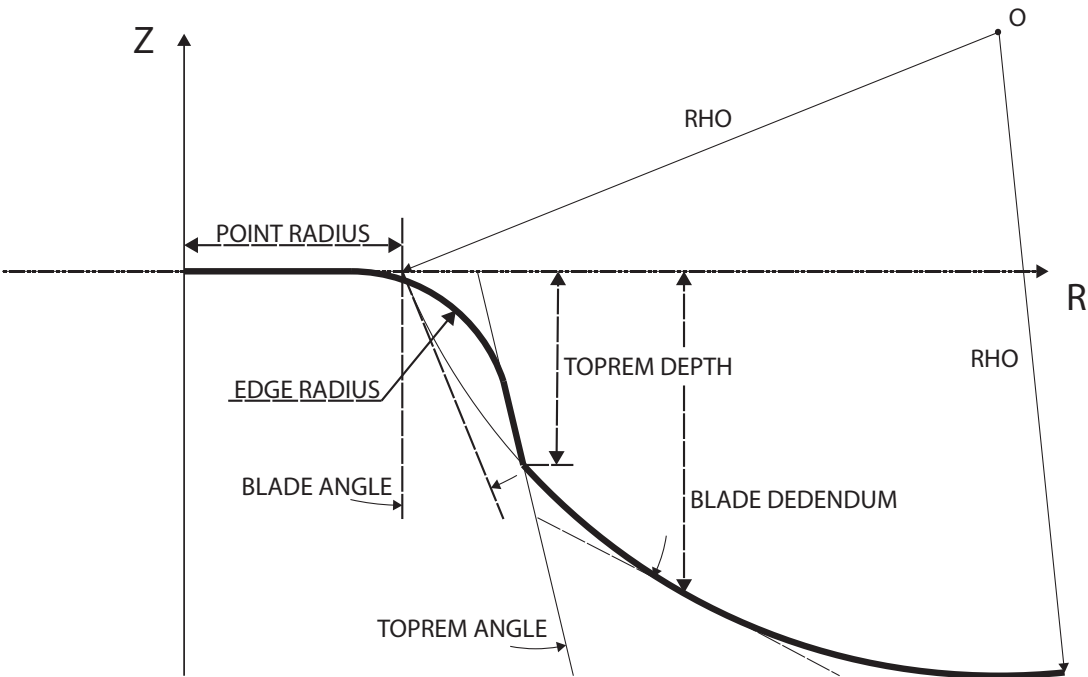


Figure 5.28: Cutter description for Curved Blade with Straight Toprem (New Cutter)

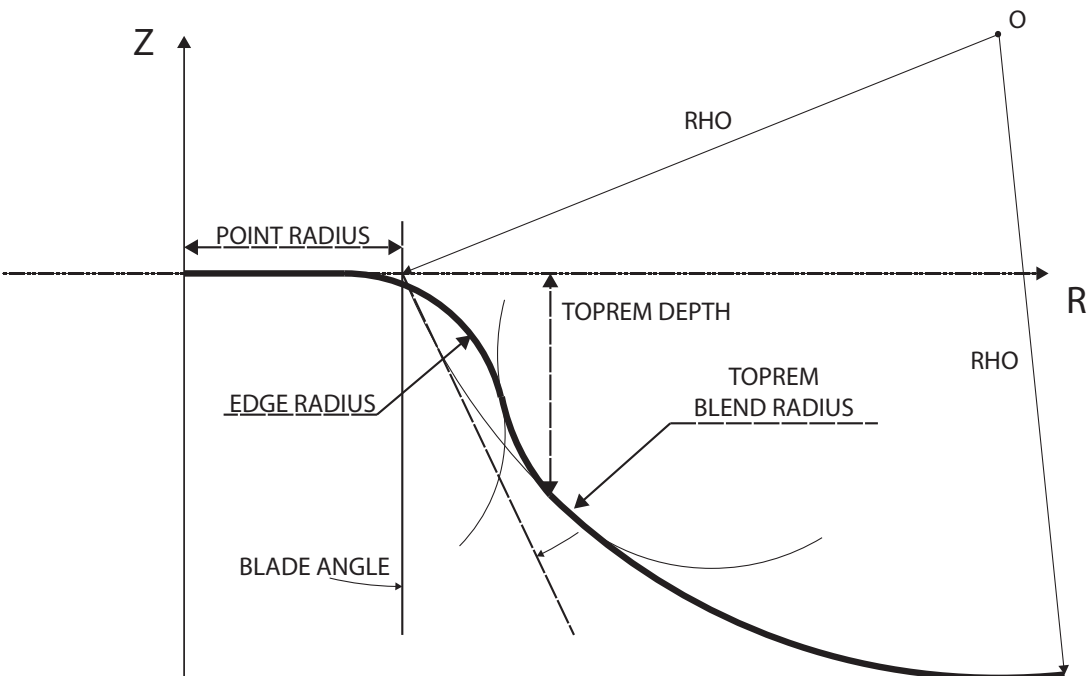


Figure 5.29: Cutter description for Curved Blade with Blended Toprem (New Cutter)

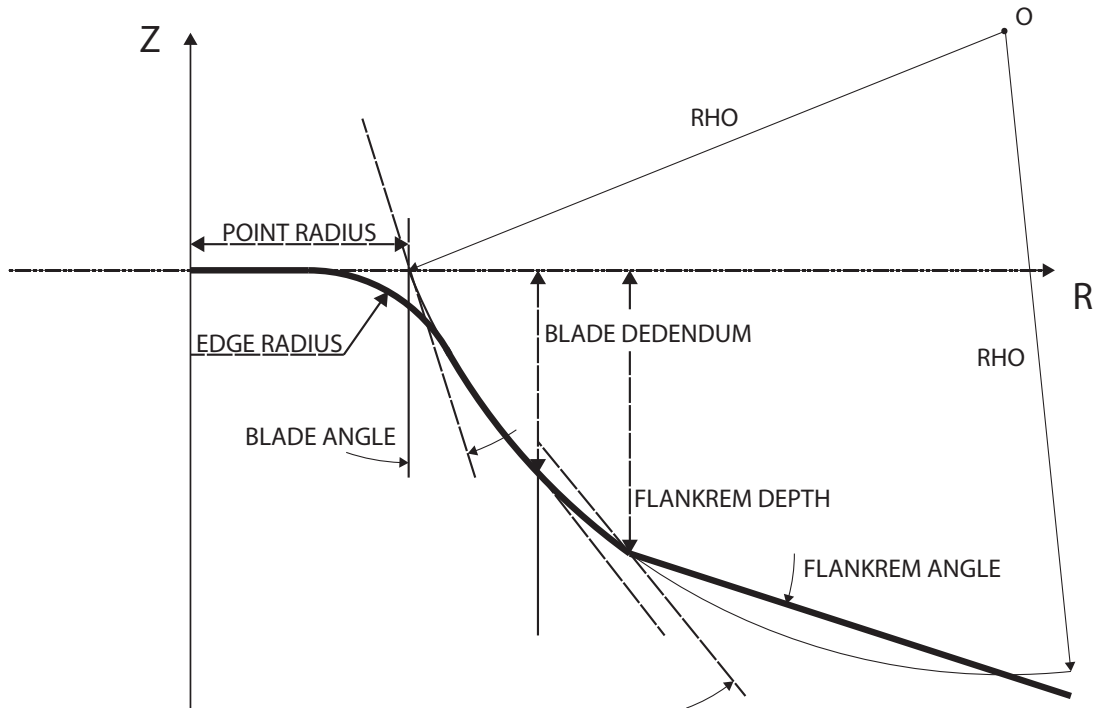


Figure 5.30: Cutter description for Curved Blade with Straight Flankrem (New Cutter)

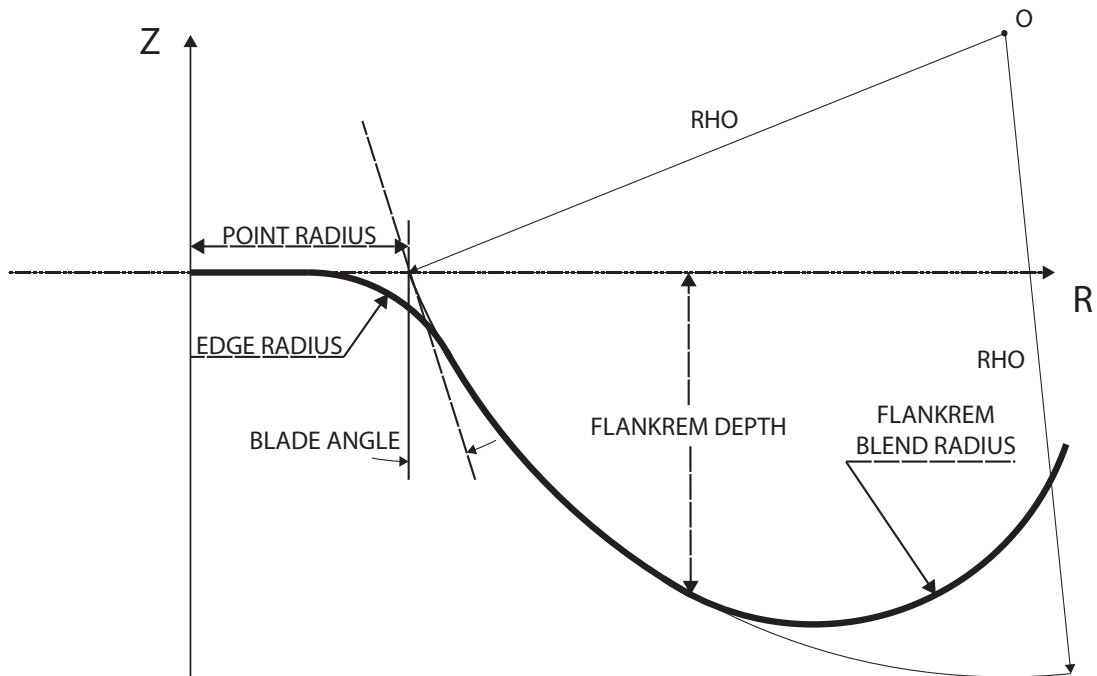


Figure 5.31: Cutter description for Curved Blade with Blended Flankrem (New Cutter)

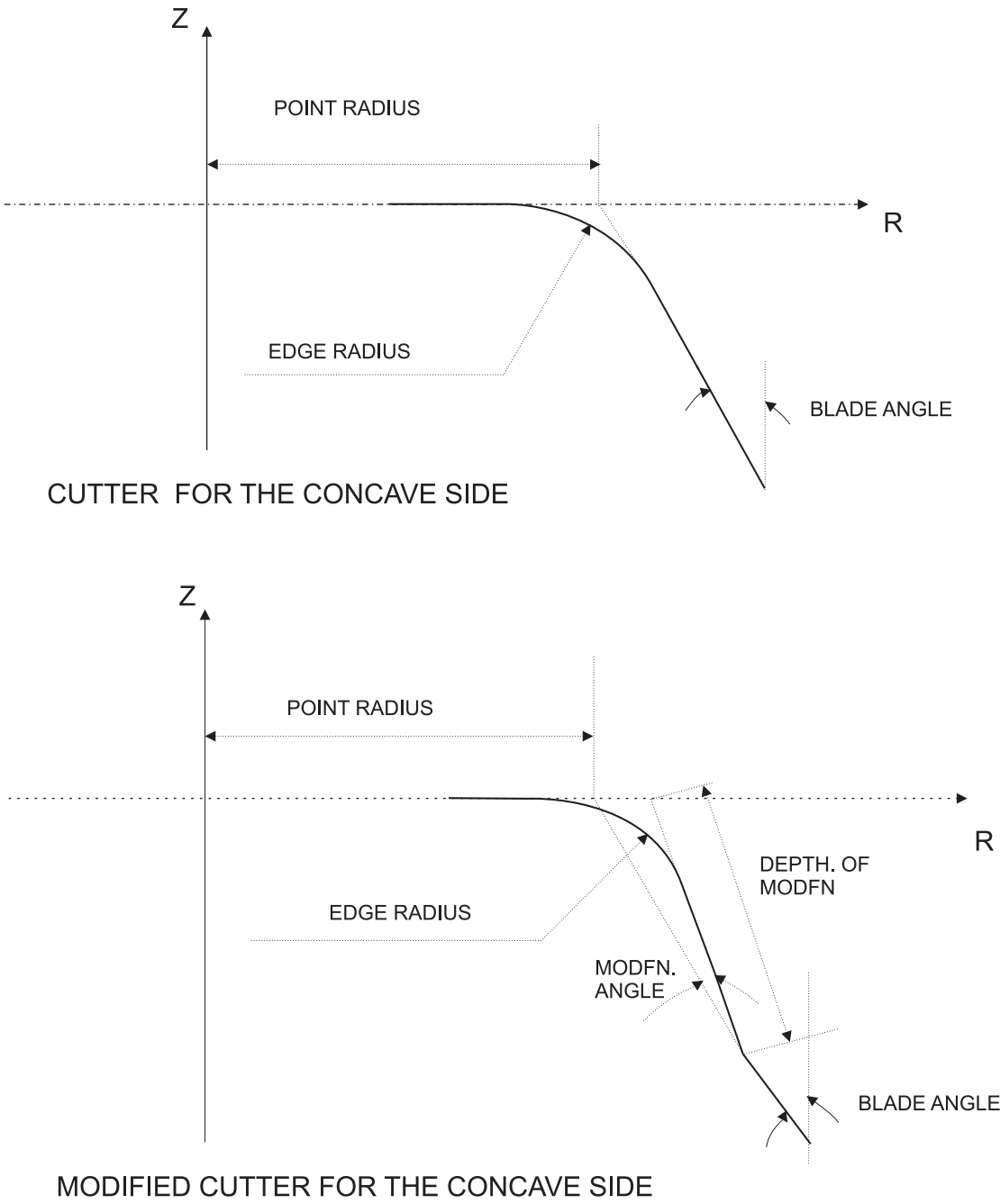
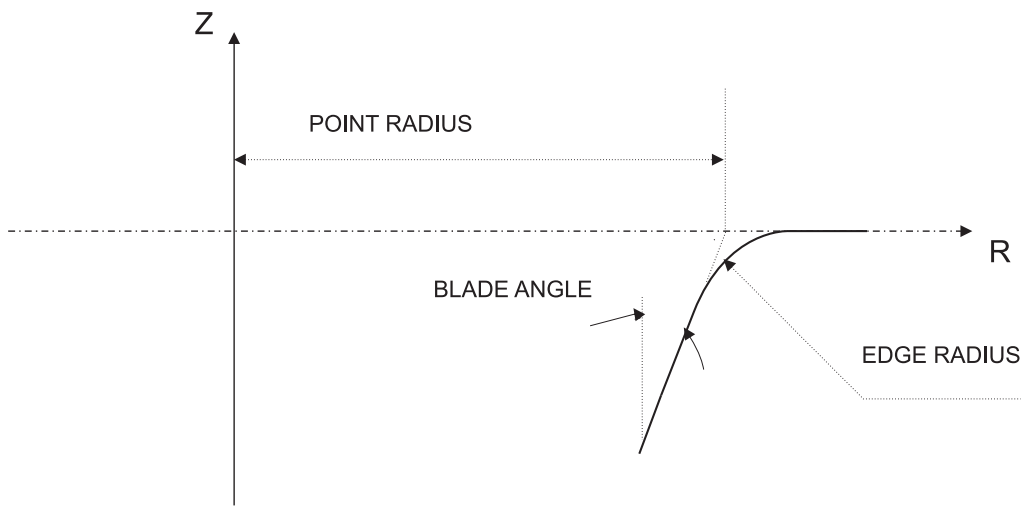
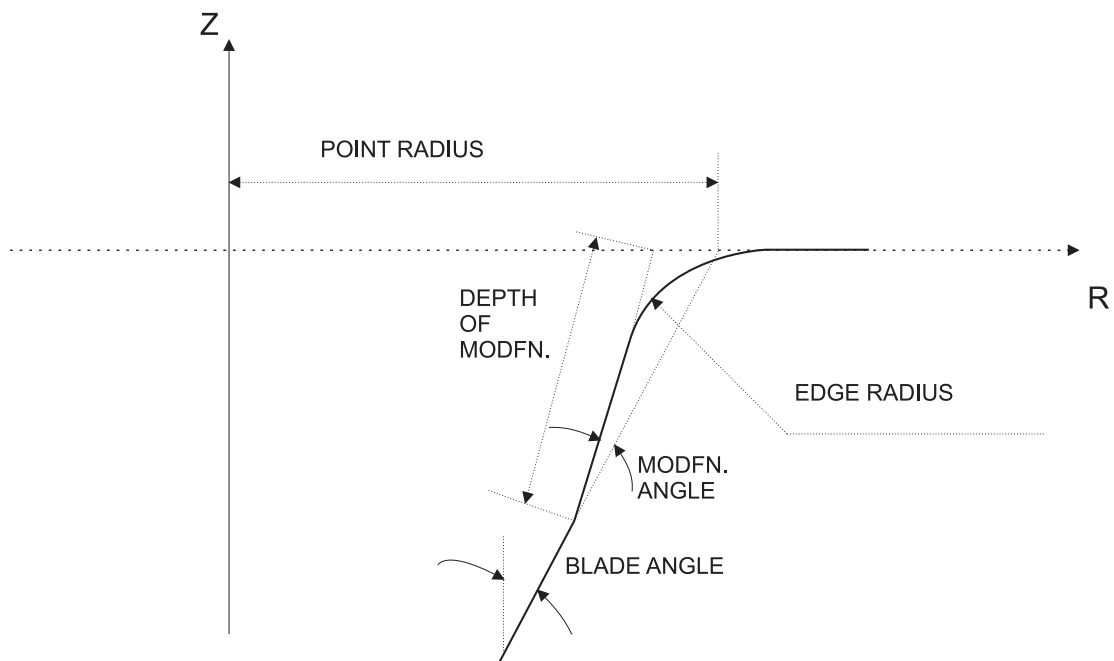


Figure 5.32: Cutter description for Concave side (Old Cutter)



CUTTER FOR THE CONVEX SIDE



MODIFIED CUTTER FOR THE CONVEX SIDE

Figure 5.33: Cutter description for Convex side (Old Cutter)

Table 5.7: Cutter specifications for concave and convex tooth side of a pinion

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
POINTRADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter	Concave side-Record#17,Item#5 & Convex side-Record#20,Item#5
BLADEANGLE	Float, Cutter blade angle(Deg)	Concave side-Record#17,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#20,Item#4
EDGERADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter edge(Tip radius)	Concave side-Record#16,Item#15 & Convex side-Record#19,Item#15
TYPE	Switch, Type of cutter(STRAIGHT/TOPREM)	Concave side-Record#17,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#20,Item#1

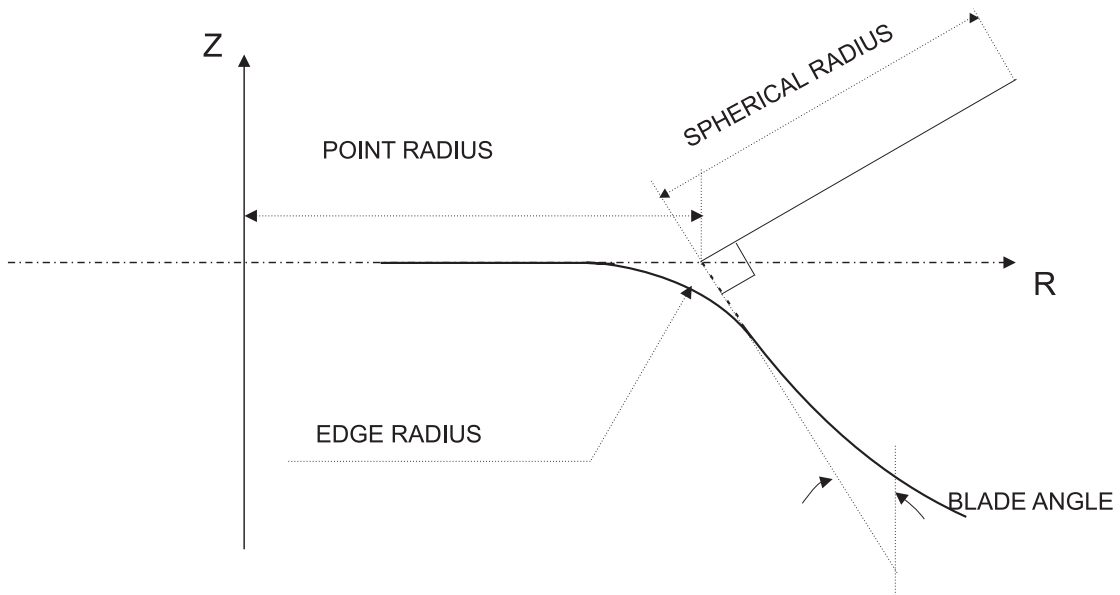


Figure 5.34: Curved cutter description for Concave side (Old Cutter)

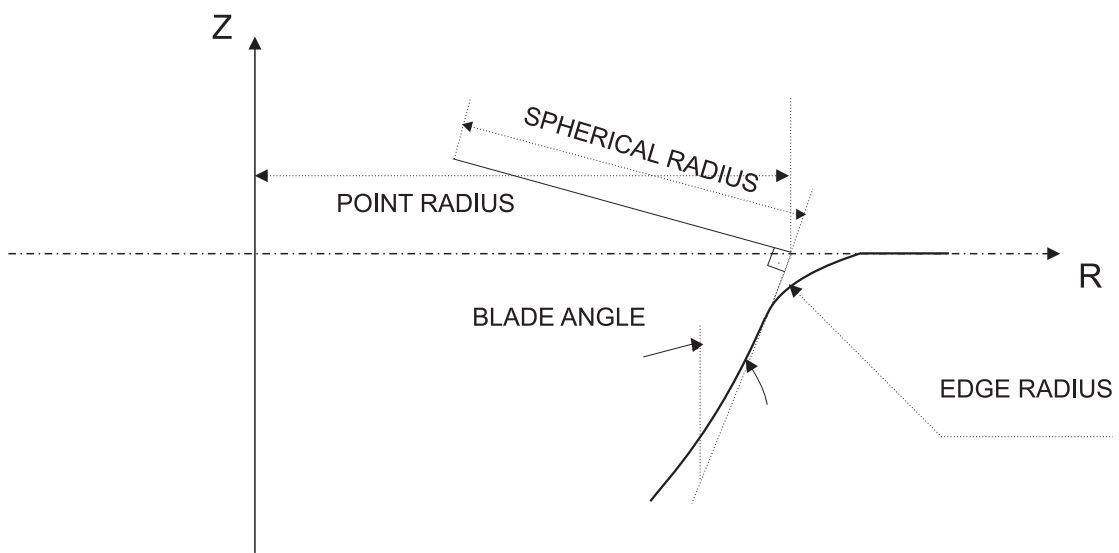


Figure 5.35: Curved cutter description for Convex side (Old Cutter)

5.11 Cutter Specifications for the generated type gear

The CUTTER menu for the generated type gear is similar to that of the pinion cutter menu (Figure 5.22) except for the Special Analysis File details. Table 5.8 explains all the parameters associated with the Cutter menu for the generated type gear.

Table 5.8: Cutter specifications for concave and convex tooth side of a generated type gear

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
POINTRADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter	Concave side-Record#25,Item#8 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#8
BLADEANGLE	Float, Cutter blade angle(Deg)	Concave side-Record#27,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#23,Item#4
EDGERADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter edge(Tip radius)	Concave side-Record#26,Item#15 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#15
TYPE		



Figure 5.36: Cutter specifications for the formate gear

5.12 Cutter Specifications for the formate type gear

If you select the gear type as formate gear then the CUTTER command in the Concave/Convex menus leads to the menu shown in Figure 5.36. Table 5.9 explains all the terms associated with this menu.

5.13 Surface Modifications

MODIFICATIONS command in Figure 5.18 leads to the Surface modification menu shown in Figure 5.37. The modifications for Spiral, Pressure and Cone angles all lead to increases in the their respective angles, shown in Figure 5.38. The sign convention for each of the angles is positive as shown in the figure. Note, the DELTA_CONE_ANGLE parameter is dependent upon the the DELTA_PRESSURE_ANGLE and DELTA_SPIRAL_ANGLE inputs, therefor a DELTA_CONE_ANGLE value should not be input if also entering values for the remaing two parameters. Table 5.10 provides a more detailed description of each of the 3 angle modifications.

The LINEARTIPRELIEF flag controls whether or not linear tip relief will be applied and expands the menu to Figure 5.39. Tip relief is specified in three locations and for each location the Magnitude, Tip Distance and Distance from the face cone axis must be specified. The QUADRATICTIPRELIEF flag controls whether or not quadratic tip relief will be applied and has similiar menu and inputs to linear tip relief. A graphical depiction of the inputs is shown in Figure 5.41.

The DOTOPOMODFN flag controls whether or not surface modifications based on numerical data (such as from CMM) will be applied. If you check the DOTOPOMODFN box then the Surface Modifications menu applied on the Gear Concave side shown in Figure 5.40 becomes available. The Surface Modifications menu applied on the Convex side of the tooth is similar to that on the Concave side. The TOPOMODTYPE specifies which type of modification file is to be used. The data file name containing the surface modifications should be entered in the ZEISSFILE textbox. SCALEFACTOR allows for the data points within the modification file to by multiplied by this scale factor. If the file is in inches and your analysis is in mm,

Table 5.9: Cutter specifications for concave and convex tooth side of a formate type gear

Item	Description	Special Analysis File Details
POINTRADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter	Concave side-Record#25,Item#8 & Convex side-Record#21,Item#8
BLADEANGLE	Float, Cutter blade angle(Deg)	Concave side-Record#27,Item#4 & Convex side-Record#23,Item#4
EDGERADIUS	Float, Radius of the cutter edge(Tip radius)	Concave side-Record#26,Item#15 & Convex side-Record#22,Item#15
POINTWIDTH	Float, Difference between the point radii of the outside and inside blades of an alternate blade cutter	Concave side-Record#28,Item#10 & Convex side-Record#24,Item#10
TYPE	Switch, Type of cutter(STRAIGHT/TOPREM)	Concave side-Record#27,Item#1 & Convex side-Record#23,Item#1

Table 5.10: Angle Modification Descriptions

Item	Description
DELTA_SPIRAL_ANGLE	Increase in spiral angle. This angle is in Degrees. Provide a non-zero value to this variable to introduce a surface modification which will increase the effective spiral angle.
DELTA_PRESSURE_ANGLE	Increase in pressure angle. This angle is in Degrees. Provide a non-zero value to this variable to introduce a surface modification which will increase the effective pressure angle.
DELTA_CONE_ANGLE	Increase in cone angle. This angle is in Degrees. Provide a non-zero value to this variable to introduce a surface modification which will increase the effective cone angle.

you can provide a scale factor of 25.4. The order of this polynomial in the profile direction is PROFORDER and that in the face width direction is FACEORDER.

The Surface Modifications menu for the gear tooth is similar to that of the pinion.

5.14 Modelling the Rim

The RIM command in Figure 5.12 leads us to the Rim data menu for the pinion shown in Figure 5.43. The DORIM flag controls whether the rim model will be generated in addition to the model of the contacting tooth. If it is not generated then the tooth finite element model will be constrained at the base. TYPE defines how the rim will be created, WEBBED or EXTERNALFE. The RIM menu for the gear is same as that for the pinion.

If WEBBED, the rim is specified by sequence of line segments in order to define the rim cross section. The first segment is closest to the tooth, and the last segment is the farthest. Each segment 'i' has two endpoints, A_i and B_i . A_i is the end that is closer to the crossing point as shown in Figure 5.42. Each end point is specified by its radial coordinate r and axial coordinate z. The Rim data parameters are explained in Table 5.11.

If EXTERNALFE, the rim is imported using either a Nastran or Abaqus mesh file. The CYCLICSYMMETRY flag allows for the model to be of only a sector of the rim, the nodes

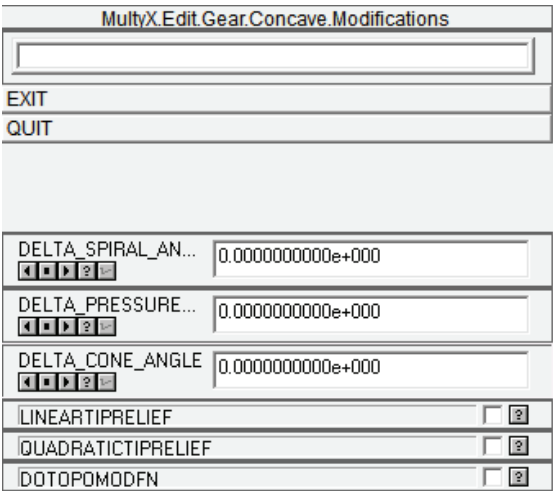


Figure 5.37: Surface Modification menu

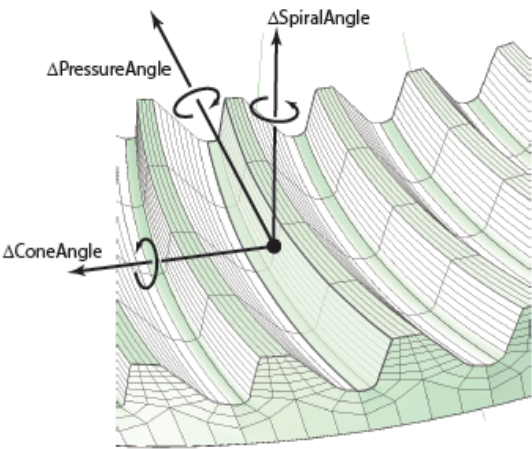


Figure 5.38: Angle Modifications

MultyX Edit Gear Concave Modifications	
EXIT	
QUIT	
DELTA_SPIRAL_AN... ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
DELTA_PRESSURE... ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
DELTA_CONE_ANGLE ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
LINEARTIPRELIEF ☒ 2	
MAG1LINEAR ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
TIPDIST1LINEAR ← → 2 0	
AXPEXDIST1LINEAR ← → 2 0	
MAG2LINEAR ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
TIPDIST2LINEAR ← → 2 0	
AXPEXDIST2LINEAR ← → 2 0	
MAG3LINEAR ← → 2 0	0.000000000e+000
TIPDIST3LINEAR ← → 2 0	
AXPEXDIST3LINEAR ← → 2 0	
QUADRATICTIPRELIEF ☐ 2	
DOTOPMODFN ☐ 2	

Figure 5.39: Linear Tip Relief menu

MultyX Edit Gear Concave Modifications	
EXIT	
QUIT	
DELTA_SPIRAL_AN...	0.0000000000e+000
DELTA_PRESSURE...	0.0000000000e+000
DELTA_CONE_ANGLE	0.0000000000e+000
LINEARTIPRELIEF	☐
QUADRATICTIPRELIEF	☐
DOTOPMODFN	☒
TOPMODTYPE	ZEISSCOORDS
ZEISSFILE	ZEISSCCVGEAR.DAT
SCALEFACTOR	1.0000000000
PROFORDER	2
FACEORDER	2
STABILIZEFIT	☒

Figure 5.40: Surface Modification applied on the gear concave side

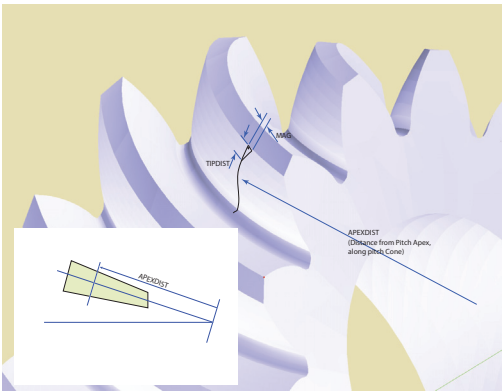


Figure 5.41: Hypoid tip relief input parameters.

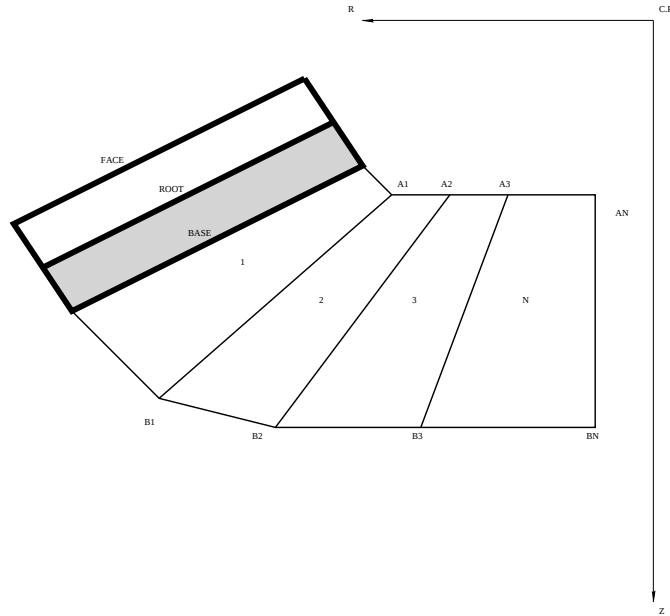


Figure 5.42: The Rim geometry (Webbed)

and elements at the two sectoral cuts must match up exactly. NSECTORS is the number of identical sectors. RAINNER and ZAINNER is the location closest to the crossing point that would connect to the shaft. RBINNER and ZBINNER is the point furthest, Figure 5.44.

5.15 Modelling the shaft

When the pinion or gear rides on a flexible shaft, the shaft deflection can also affect the gear contact significantly. In such a situation, it may become necessary to incorporate a finite element model of the shaft.

When the ENABLESHAFT item is checked in the pinion or gear menu (Figures 5.12 and 5.13), the submenu SHAFT appears. This submenu is shown in Figure 5.45.

The shaft is built of a number NSEGS of segments, as shown in Figure 5.46. The same material properties (YOUNGSMOD, POISSON and DENSITY) are used for all the segments in the shaft. The shaft is positioned with respect to the gear or pinion mid-face plane by specifying the offset value TOOTHOFFSET.

A specific segment is selected through the index ISEG. The segment's axial length is specified through the item LENGTH. The shape OUTERSHAPE of the outer surface of the segment can be set to CYLINDRICAL or CONICAL (Figure 5.47). For a cylindrical outer shape, only one outer diameter DOUTER is needed. For a conical outer shape, two diameters D1OUTER and D2OUTER are required. Similarly, the shape INNERSHAPE of the innersurface can be CYLINDRICAL or CONICAL. Accordingly only one diameter DINNER or two diameters D1INNER and D2INNER will need to be specified (Figure 5.48).

If the outer surface of the segment connects to the pinion or gear, then OUTERCONNECTIONTYPE should be set to GEAR. The diameter of the outer surface of the segment must

MultyX.Edit.Pinion.Rim	
EXIT	
QUIT	
DORIM ☒ ?	
TYPE	WEBBED
NELEMS	4
ELEMTYPE	LINEAR
AXIALORDER	1
CIRCORDER	4
NTHETA	32
NSEGS	1
ISEG	1
RA	
ZA	
RB	
ZB	

Figure 5.43: The Rim data menu

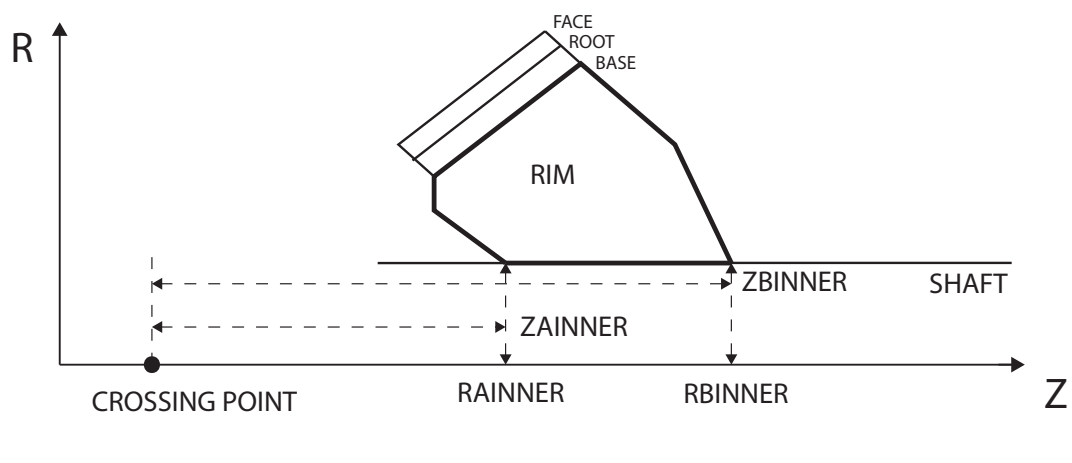


Figure 5.44: The Rim geometry (Externalfe)

Table 5.11: The rim parameters

Item	Description
DORIM	Boolean, Whether to build a rim model
NELEMS	Integer, Number of rim elements across the face
ELEMTYPE	Switch, Type of finite element. Available options are LINEAR, QUADRATIC and CUBIC
AXIALORDER	Integer, Polynomial order in the face direction
CIRCORDER	Integer, Fourier series order in the circular direction
NSEGS	Integer, Number of segments used to define the rim
ISEG	Integer, Segment number for which data is being displayed
RA	Float, Vector indexed by ISEG, Radial coordinate at side A.
RB	Float, Vector indexed by ISEG, Radial coordinate at side B.
ZA	Float, Vector indexed by ISEG, Z coordinate at side A.
ZB	Float, Vector indexed by ISEG, Z coordinate at side B.

match the inner diameter of the gear or its rim. The axial extent must overlap that of the pinion or gear.

If the segment connects to a bearing, then OUTERCONNECTIONTYPE must be set to BEARINGRIGID (for a rigid bearing) or BEARINGFLEXIBLE (for a flexible bearing). The OUTERBRG menu is enabled upon selecting one of the abovementioned bearing types, and the name of the file containing the bearing stiffness matrix is entered into the BRGFILENAME field. Figure

If the torque flows through the outer surface, then OUTERCONNECTIONTYPE should be made CONSTRAINEDRIGID or CONSTRAINEDFLEXIBLE.

If the outersurface neither connects to the pinion (or gear) or bearing, and is not constrained, then the OUTERCONNECTIONTYPE should be set to FREE.

A similar set of options is available for the inside surface of the shaft segment through the item INNERCONNECTIONTYPE.

At least one segment must have its inner surface or outer surface constrained.

EXIT	
QUIT	
OUTERBRG	
SHAFTOFFSET	5.519990000
NTHETA	64
UXCONSTRAINT	☐
UYCONSTRAINT	☐
UZCONSTRAINT	☒
THETAXCONSTRAINT	☐
THETAYCONSTRAINT	☐
YOUNGSMOD	3.000000000e+007
POISSON	0.3000000000
DENSITY	7600.000000000
RALEIGHALPHA	0.0010000000
RALEIGHBETA	1.000000000e-007
NSEGS	6
RALEIGHBETA	0.0010000000
NSEGS	6
RALEIGHBETA	1.000000000e-007
NSEGS	6
ISEG	5
LENGTH	1.0000000000
OUTERSHAPE	CYLINDRICAL
DOUTER	1.8000000000
OUTERCONNECTIONT	BEARINGFLEXIBLE
INNERSHAPE	CYLINDRICAL
DINNER	0.1000000000
INNERCONNECTIONT	FREE
ELEMTYPE	QUADRATIC
NDIVSRADIAL	2
NDIVSAXIAL	2
CIRCORDER	8
AXIALORDER	1

Figure 5.45: The menu for specifying shaft data.

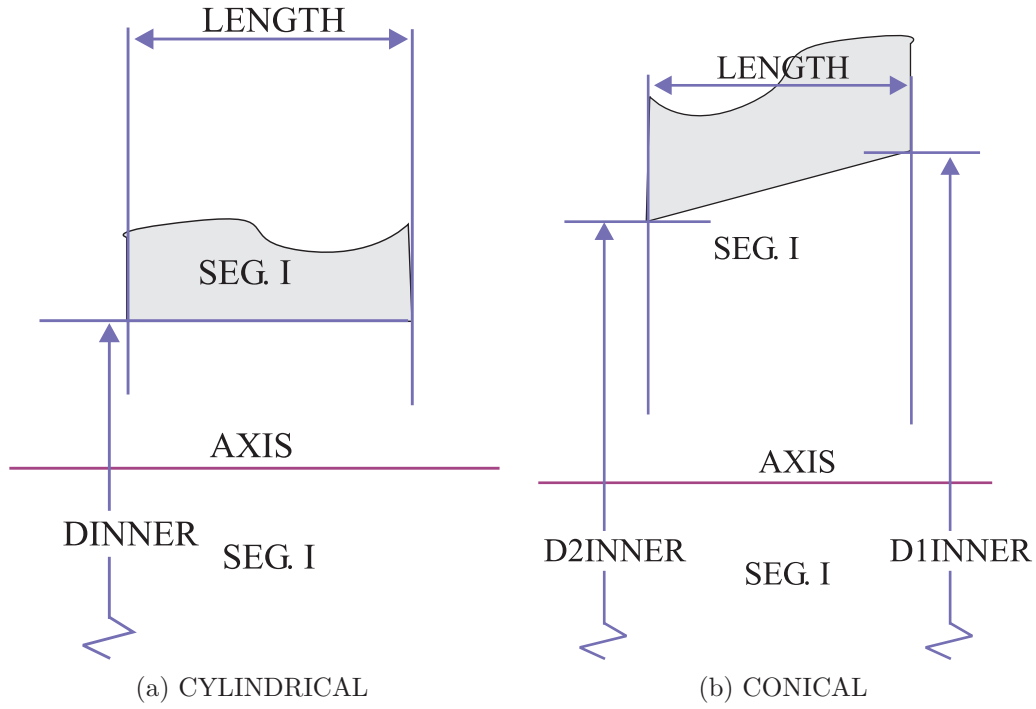


Figure 5.48: The dimensions of the outer surface of a shaft segment.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \text{Transverse} \\ \text{Deflection} \end{array} \swarrow \quad \downarrow \text{Thrust} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Bending} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \end{array} \quad \downarrow \text{Axis of Rotation/Torsion} \\
 \left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
 K_{xx} & K_{xy} & K_{xz} & K_{x\theta x} & K_{x\theta y} & K_{x\theta z} \\
 K_{yx} & K_{yy} & K_{yz} & K_{y\theta x} & K_{y\theta y} & K_{y\theta z} \\
 K_{zx} & K_{zy} & K_{zz} & K_{z\theta x} & K_{z\theta y} & K_{z\theta z} \\
 K_{\theta xx} & K_{\theta xy} & K_{\theta xz} & K_{\theta x\theta x} & K_{\theta x\theta y} & K_{\theta x\theta z} \\
 K_{\theta yx} & K_{\theta yy} & K_{\theta yz} & K_{\theta y\theta x} & K_{\theta y\theta y} & K_{\theta y\theta z} \\
 K_{\theta zx} & K_{\theta zy} & K_{\theta zz} & K_{\theta z\theta x} & K_{\theta z\theta y} & K_{\theta z\theta z}
 \end{array} \right]
 \begin{bmatrix}
 u_x \\
 u_y \\
 u_z \\
 \theta_x \\
 \theta_y \\
 \theta_z
 \end{bmatrix}
 =
 \begin{bmatrix}
 f_x \\
 f_y \\
 f_z \\
 M_x \\
 M_y \\
 M_z
 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Figure 5.49: The bearing stiffness matrix format.

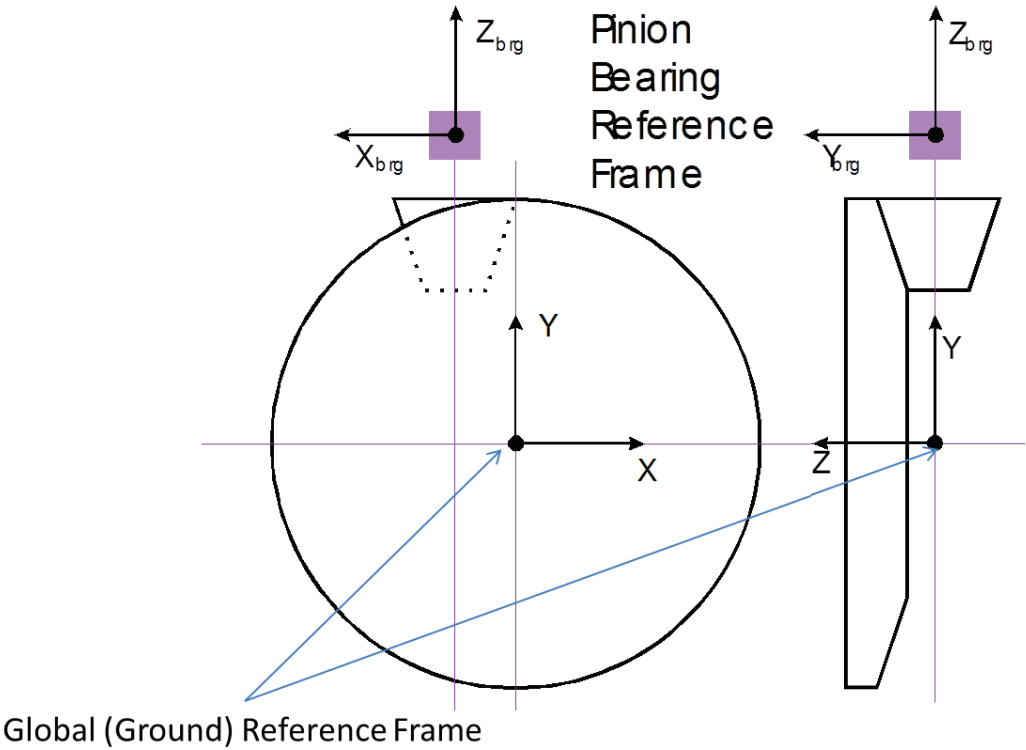


Figure 5.50: The pinion stiffness bearing reference frame.

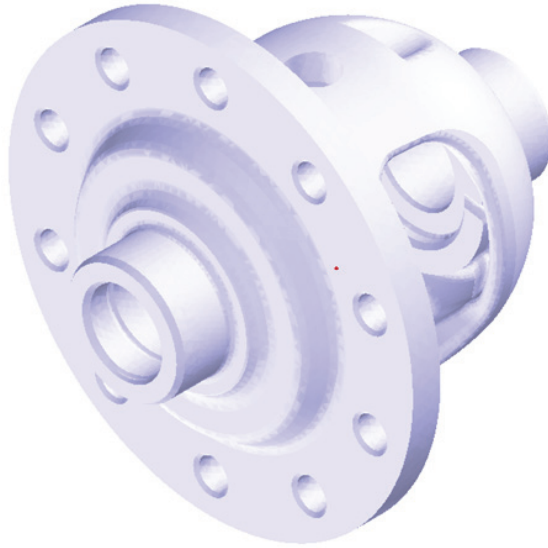


Figure 5.51: The carrier.

5.16 Modelling a Differential Carrier

The ability to import differential carrier models like the one shown in Figure 5.62 is included within HypoidFaceHobbed by checking `ENABLEDIFFCARRIER` in the GEAR menu (Figure ??). Within the `DIFFCARRIER` menu (Figure 5.53) the number of models to be imported must be specified along with the model file type, model file name, nodal tolerance and any positional translations to be done to the model within HypoidFaceHobbed. The model file (`dff.53647_Q.fem1-0-0UPDATED.inp`) is copied into the working folder of the model. Information for the `PINIONHOLES`, `CONICALRACES`, and `CYLINDRICAL RACES` for each model must be specified by opening the appropriate menu.

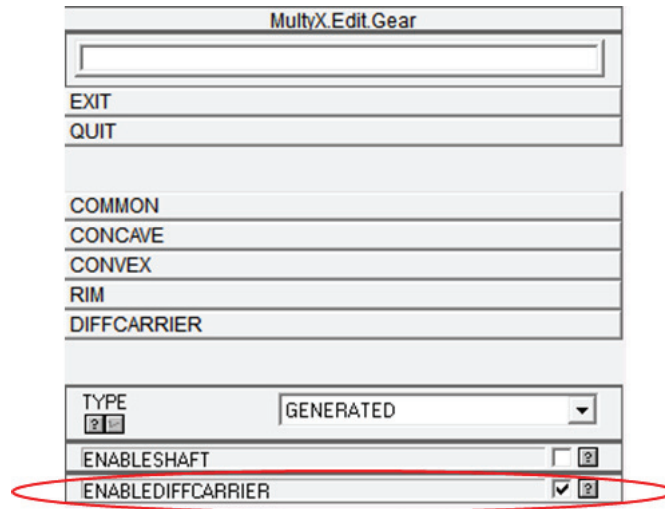
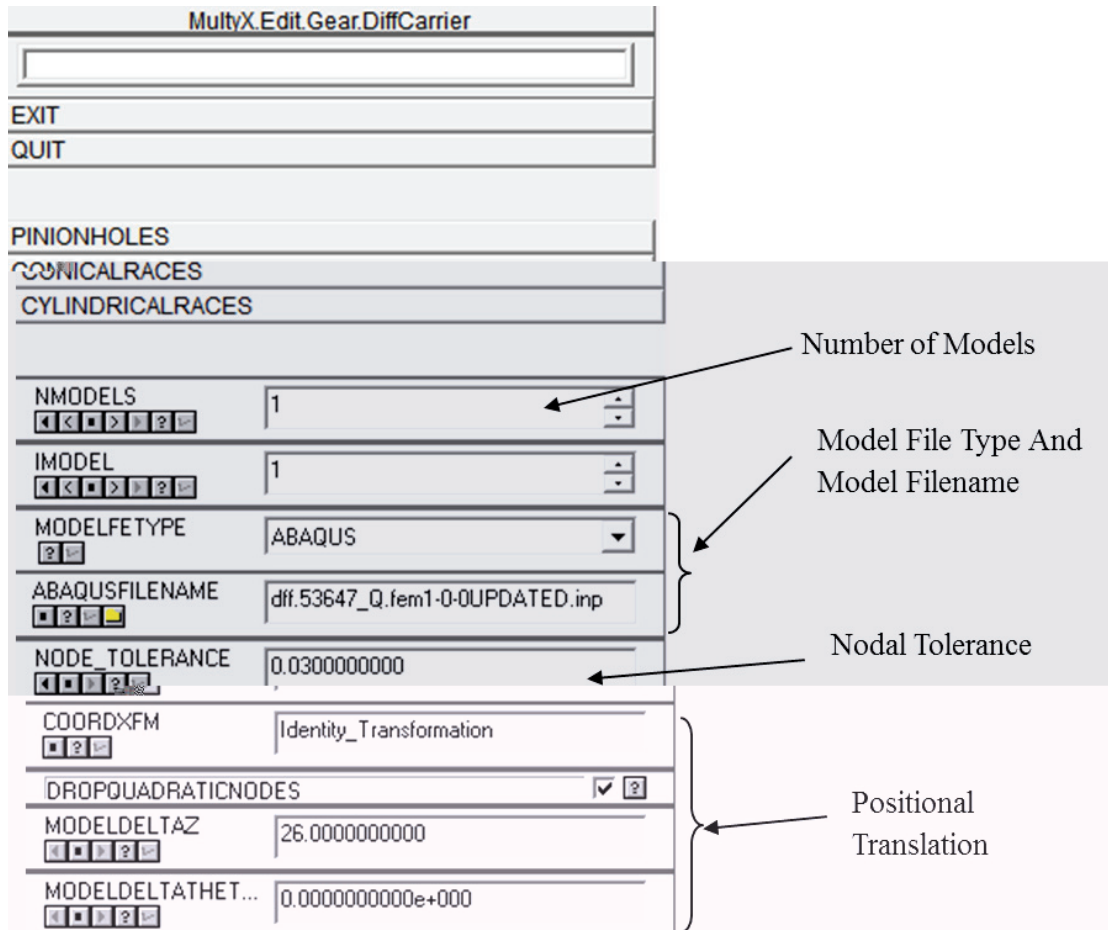
Figure 5.52: The EDIT $\hookrightarrow$ GEAR menu.

Figure 5.53: The menu for importing a differential carrier.

MultvX Edit Gear DiffCarrier PinionHoles

EXIT

QUIT

ZAPEXPINIONHOLE	0.000000000e+000
CONEANGLEPINIONH...	90.0000000000
DIAPINIONHOLE	
A1PINIONHOLE	
A2PINIONHOLE	
STIFFNESSPINIONHO...	
CIRCORDERPINIONH...	2
AXIALORDERPINIONH...	1
NPINIONHOLES	1
IPINIONHOLE	1
ANGPOSNPINIONHOLE	0.000000000e+000

A1 must be less than A2

Spring Stiffness

Number of Pinion Holes

Figure 5.54: Pinion holes menu.

5.16.1 Pinionholes menu

The PINIONHOLES menu, Figure 5.54, requests all the necessary information to properly locate the pinion holes within the imported model. ZAPEXPINIONHOLE refers to the Z position of the intersection of the pinion hole axis with the carrier axis. This is measured in the gear reference frame after the carrier models have been translated by DELTAZ and rotated by DELTATHETAZ. CONEANGLEPINION is the half cone angle of the cone passing through the pinion hole axes. Figure 5.55 shows the ZAPEXPINIONHOLE and CONEANGLEPINION input details. A1PINIONHOLE and A2PINIONHOLE define the distance of the close and far side, respectively, of the pinion hole from the pinion hole apex. A2PINIONHOLE must be a larger value than A1PINIONHOLE as shown in Figure ?? . STIFFNESSPINIONHOLE defines the linear stiffness of a spring that is used to connect the differential carrier to the rigid body at the pinion holes. The circular order, axial order, number of pinion holes and the position of each pinion hole must also be entered.

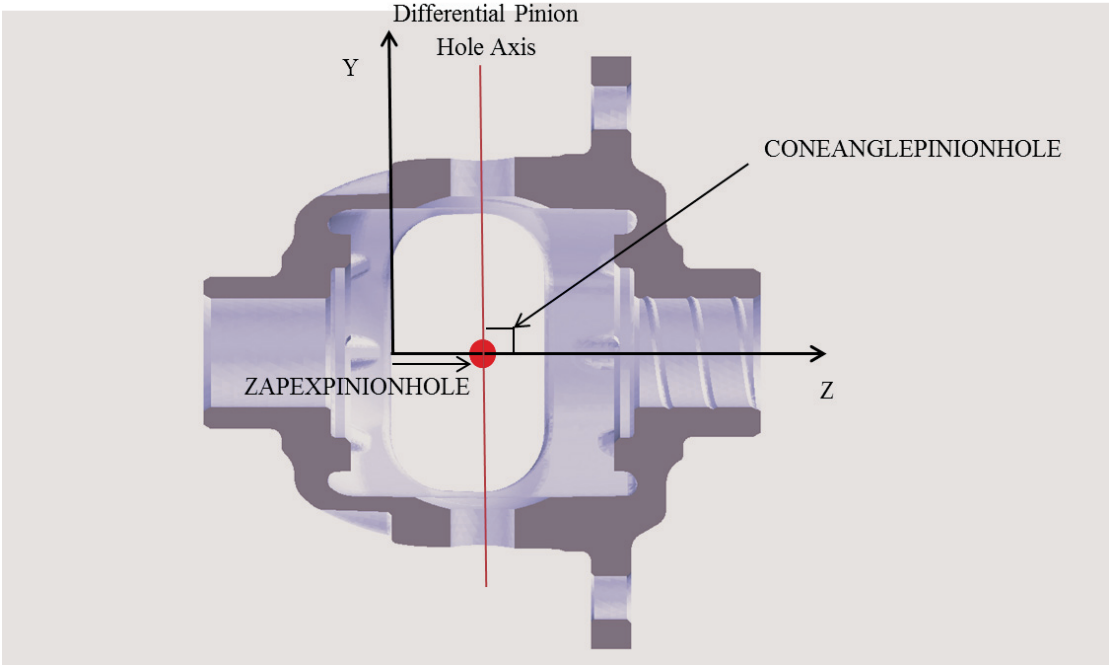


Figure 5.55: Z position and cone angle.

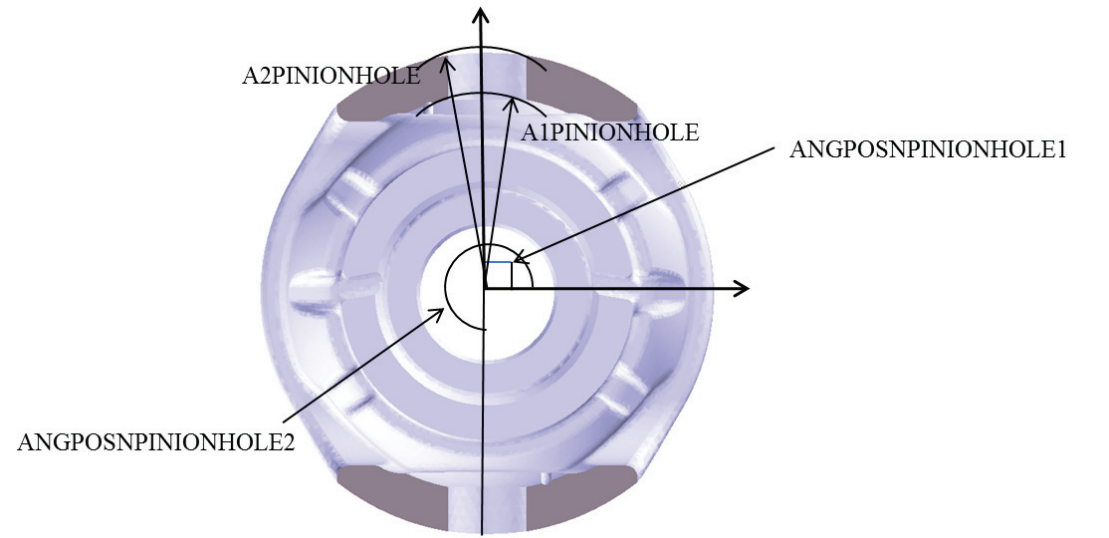


Figure 5.56: A1, A2 and angular position of pinions.

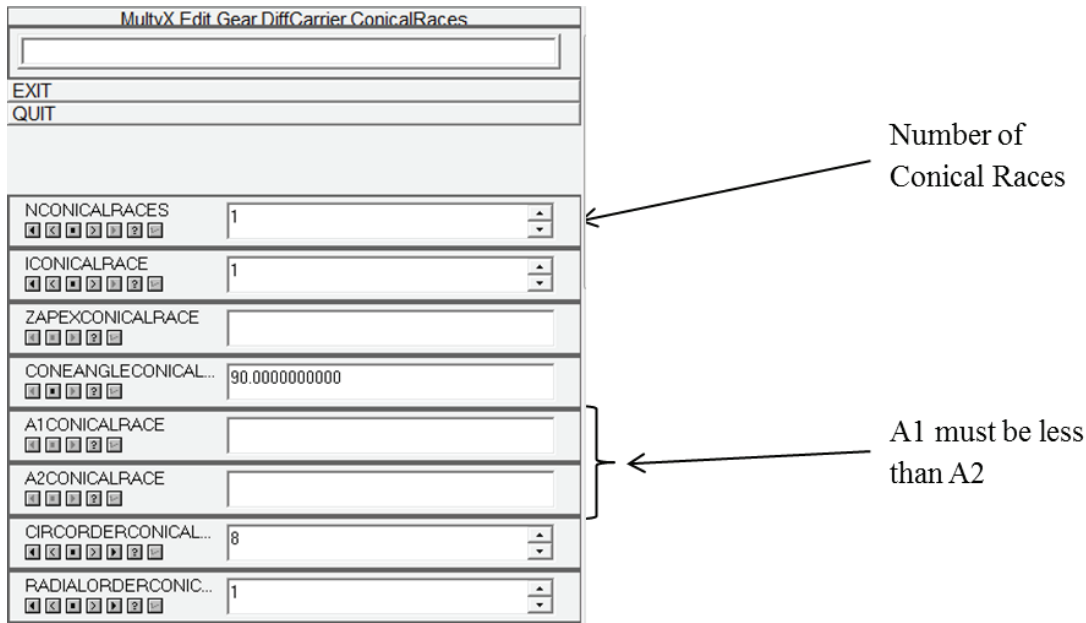


Figure 5.57: Conical races menu.

5.16.2 Conical and Cylindrical Races

The CONICALRACES menu, Figure 5.57, is for any races that are not cylindrical. ZAPEXCONICALRACE is the distance of the apex of the cone from the Z axis in the gear reference frame. CONEANGLECONICAL is the cone angle for the race. When the CONEANGLECONICAL is 90 degrees, the cone will be the same as a plane transverse to the axis. A1CONICALRACE and A2CONICALRACE describe the distance from the apex along the cone to the start and end of the race, respectively. The conical race parameters are explained graphically in Figures 5.58 and 5.59.

The CYLINDRICALRACES menu, Figure 5.60, is used to define any cylindrical surfaces that require a race. Figure 5.61 shows the CYLINDRICALRACES menu input parameters graphically. DIACYLINDRICALRACE is the diameter of the race. Z1CYLINDRICALRACE and Z2CYLINDRICALRACE defines the position along the Z axis of the race, Z2 must be greater than Z1. The CONSTRAINCYLINDRICALRACE check box is available to apply a flexible constrain to the race. The DOBRGCYLINDRICALRACE check box is available to add a stiffness bearing to the race. REF_{TYPE} has a drop down menu that has two options for bearing center location; ROLLERCENTER and THRUSTCENTER. ZPOSNBRG specifies the Z location of the origin of the bearing. CONNECTBRGHOUSING enables the bearing to be connected to the housing, if this option is not checked the bearing will be connected to the ground. TYPE specifies the type of finite element to be used for the splines; STIFFNESS or ROLLER. If STIFFNESS is chosen a BRGFILE must also be specified. The orientation of the differential carrier stiffness bearing matrix reference frame is shown in Figure ??.

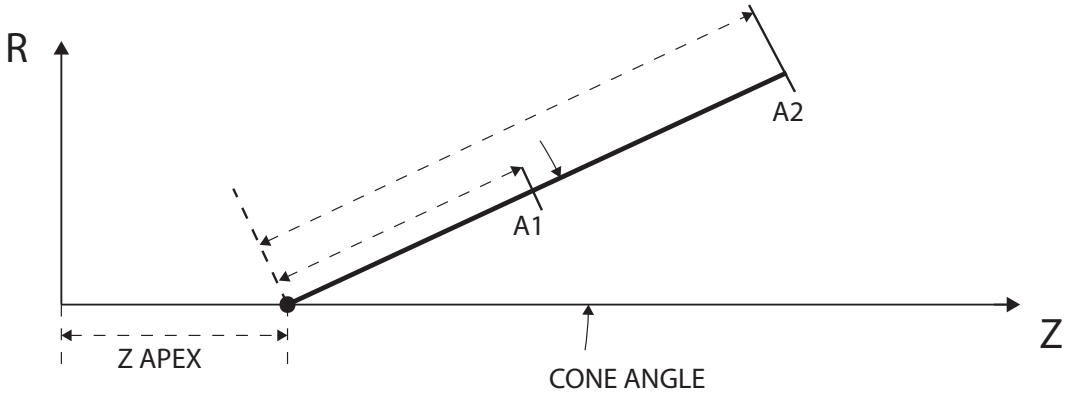


Figure 5.58: Conical Race Diagram.

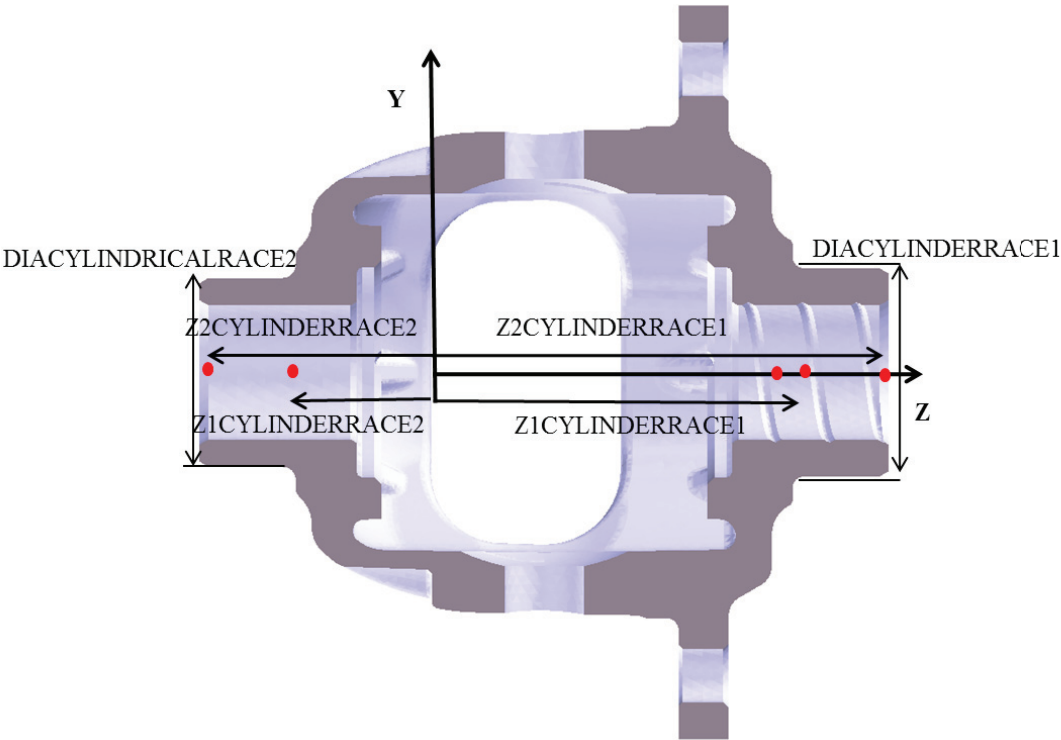


Figure 5.59: Conical races.

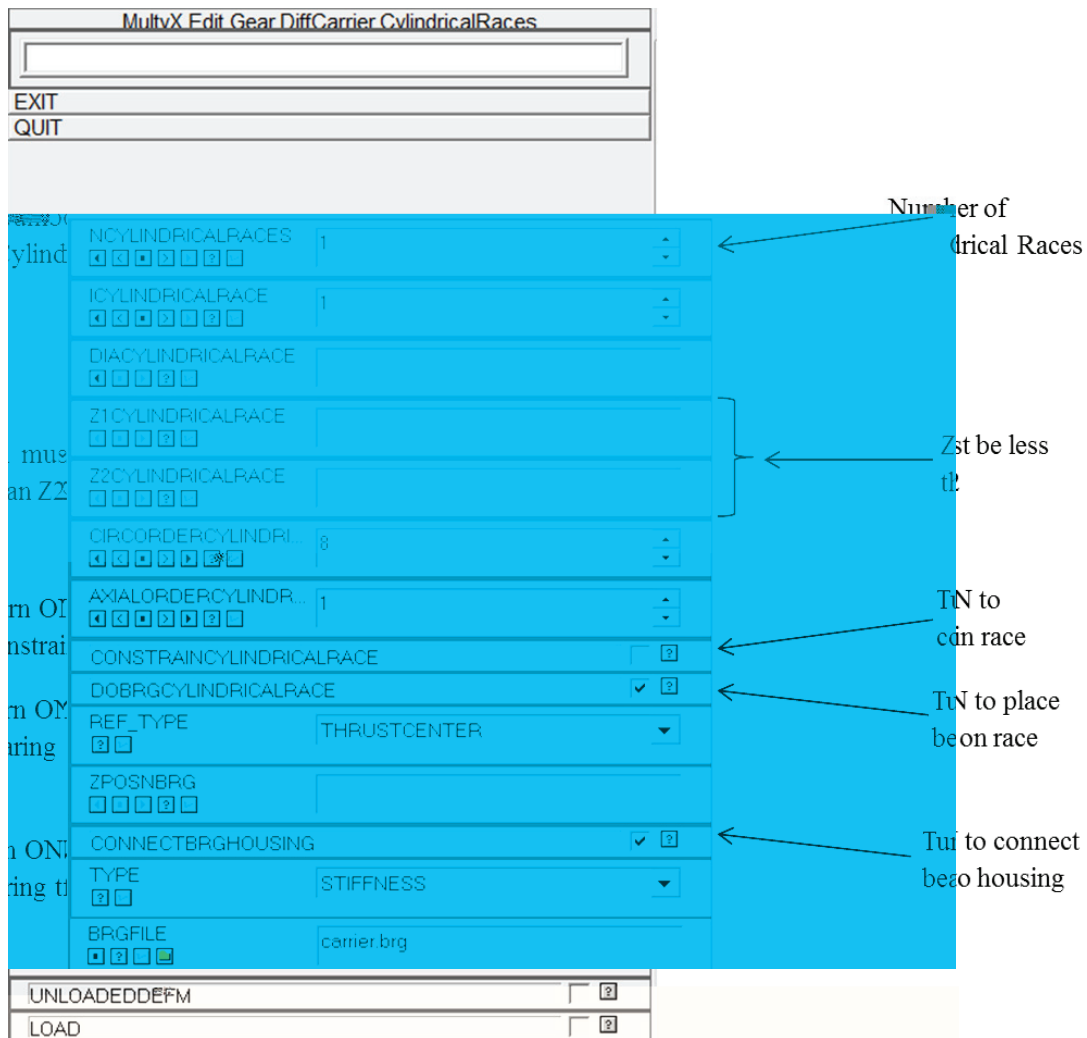


Figure 5.60: Cylindrical races menu.

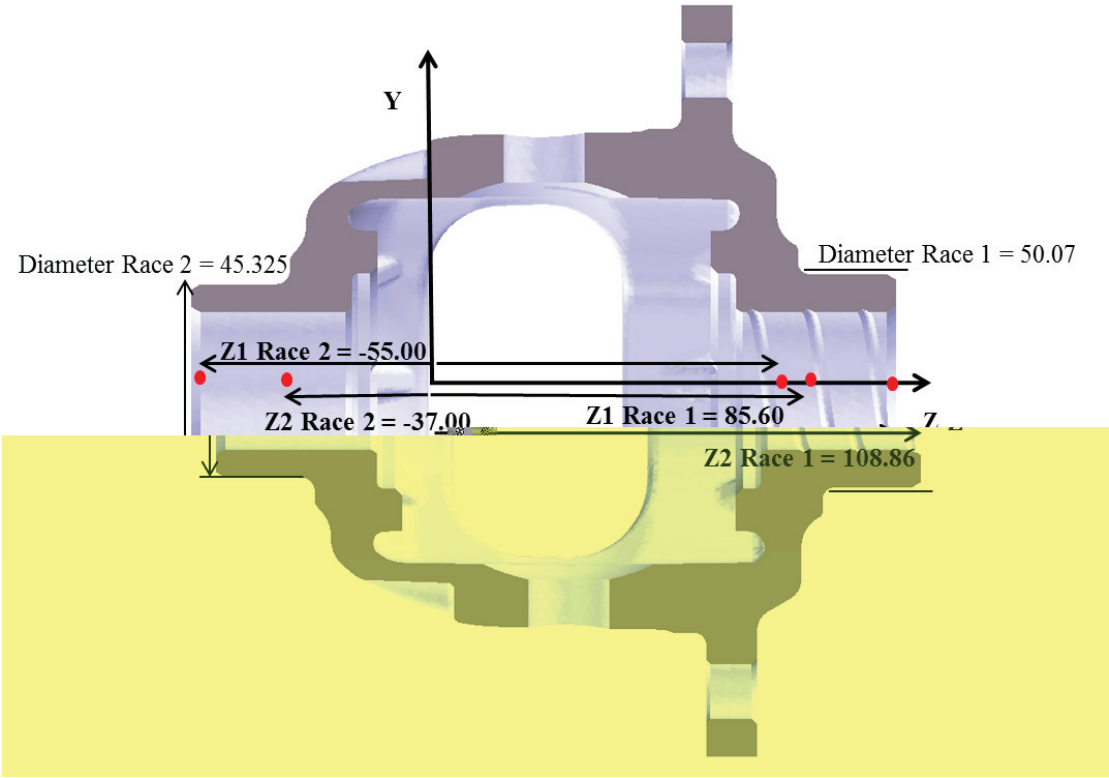


Figure 5.61: Cylindrical races.

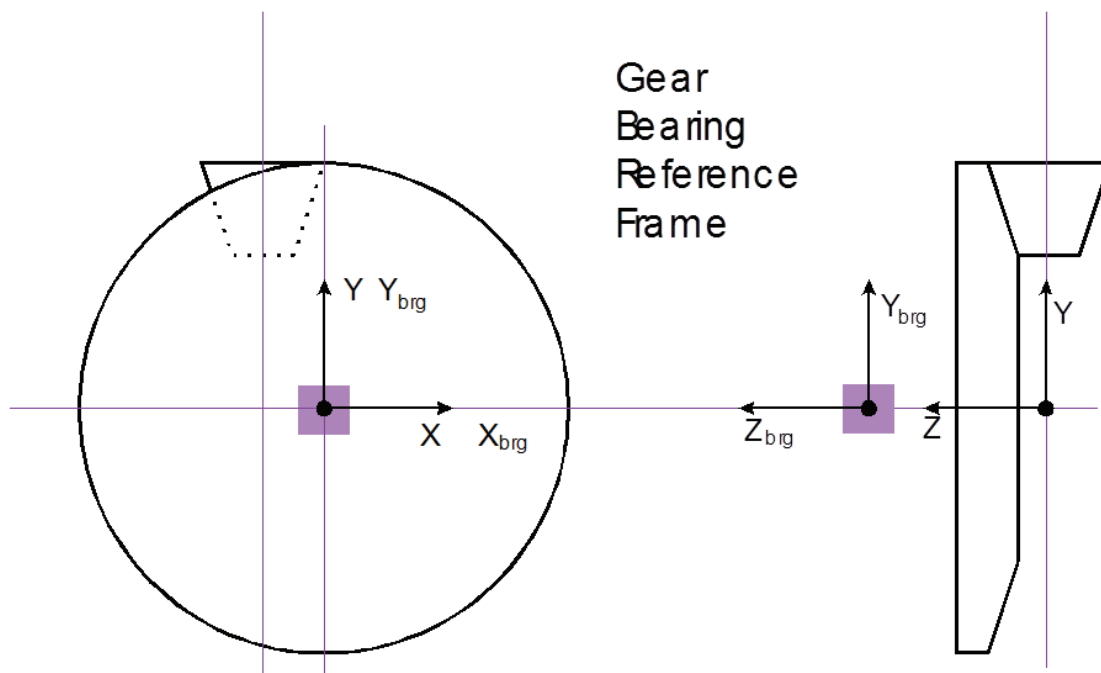


Figure 5.62: The diff carrier stiffness bearing reference frame.

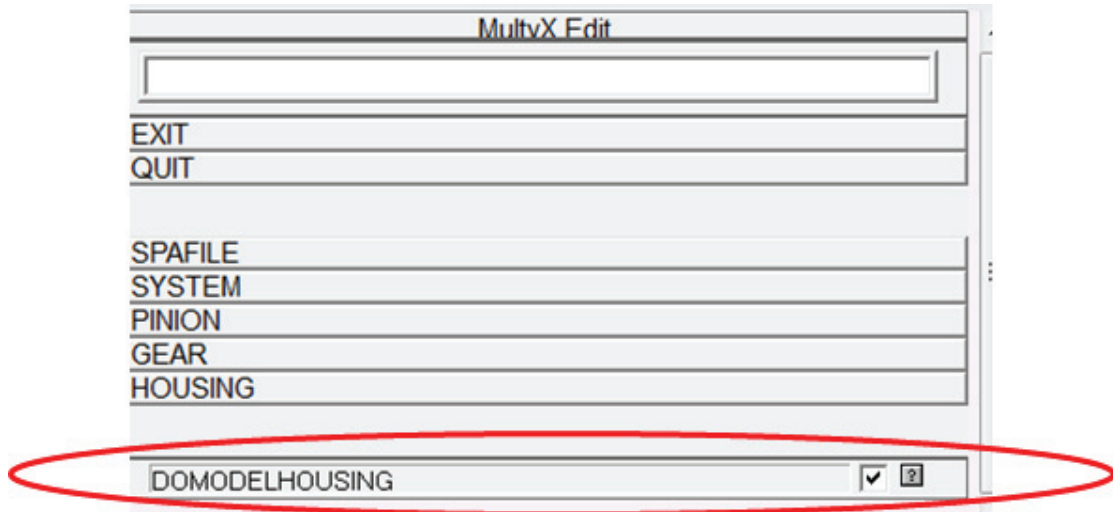


Figure 5.63: DOMODELHOUSING checked in the EDIT menu.

5.17 Modeling the Housing

The Abaqus condensed stiffness matrix of housing model is included in HypoidFaceHobbed model. The housing is included by checking the DOMODELHOUSING menu in the EDIT menu as shown in Figure 5.63. The housing stiffness file, location of bearing nodes, transformation matrix to Abaqus reference frame from HypoidFaceHobbed reference frame are the required inputs of the HOUSING menu shown in Figure 5.64. The stiffness matrix (JLR_PLA_frt7_Carrier.mtx) is copied into the working folder of the model. The file is referenced in FILENAME menu. The COORDXFM lists the transformation matrix for the model. The orientation of the reference frame in the two system is shown in Figure ???. The nodal locations of the bearing origins used in the stiffness condensation are given next. The coordinate location of the nodes is in Housing reference frame. For this model, 5 nodes are given. The node locations given in the sample session file is approximate and needs to be updated. First three nodes are on pinion shaft and differential flange and button bearing are the rest.

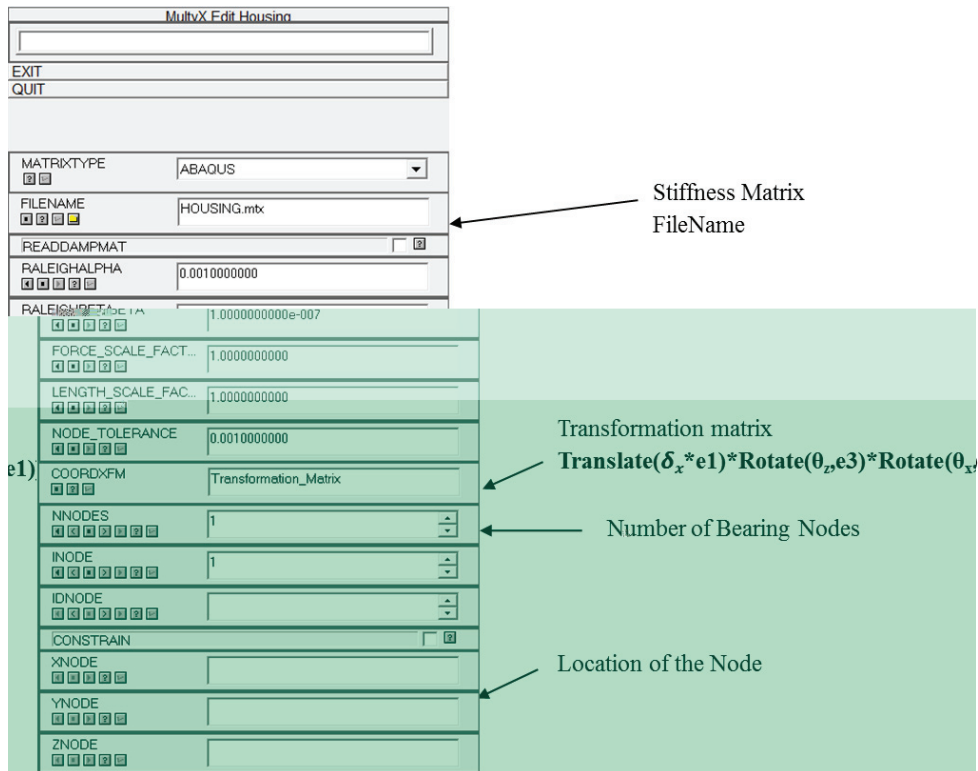


Figure 5.64: Housing Menu.

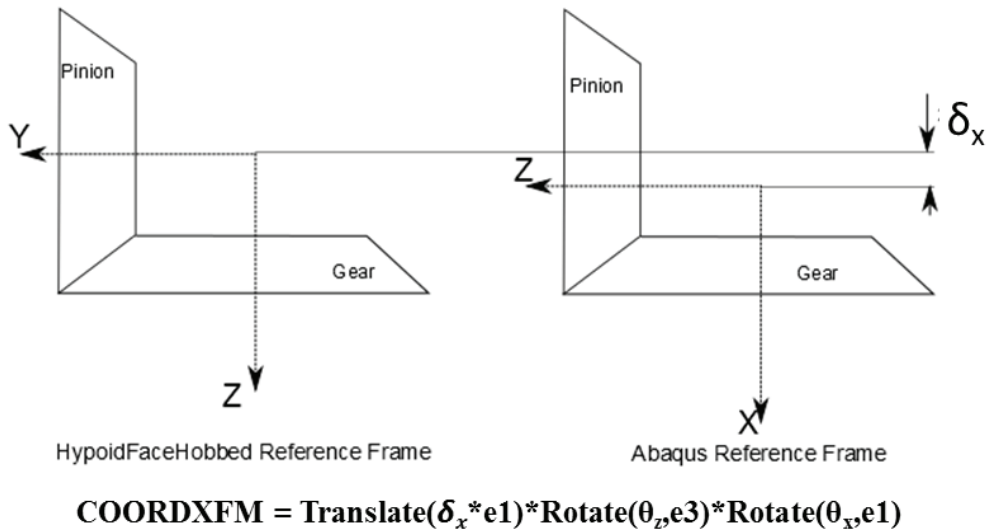


Figure 5.65: Reference frame orientation.

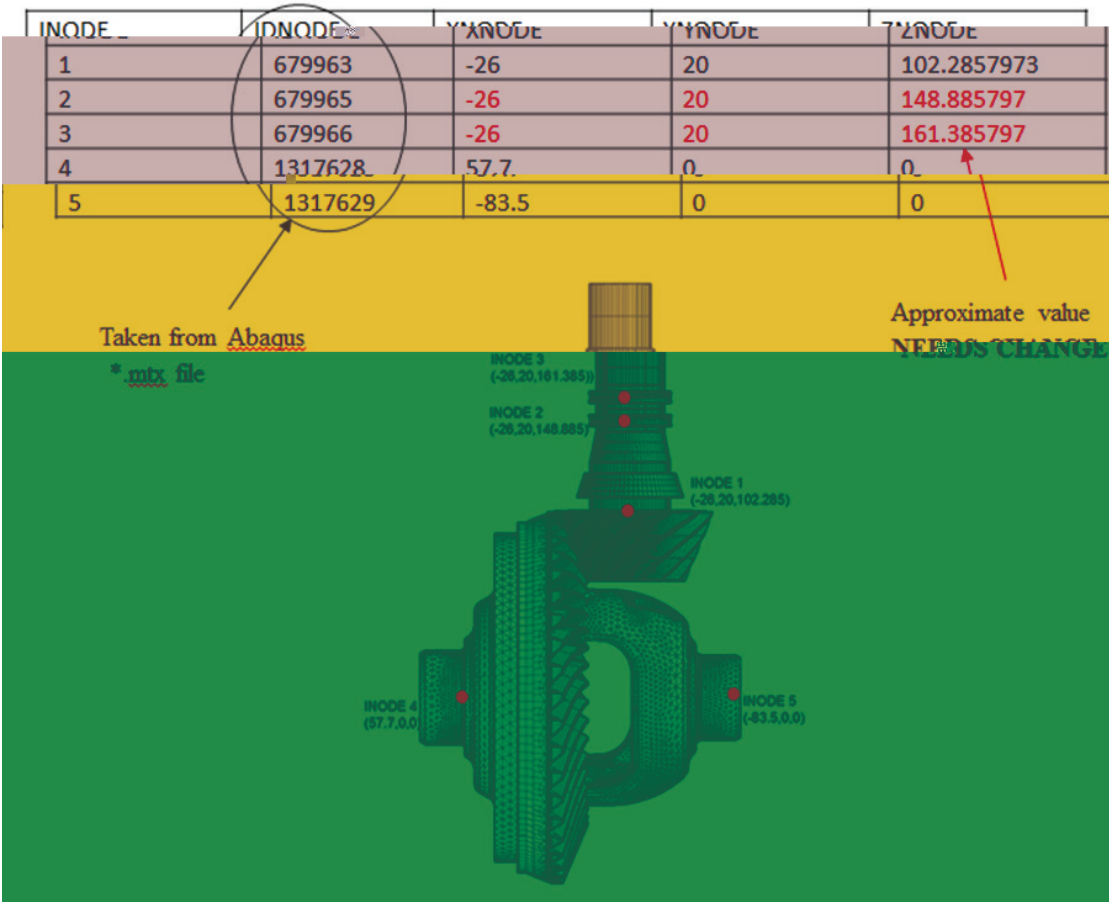


Figure 5.66: Bearing Origin Locations (In Abaqus Reference Frame).

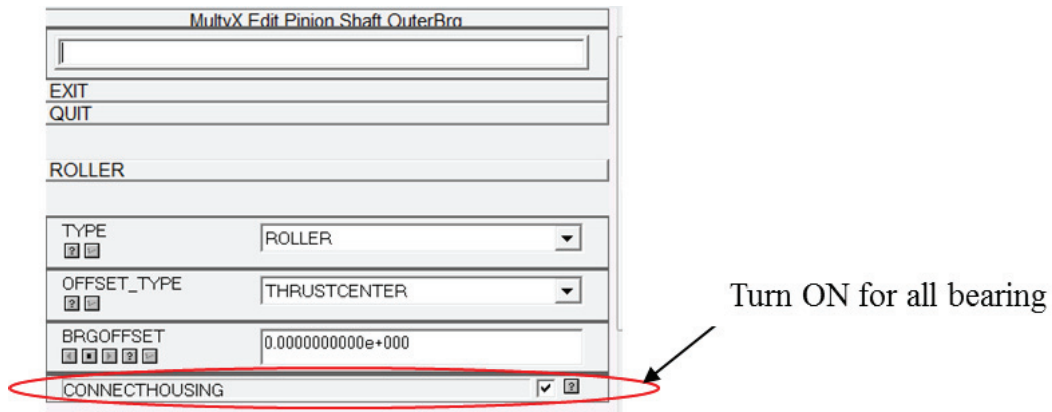


Figure 5.67: Pinion Bearing Menu.

5.17.1 Connecting a Bearing to the Housing

To connect bearings to the condensed stiffness housing, the `CONNECTTOHOUSING` flag is turned ON within the pinion bearing menu (5.67) and the diff carrier > cylindrical race menu (5.68).

MultvX Edit Gear DiffCarrier CylindricalRaces

EXIT

QUIT

NCYLINDRICALRACES

1

ICYLINDRICALRACE

1

DIACYLINDRICALRACE

Z1CYLINDRICALRACE

Z2CYLINDRICALRACE

CIRCORDERCYLINDRI...

8

AXIALORDERCYLINDR...

1

CONSTRAINCYLINDRICALRACE

☐

DOBRGCYLINDRICALRACE

☒

REF_TYPE

THRUSTCENTER

ZPOSNBRG

CONNECTBRGHOUSING

☒

TYPE

STIFFNESS

BRGFILE

carrier.brg

UNLOADEDDEFM

☐

LOAD

☐

Turn ON for all bearing

Figure 5.68: Differential Bearings (DIFFCARRIER & CYLINDRICALRACE menu).

Chapter 6

Running an Analysis

The analysis is started by using `STARTANAL` command of Figure 3.4.

Before starting an analysis, sensor locations have to be set up to measure stress and loads in the model. This is done through the `SURFGAGES`, `FEPROBES` and `LOADSENSORS` commands in the main menu (Figure 3.4). Additional analysis parameters and settings are controlled through the `SETUP` command.

6.1 Surface gages

A surface gage is used to measure the critical stress along tooth surfaces. The reading of each gage is the most critical stress measured over a user defined range of teeth, profile, face and depth along a specific surface.

Figure 6.1 shows the Surface Gage setup menu. The number of gages `NGAGES` has to be entered first. Then the gage number for a particular gage can be entered into the `GAGE` box, and the gage information can be typed into the remaining boxes. For each gage, the `BODY` item selects which of the individual components in the system the gage is attached to. For a HypoidFaceMilled gear analysis, there are two bodies, the pinion and the gear.

After the Body is selected, the surface on which the gage should be attached should be selected. The gear teeth typically have four surfaces. `SURFACE1` and `SURFACE2` cover the entire involute and fillet areas of the two sides Side 1 and Side 2, respectively, of the teeth. `FILLET1` and `FILLET2` cover only the fillet region of Side 1 and Side 2, respectively.

When there are multiple copies of a surface on a body, each individual copy of that surface is called an instance of that surface, and is given a unique instance number. In the case of gear tooth surfaces, the instance number is the same as the tooth number. The parameters `TOOTHBEGIN` and `TOOTHEND` define a range of teeth over which the gages will be placed. The reading of the gage is the stress at the most critical tooth. If the value of `TOOTHBEGIN` is greater than `TOOTHEND`, then the search range will wrap around the last tooth.

There are two parameters that identify a point on a surface. We refer to these two parameters as `S` which varies in the profile direction, and `T` which varies in the face width direction.

The profile parameter `S` increases from fillet to the tip on Side 1 of a tooth, and from the tip to the fillet on Side 2, as shown in Appendix A. The parameters `SPROFBEGIN` and `SPROFEND` define a range over which the stress will be calculated. These are in surface local units as shown in Appendix A. The `GAGE` will read out the critical value of stress in this range. The `NUMSPROF` parameter controls how many search points should be used over this range.

The face parameter `T` varies from -1.0 to $+1.0$ over the face of the tooth. The face width range parameters `TFACEBEGIN`, control `TFACEEND` range over which the search is carried out, and `NUMTFACE` controls the number of search points within this range.

The DEPTHBEGIN, DEPTHEND and NUMDEPTH parameters extend the search range to a number NUMDEPTH of points ranging in depth from DEPTHBEGIN to DEPTHEND below the surface. This is an expensive computation, and should not be used unless necessary. The surface gage will measure the stress at the critical depth. The depth is in physical length units.

Because finite element stresses computed very close to the highly concentrated contact loads can have a large amount of error, we need a way to screen out points that are too close. The parameter DISTMIN is the minimum allowed distance of a stress calculation point from a contact point. Stresses will not be calculated at any point whose distance from a contact point is less than this value. This distance is in physical length units.

During the analysis, all the surface gage readings are written to a file called GAGES.DAT. Each row in this file corresponds to a time instant. The first column in the file contains the value of the time. The remaining columns contain the readings of the surface gages. There are four columns of data for each gage. The first column for a gage contains the critical maximum principal normal stress (s_1) over its search range. The second column contains the value of the critical minimum principal normal stress (s_3). The third column contains the critical maximum shear stress (τ_{max}), and the fourth column contains the critical Von Mises' shear stress (s_{vm}). The columns are separated by tabs.

6.2 Finite element probes

Finite Element Probes can be used to output stresses at a particular point when its element number and local coordinates are known. The Element numbering used in the gear tooth finite element meshes is shown in Appendix A. Figure 6.2 shows the finite element probe input menu. The BODY parameter selects the particular body or component to be probed. Each body can have many finite element meshes. The MESH parameter selects which finite element mesh should be probed. There may be many copies or instances of the finite element mesh. Each copy is given an instance number. In the case of a gear tooth mesh, this instance number is the same as the tooth number. The TOOTH parameter selects the instance number. The ELEM parameter selects the finite element number within the mesh. The XI, ETA and ZETA values are the local coordinates within the finite element. XI, ETA and ZETA vary between -1 and $+1$ over the element. Appendix A shows the orientation of the local coordinate axes for each finite element in the various mesh templates.

The COMPONENT parameter selects which stress component should be measured by the probe. Available options are Maximum principal normal stress (s_1), minimum principal normal stress (s_3), maximum shear stress (τ_{max}), Von Mises' octahedral shear stress (s_{vm}) and the displacement magnitude (u). The data measured by the finite element probes is written to a file called PROBES.DAT. The data file has a row for each time instant. The first column contains the value of time. Each subsequent column contains the readout of an individual probe.

MultyX.SurfGages

EXIT

QUIT

NGAGES

◀◀◀▶▶▶?

2

GAGE

◀◀◀▶▶▶?

1

BODY

?

PINION

SURFACE

?

SURFACE1

TOOTHBEGIN

◀◀◀▶▶▶?

1

TOOTHEND

◀◀◀▶▶▶?

1

SPROFBEGIN

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

SPROFEND

◀▶▶?

48.0000000000

NUMSPRUF

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51

TFACEBEGIN

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

TFACEEND

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

NUMTFACE

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1

DEPTHBEGIN

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

DEPTHEND

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

NUMDEPTH

◀◀◀▶▶▶?

1

DISTMIN

◀▶▶?

0.0000000000e+000

FILENAME

▶?▶

GAGES.DAT

Figure 6.1: The surface gage menu

MultyX.FEProbes	
EXIT	
QUIT	
NPROBES ◀◀◀▶▶▶?	2
PROBE ◀◀◀▶▶▶?	1
BODY ?	PINION
MESH ?	TOOTH
TOOTH ◀◀◀▶▶▶?	1
ELEM ◀◀◀▶▶▶?	1
XI ◀▶▶?	0.0000000000e+000
ETA ◀▶▶?	0.0000000000e+000
ZETA ◀▶▶?	0.0000000000e+000
COMPONENT ?	MAXPPLNORMAL
FILENAME ? ? ?	PROBES.DAT

Figure 6.2: The finite element probe menu

6.3 Load sensors

Load sensors are used to measure the contact loads generated at the contact surfaces. Figure 6.3 shows the load sensor menu used to set up the sensors. The SURFPAIR item selects the contact surface pair for which the contact load is of interest. Each surface pairing has two contacting members or bodies. The MEMBER parameter selects one of these two bodies, and the TOOTH item selects the individual surface instance number within that body. The outputs of all the sensors are put into a file called `LOADS.DAT`. This file has one row for each instant of time. The first column contains the time. Each subsequent column contains the reading of one load sensor.

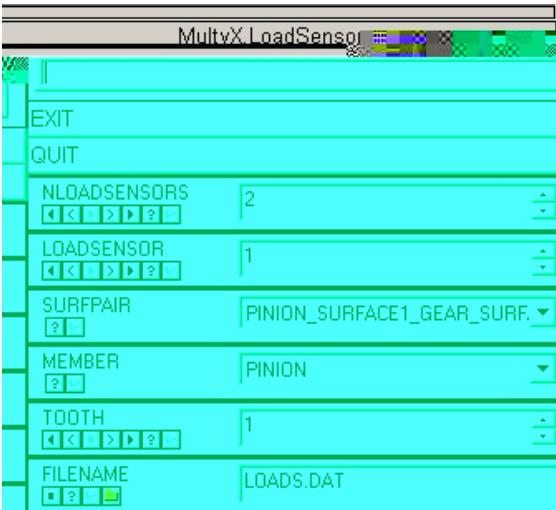


Figure 6.3: The load sensor menu

6.4 Specifying a contact grid

This feature is still available but can now be automated with the ADAPTIVEGRID flag. If the adaptive grid is not used this procedure must still be followed.

Figure 6.4 shows a computational grid that has been set up in the contact zone of a gear tooth. The entire face width of the tooth is divided into $2N + 1$ slices. N is a user selectable quantity (NFACEDIVS in Figure 6.9). If ζ is a parameter that goes from -1 at one end of the face width of a tooth to $+1$ at the other end, then the thickness of each slice in the ζ parameter space is $\Delta\zeta = 2/(2N+1)$. For each slice $j = -N : +N$, a cross section of the tooth is taken at the middle of the slice, and a point is located on this slice that approaches the surface of the mating tooth the closest. This selection is carried out using the undeformed geometry. If the separation between the two gears at this closest point is larger than a user selectable separation tolerance (SEPTOL in Figure 6.9), then the entire gear slice is eliminated from further consideration. Otherwise, a set of grid cells identified by the grid cell location indices $(i, j), i = -M : M$ is set up centered around this closest point of slice j . The number M (NPROFDIVS in Figure 6.9) is user selectable. The dimension of the grid cells in the profile direction Δs (DSPROF in Figure 6.9) is also user selectable. Here s is the curve length parameter measured along the profile.

The number M is referred to as the number of grid cells in the profile direction (NPROFDIVS), and N is referred to as the number of grid cells in the face width direction (NFACEDIVS). Δs is referred to as the width of the grid cell in the profile direction (DSPROF). The width of the grid is $(2M + 1)\Delta s$. Choosing the correct width is crucial in obtaining correct contact pressures. Using too wide a grid for a fixed M

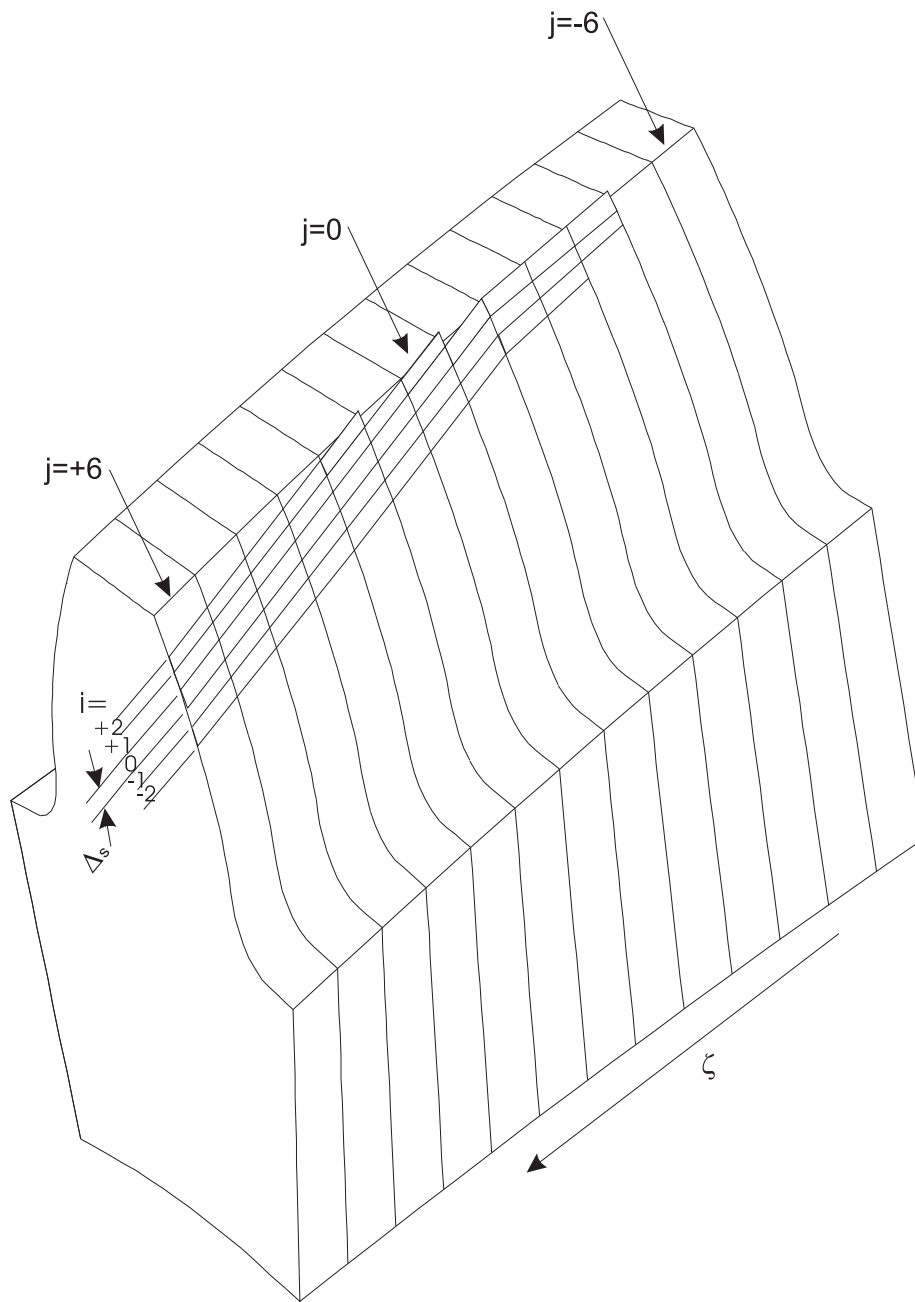


Figure 6.4: Computational grid in the contact zone of the gears

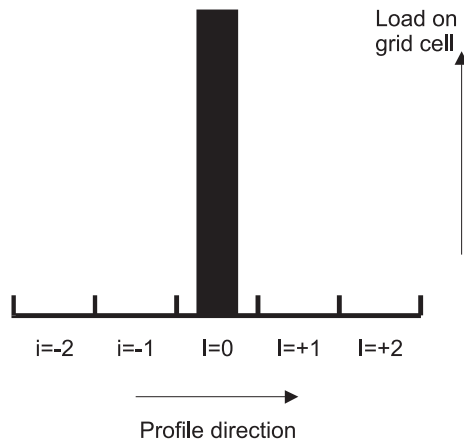


Figure 6.5: Contact pressure distribution across the width of contact obtained when the contact grid is too wide.

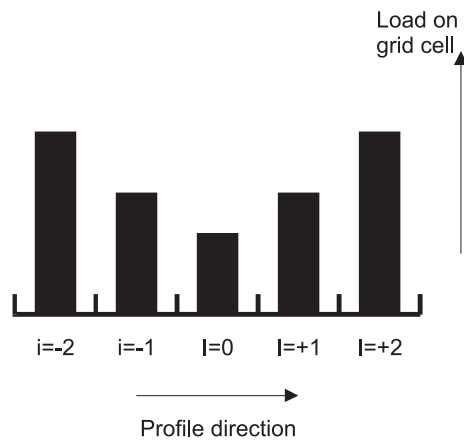


Figure 6.6: Contact pressure distribution across the width of contact obtained when the contact grid is too narrow.

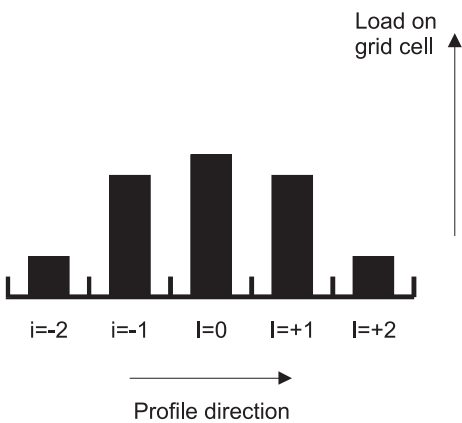
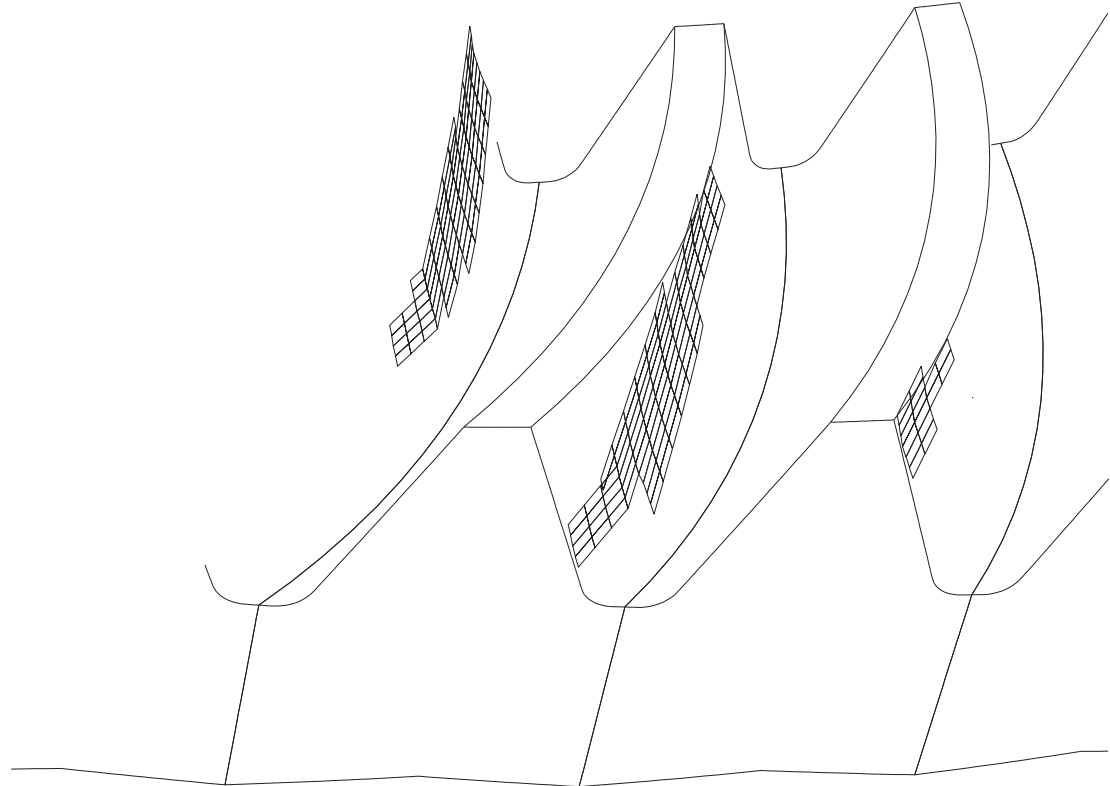


Figure 6.7: Contact pressure distribution across the width of contact obtained when the contact grid is correct.



6.5 The setup menu

Figure 6.9 shows the analysis setup menu accessed by using the SETUP command at the main menu. The parameters SEPTOL, NPROFDIVS, NFACEDIVS and DSPROF are the grid specification parameters described earlier. The initial state of the system can be specified as the undeformed state by enabling the ZEROINITIAL flag. The time at which to start the analysis is specified in the INITIALTIME box. If the ZEROINITIAL flag is not checked, then a restart file has to be specified, from which the deformed state and the value of time will be loaded. The analysis time is divided into a user-specified number NRANGES of time ranges. The time step DELTATIME, solution method SOLMETHOD and the number of time steps NTIMESTEPS can be specified separately for each time range.

It is possible to control the operating speed in each time range by specifying a speed factor at the beginning of the range by using the parameter STARTSPEEDFACTOR. A speed factor of 1.0 implies that the system is at its nominal speed. The speed factor at the end of a time range is the same as the speed factor at the beginning of the next time range. The speed at the end of the last range is always assumed 1.0. The speed is assumed to vary as a linear function of time within a time range.

The torque in a time range can be controlled by setting the STARTTORQUEFACTOR and ENDTORQUEFACTOR for each range. Again, a factor of 1.0 means that the system is operating at its nominal torque. The torque is assumed to vary as a linear function of time within a time range.

The SAVEPERIODICALLY option saves the state of the system in a restart file after every NSTEPSSAVE number of steps. The state is saved in the restart file named in the SAVEFILENAME box. This restart file can be used to restart another analysis. The OUTPUTRESTART option saves the state of the system in a restart file at the end of the analysis. The file named in the OUTPUTFILENAME box is used. This file can also be used to start a subsequent analysis.

Finally a finite element post-processing data file can be emitted once every NSTEPSWRITE number of time steps by enabling the POSTPROCWRITE option. The file used is selected in the POSTFILENAME box. The post-processing file can be used subsequently to make drawings and stress contour diagrams of the deformed system.

6.6 Other output files

Several tabular output files are created during the analysis.

The displacements and reaction forces generated by the reference frames of the individual bodies in the system are saved in data files during analysis. These data files are named after the bodies. The file PINIONRES.DAT contains the results for the pinion, GEARRES.DAT contains results for the gear. Each data file has one row for each instant of time analyzed. The first column contains the time. The next 6 columns contain the six components of reference frame deflection, u_x , u_y , u_z , θ_x , θ_y , and θ_z . The last 6 columns contain the 6 components of reference frame reaction, F_x , F_y , F_z , M_x , M_y , and M_z .

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EXIT

QUIT

SEPTOL0.0100000000

NPROFDIVS4

NFACEDIVS12

DSPROF0.0015000000

ZEROINITIAL☒

INITIALTIME-0.5000000000

NRANGES1

RANGE1

SOLMETHODSTATIC

NTIMESTEPS11

DELTATIME0.1000000000

STARTSPEEDFACTOR1.0000000000

STARTTORQUEFACTC1.0000000000

ENDTORQUEFACTOR1.0000000000

SAVEPERIODICALLY☐

OUTPUTRESTART☐

POSTPROCWRITE☒

SPLITPOSTPROCFILE☐

POSTFILENAMEpostproc.dat

NSTEPWRITE1

Figure 6.9: The setup menu

Chapter 7

Pre- and Post-processing

The PREPROC command in the main menu leads to the pre-processing menu shown in Figure 7.1. The POSTPROC command leads to the dialog box shown in Figure 7.2, where Multyx asks for the name of the post-processing data file created in the analysis step. When a valid name is entered, the post-processing menu shown in Figure 7.3 comes up.

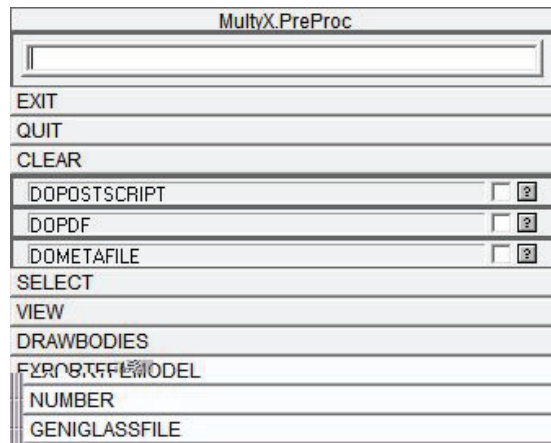


Figure 7.1: The pre-processing menu.

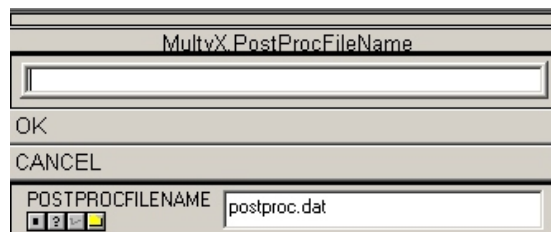


Figure 7.2: The post-processing file name dialog box.

The pre-processing menu and the post-processing menu are used to make drawings of the system and its components. The CLEAR command clears the graphics screen. The DRAWBODIES draws all the selected bodies using the current view settings. The DRAWBODIES command

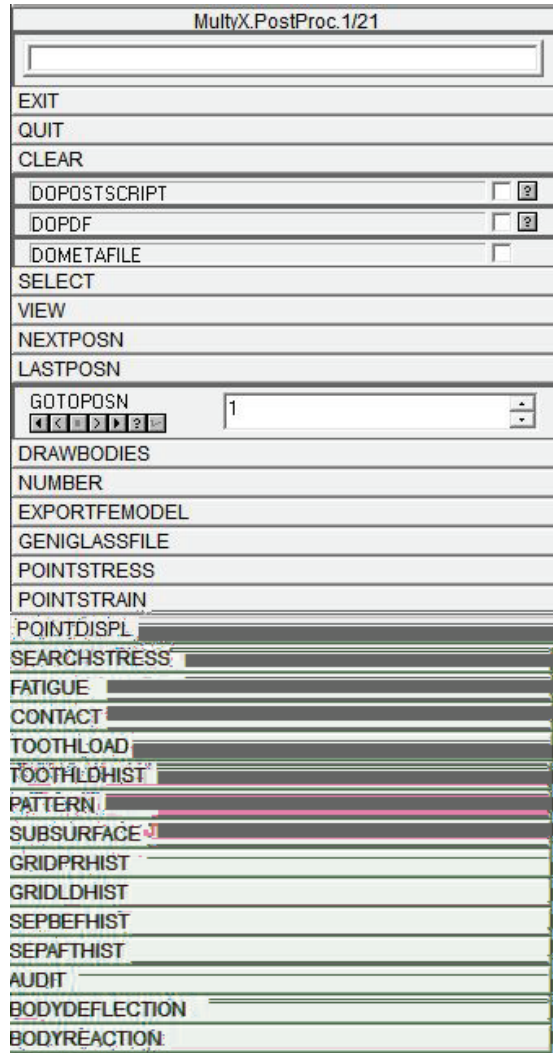


Figure 7.3: The post-processing menu.

does not clear the screen before it makes the drawing. In the post-processing menu, the FIRST-POSN, PREVPOSN, NEXTPOSN, and LASTPOSN commands allow the user to move from one time step saved in the post-processing file to another. Entering a position number directly in the GOTOPSN box takes the user directly to that time step.

7.1 Selecting bodies

The object selection menu which appears when the SELECT command is invoked from the pre- and post-processing menus is shown in Figure 7.4. The objects that should be drawn are selected from this menu.

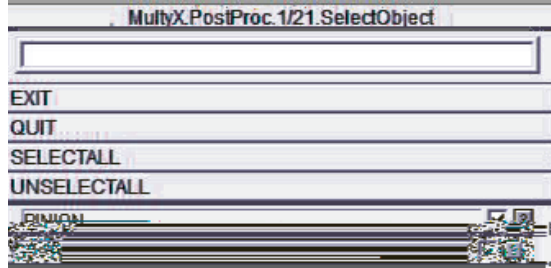


Figure 7.4: The body selection menu.

7.2 View parameters

The VIEW menu controls the appearance of the drawings. In the pre-processing view menu shown in Figure 7.5, the user can enter any value of time into the TIME box. The next drawing will show the system as it would appear at this instant of time. The resolution level controls the degree of detail with which the drawing is made. The ELEMENTS checkbox controls whether or not the individual finite elements should be drawn. The COLORS option controls whether or not the bodies will be filled with color. In pre-processing mode, all bodies are painted Gray. The OUTLINE box controls whether or not an outline drawing of the body will be made.

The view menu in post-processing mode (Figure 7.6) has a few additional parameters. There is a CONTOURS option to draw stress contours. If the COLORS or CONTOURS option is selected, then the menu also asks for the values of the lowest contour level MINSTRESS and the highest contour level MAXSTRESS. The colors used in the drawing are based on the stress level. If the LOADS option is selected, then the contact loads acting on the components will be drawn using the scale factor entered in the LOADSCALE box (Figure 7.7).

If the LOADS option is not checked (Figure 7.6), then an additional box EXAGGERATION appears where an exaggeration factor can be entered for deformed geometry plots. An exaggeration factor of 0.0 will draw the bodies in their undeformed state.

The axes of rotation are aligned with the screen axes. So if you enter a particular angle for any of the LEFTROTATE, RIGHTROTATE, UPROTATE, DOWNROTATE, CWROTATE, CCWROTATE items then the model is rotated by that angle with respect to the screen axes. The value in all the rotate items is always going to be 0 degrees after a change in the rotate angle is applied. For instance if you enter 30 in the LEFTROTATE box and press enter (on Keyboard) you will see 0 in the box. This means that the program has incorporated that change of 30 degrees rotation in the model even though you are not able to visualise that change. To see the new rotated drawing you will have to clear the one present on your screen and click on the DRAWBODIES button in the pre and the postprocessing menus.

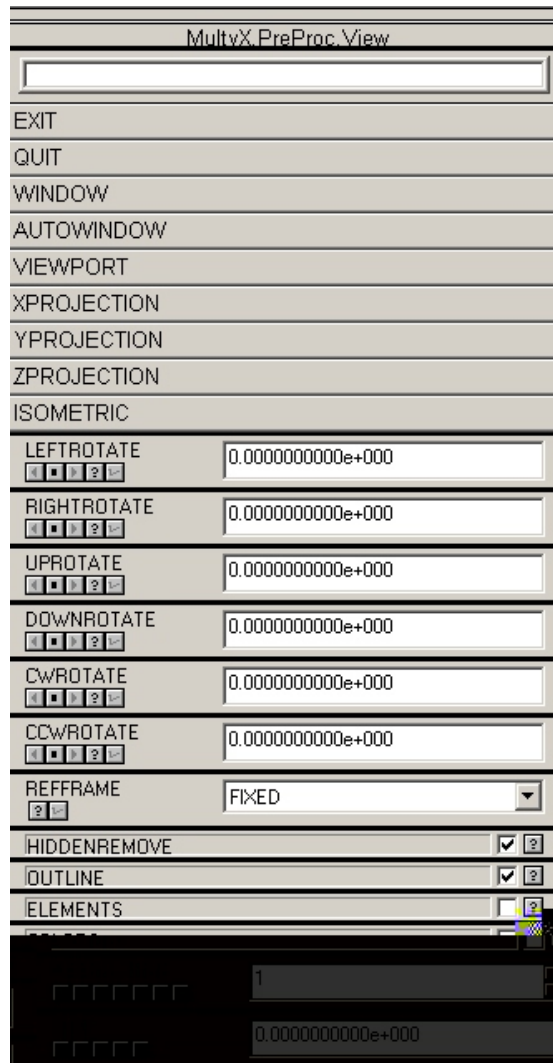


Figure 7.5: The view menu in pre-processing mode.

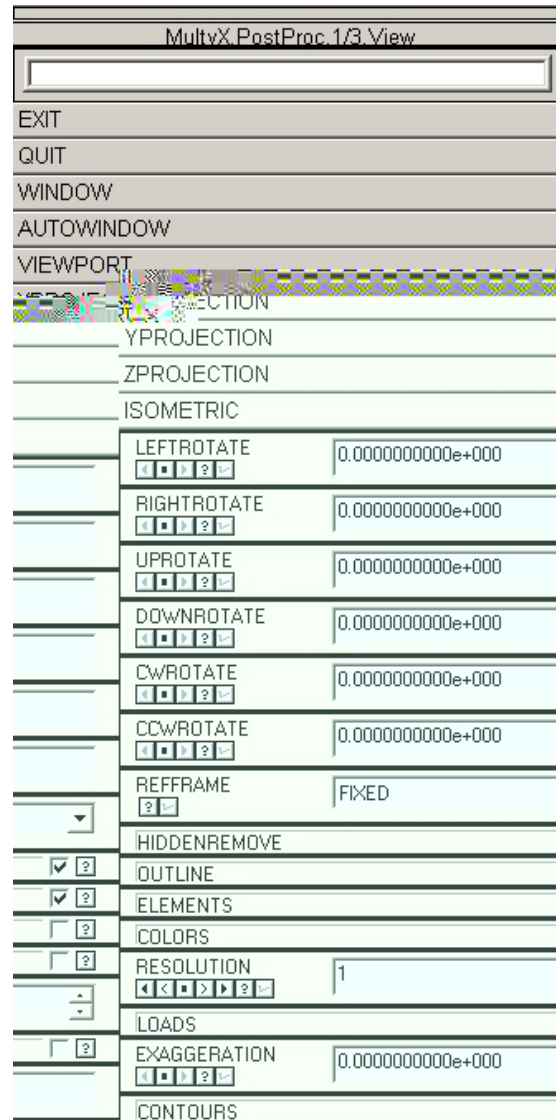


Figure 7.6: The view menu in post-processing mode with the LOADS option disabled.

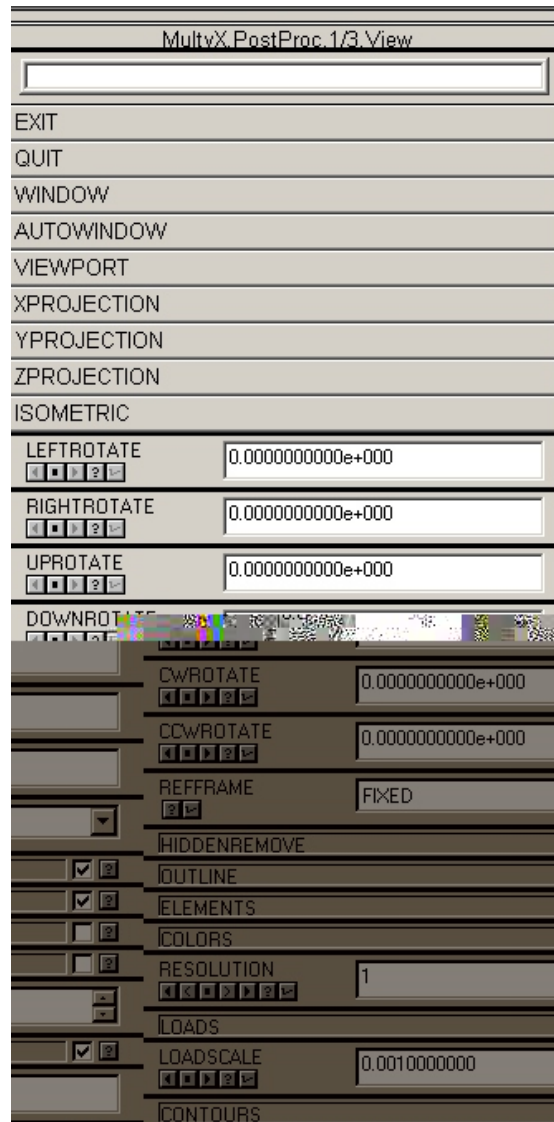
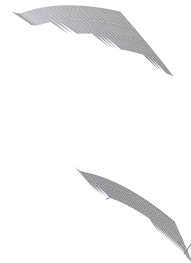
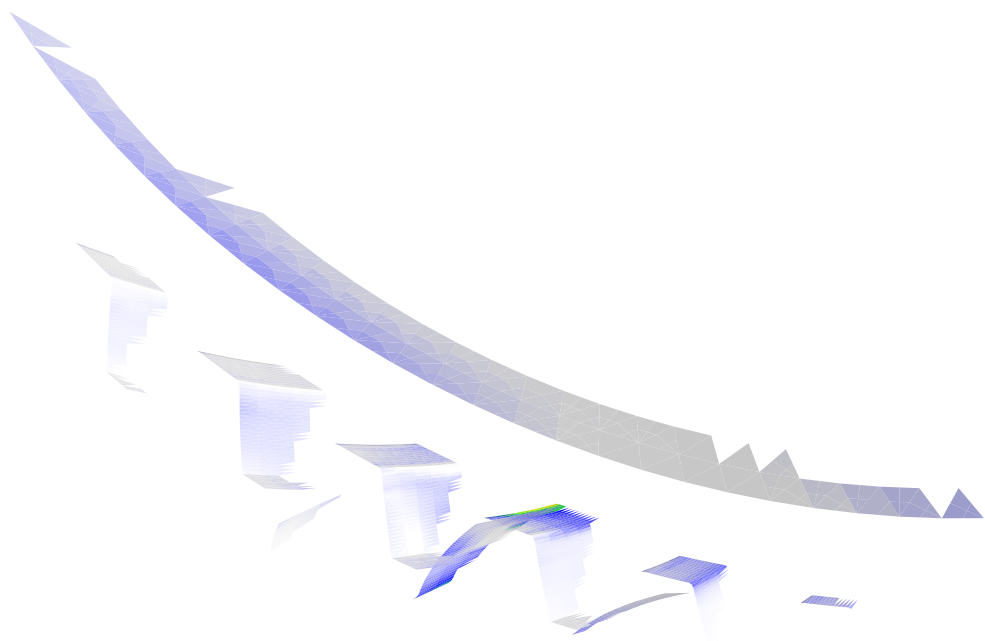


Figure 7.7: The view menu in post-processing mode with the LOADS option enabled.

7.3 The DRAWBODIES command

After an appropriate view and objects have been selected, the DRAWBODIES command in the pre- and post-processing menus (Figures 7.1 and 7.3) will generate a drawing. Figures 7.8 and 7.9 show examples of drawings generated Multyx in the post-processing mode.





7.4 The NUMBER command

The NUMBER command in the pre- and post-processing menus (Figures 7.1 and 7.3) lead to the numbering menu shown in Figure 7.10. This menu is used to generate tooth and surface numbering, as shown in Figure 7.11.

Figure 7.10: The NUMBER menu.

7.5 The TOOTHLOAD command

The TOOTHLOAD command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.12. This menu is used to generate a graph of tooth load vs. time. The SURFACEPAIR item selects the contact surface pair for which the load is of interest. Each surface pair has two contacting members or bodies. The MEMBER parameter selects one of these two bodies, and the TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND items select a range of instance numbers (or tooth numbers) within that body. If TOOTHBEGIN is greater than TOOTHEND, then the range wraps around the last tooth of the surface. This range must contain 7 teeth or less.

BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP are used to select a range of time steps for which results have been stored in the post-processing file. Figure 7.13 shows a graph of tooth load vs. time generated by the TOOTHLOAD command.

The OUTPUTFILENAME item is used to write the tooth load data into an ASCII file. The name of the ASCII file is entered into the item OUTPUTFILENAME. If the APPEND box is checked, and if this file already exists, then the data is appended at the end of the file. Otherwise a new file is created.

MultvX PostProc.1/11.ToothLoad	
EXIT	
QUIT	
START	
CLEAR	
SURFACEPAIR 	PINION_SURFACE1_GEAR_SURF.
MEMBER 	PINION
TOOTHBEGIN 	20
TOOTHEND 	2
BEGINSTEP 	1
ENDSTEP 	11
OUTPUTTOFILE ☒	
FILENAME 	output.txt
APPEND ☐	

Figure 7.12: The TOOTHLOAD menu.

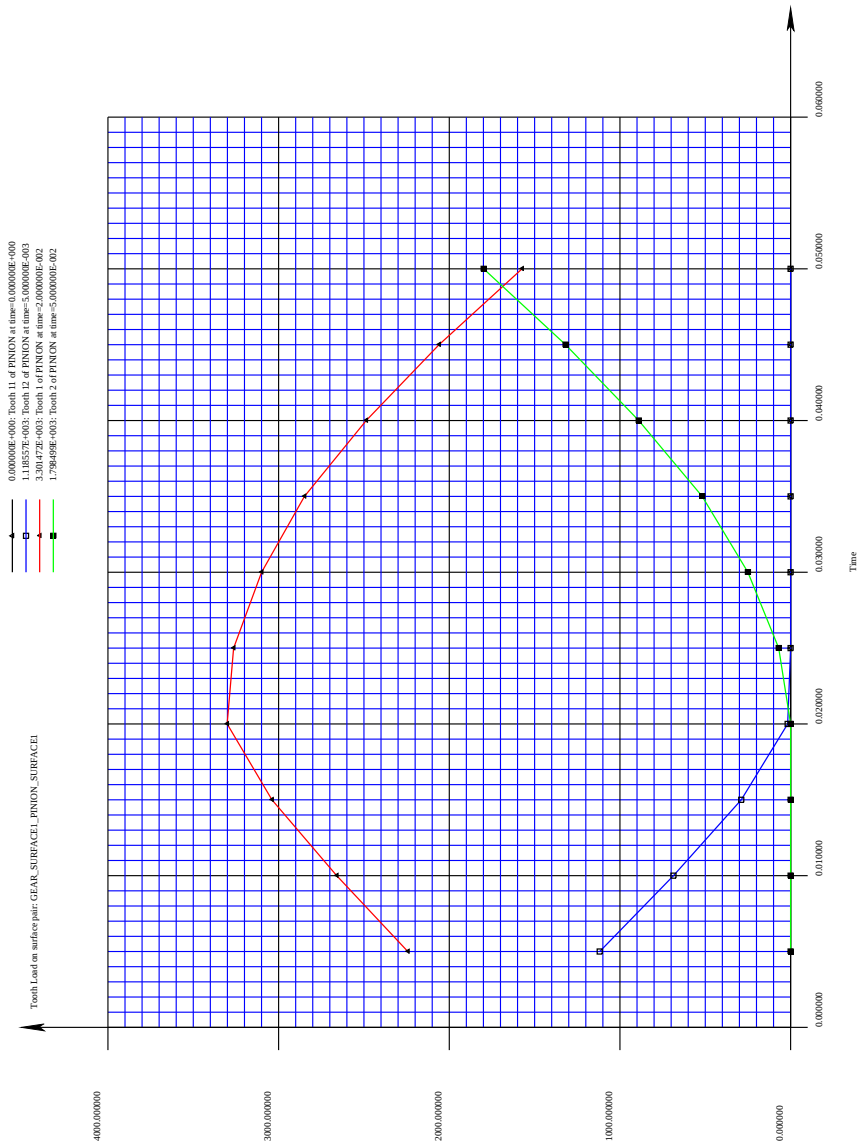


Figure 7.13: The tooth load vs. time graph generated by the TOOTHLOAD menu.

7.6 The CONTACT command

The CONTACT command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.14. This menu is used to generate a graph of contact pressure vs. time.

The SURFACEPAIR item selects the contact surface pair for which the pressure is of interest. Each surface pair has two contacting members or bodies. The MEMBER parameter selects one of these two bodies, and the TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND items select a range of instance numbers (or tooth numbers) within that body. If TOOTHBEGIN is greater than TOOTHEND, then the range wraps around the last tooth of the surface. This range must contain 7 teeth or less. BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP are used to select a range of time steps for which results have been stored in the post-processing file. The items SPROFBEGIN, SPROFEND, TFACEBEGIN and TFACEEND are used to restrict the search to a part of the contact surface. Contact occurring outside this range is not considered for display in this graph.

Figures 7.15 and 7.16 show graphs of contact pressure vs. time over the entire surface of a pinion tooth. Very high contact pressures are observed near the tips of the pinion and gear teeth. This high contact pressure near the edges can be filtered out by restricting the search range using the SPROFBEGIN and SPROFEND commands.

MultyX.PostProc.1/21.Contact	
EXIT	
QUIT	
START	
CLEAR	
FINDPITCHPOINT	
SURFACEPAIR 2 1	GEAR_SURFACE1_PINION_SURF v
MEMBER 2 1	GEAR v
TOOTHBEGIN 4 3 2 1	1 v
TOOTHEND 4 3 2 1	38 v
BEGINSTEP 4 3 2 1	1 v
ENDSTEP 4 3 2 1	21 v
SPROFBEGIN 4 3 2 1	
SPROFEND 4 3 2 1	
TFACEBEGIN 4 3 2 1	
TFACEEND 4 3 2 1	
XAXIS 2 1	TIME v
EDGECONTACT	☒ 2
PRESSURETYPE 2 1	CALYX v
SLIDING VELOCITY	☐ 2
ROLLING VELOCITY	☐ 2

Figure 7.14: The CONTACT menu.

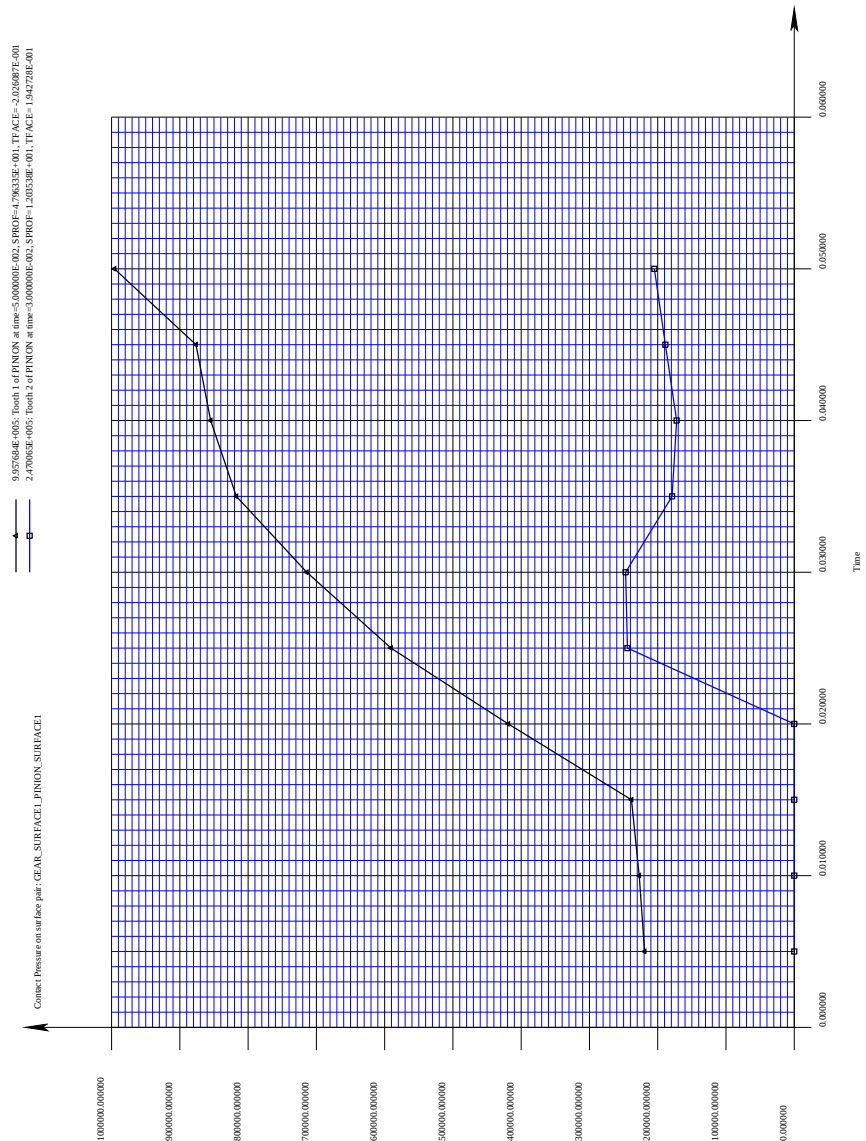


Figure 7.15: The tooth contact pressure vs. time graph generated by the CONTACT menu.

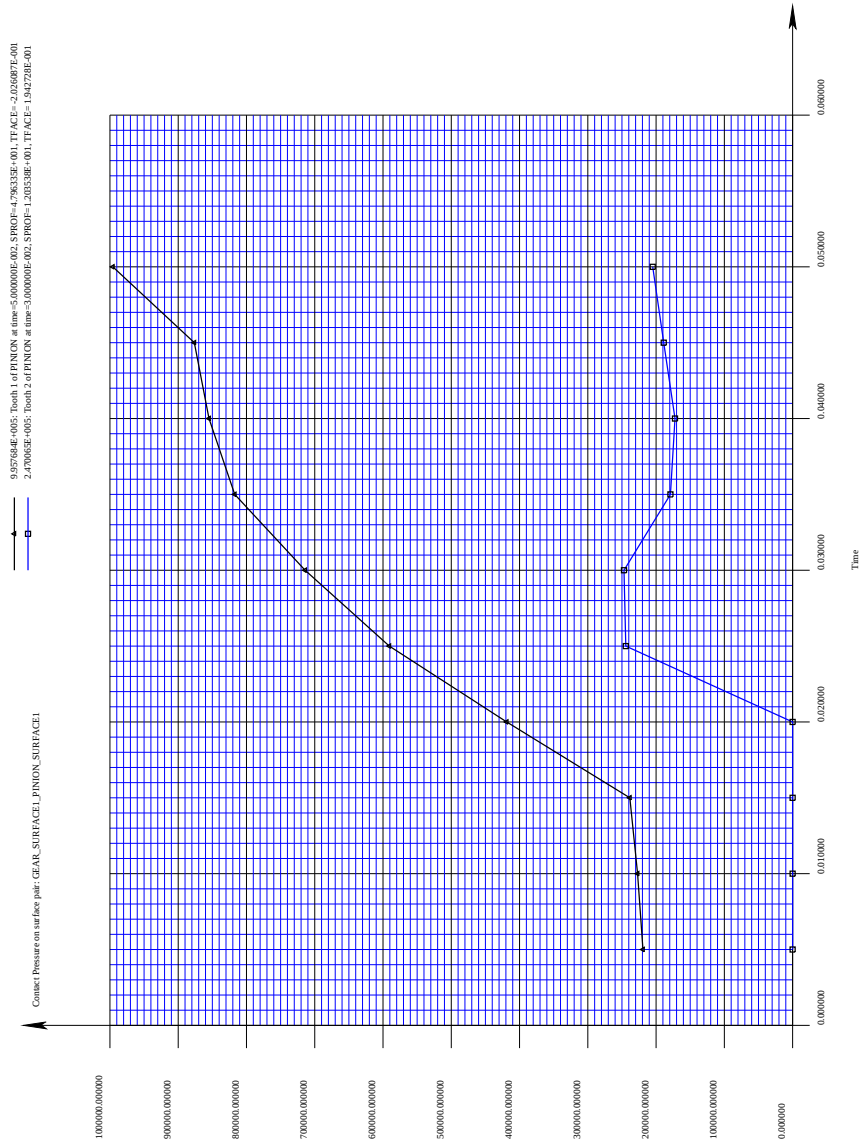


Figure 7.16: The tooth contact pressure vs. time graph generated by the CONTACT menu.

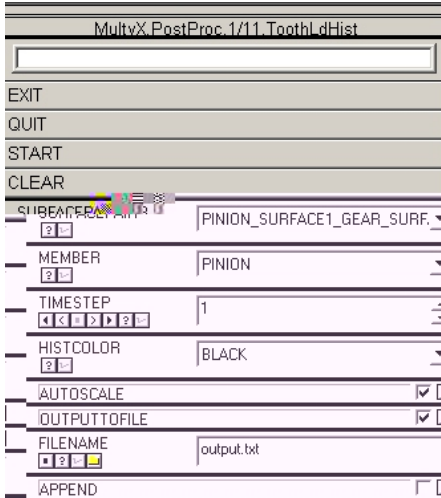


Figure 7.17: The TOOTHLDHIST menu.

7.7 The TOOTHLDHIST command

The TOOTHLDHIST command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.17. This menu is used to generate a histogram of tooth loads at the different teeth in the pinion or gear at a particular time step. The SURFACEPAIR item selects the surface pair, and the MEMBER parameter selects one of the two bodies in this pair. The time step number is selected by the TIMESTEP item. If the AUTOSCALE box is checked, then the vertical scale is automatically computed. Otherwise the user can specify a maximum load value to be used for scaling the vertical axis. The color of the histogram is specified in the HISTCOLOR item. An example of a tooth load histogram is shown in Figure 7.18.

7.8 The SUBSURFACE command

The SUBSURFACE command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.19. This menu is used to generate a graph of subsurface stresses vs. depth under the most critical point in the contact zone. The SURFACEPAIR item selects the surface pair, and the MEMBER parameter selects one of the two bodies in this pair. The time step number is selected by the TIMESTEP item.

The items TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND are used to select a range of surface instances (tooth numbers). There can be at most 7 teeth in this range.

The items DEPTHBEGIN and DEPTHEND define a depth range, and NUMDEPTH specifies the number of points over this range. Very close to the surface, the subsurface stresses have a large error because of the concentrated nature of the load as shown in Figure 7.20. So DEPTHBEGIN should never be set to zero.

The stress component is selected in the COMPONENT box. Options available are MAXPLNORMAL (the maximum principal normal stress s_1), MINPLNORMAL (the minimum principal normal stress s_3), MAXSHEAR (the maximum shear stress τ_{max}) and VONMISES (the Von Mises' octahedral shear stress s_{VM}).

Figure 7.21 shows an example of a graph of sub-surface stress vs. depth.

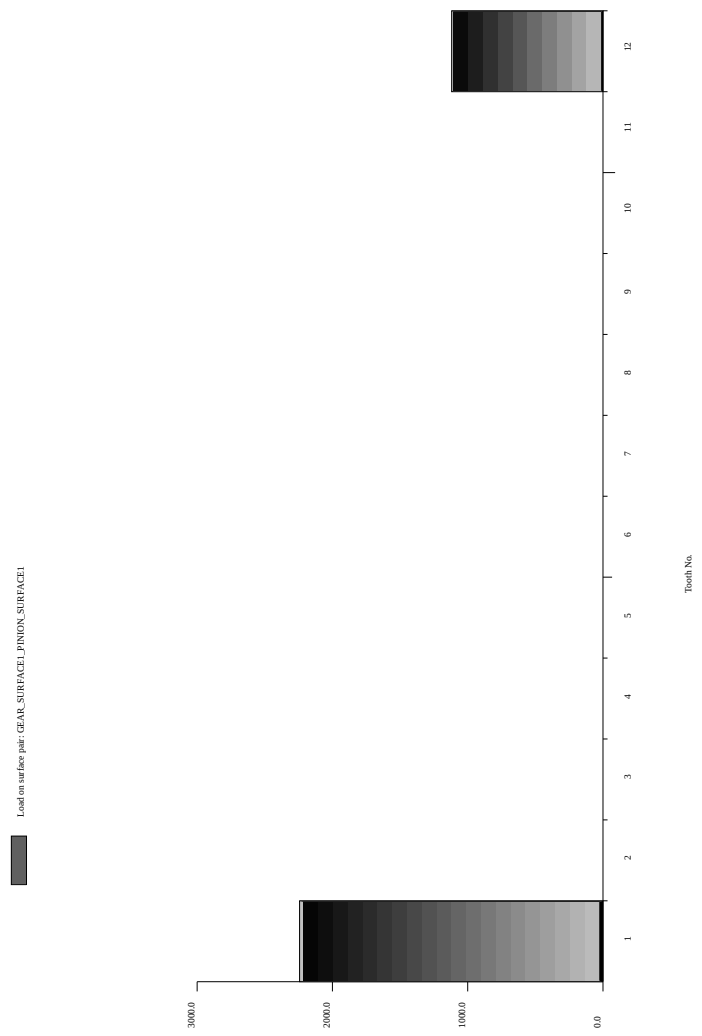


Figure 7.18: The tooth load histogram generated by the TOOTHLDHIST menu .

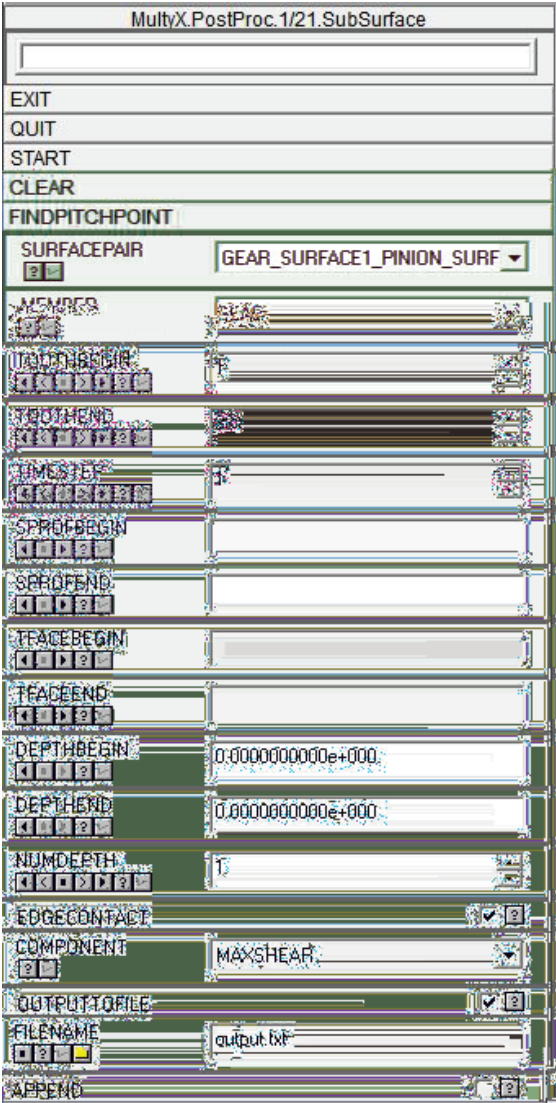


Figure 7.19: The SUBSURFACE menu.

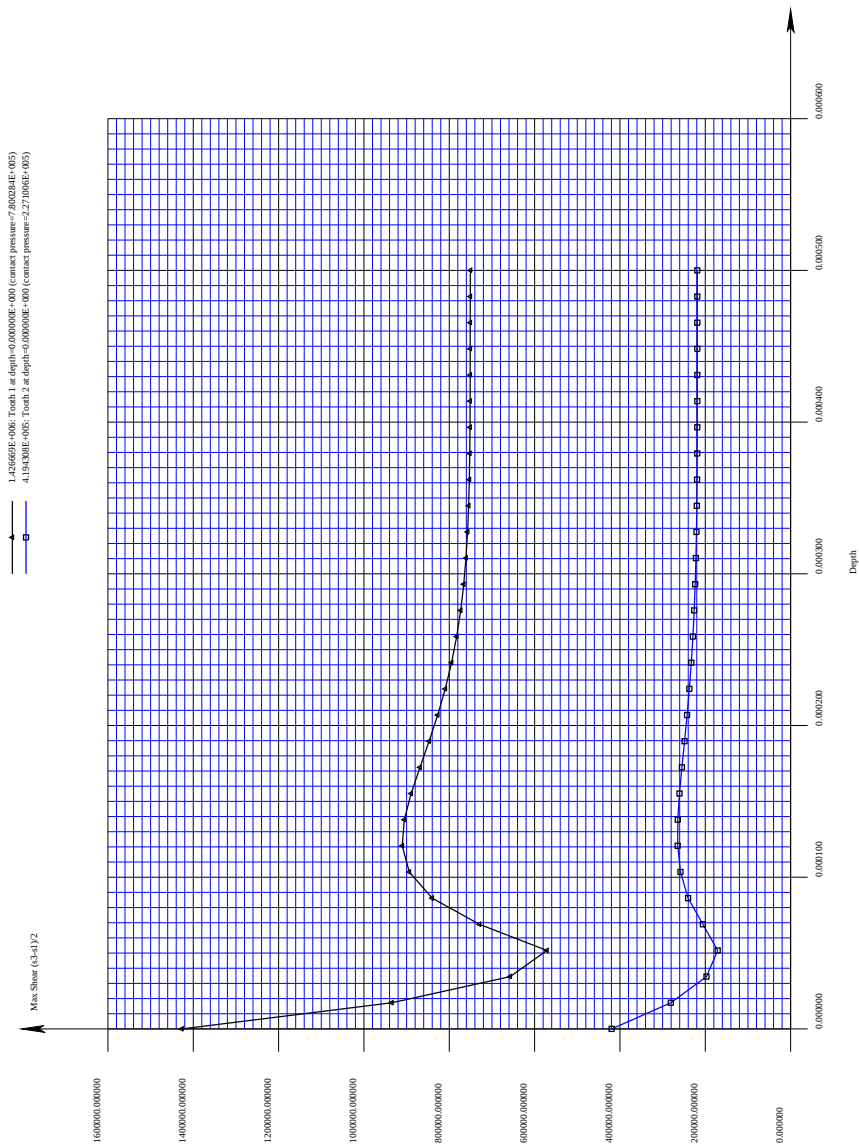


Figure 7.20: The subsurface shear graph generated by the SUBSURFACE menu showing large errors when $DEPTHBEGIN = 0$

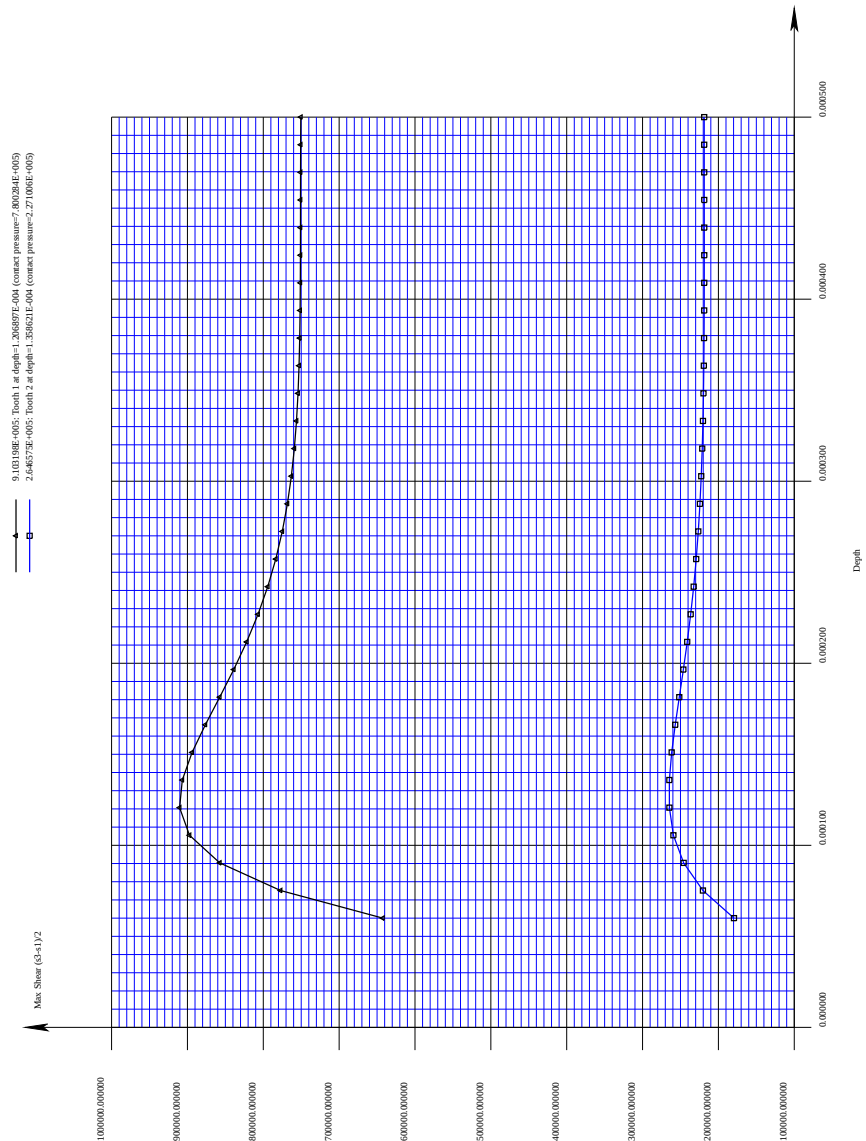


Figure 7.21: The subsurface shear graph generated by the SUBSURFACE menu

MultyX.PostProc.1/21.GridLdHist	
EXIT	
QUIT	
START	
CLEAR	
SURFACEPAIR [?] [?]	GEAR_SURFACE1_PINION_SURF [v]
MEMBER [?] [?]	GEAR [v]
TOOTHBEGIN [<] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v]	1 [v]
TOOTHEND [<] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v]	38 [v]
TIMESTEP [<] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v] [v]	1 [v]
EDGECONTACT	☒ [?]
OUTPUTTOFILE	☒ [?]
FILENAME [?] [?] [?] [?]	output.txt
APPEND	☐ [?]

Figure 7.22: The GRIDLDHIST menu.

7.9 The GRIDLDHIST command

The GRIDLDHIST command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.22. This menu is used to generate a histogram of the distribution of contact load over individual contact grid cells. This figure is useful in determining whether the contact grid cell has been properly sized, and whether it has adequate resolution.

The SURFACEPAIR item selects the surface pair, and the MEMBER parameter selects one of the two bodies in this pair. The items TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND are used to select a range of surface instances (tooth numbers). There can be at most 7 teeth in this range. The item TIMESTEP selects a time step number.

Figure 7.23 shows an example of a grid load histogram.

7.10 The GRIDPRHIST command

The GRIDPRHIST command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.24. This menu is used to generate a histogram of the distribution of contact pressure over individual contact grid cells. This command is very similar to the GRIDLDHIST command. The only difference is that it uses contact pressure instead of contact load.

Figure 7.25 shows an example of a grid pressure histogram.

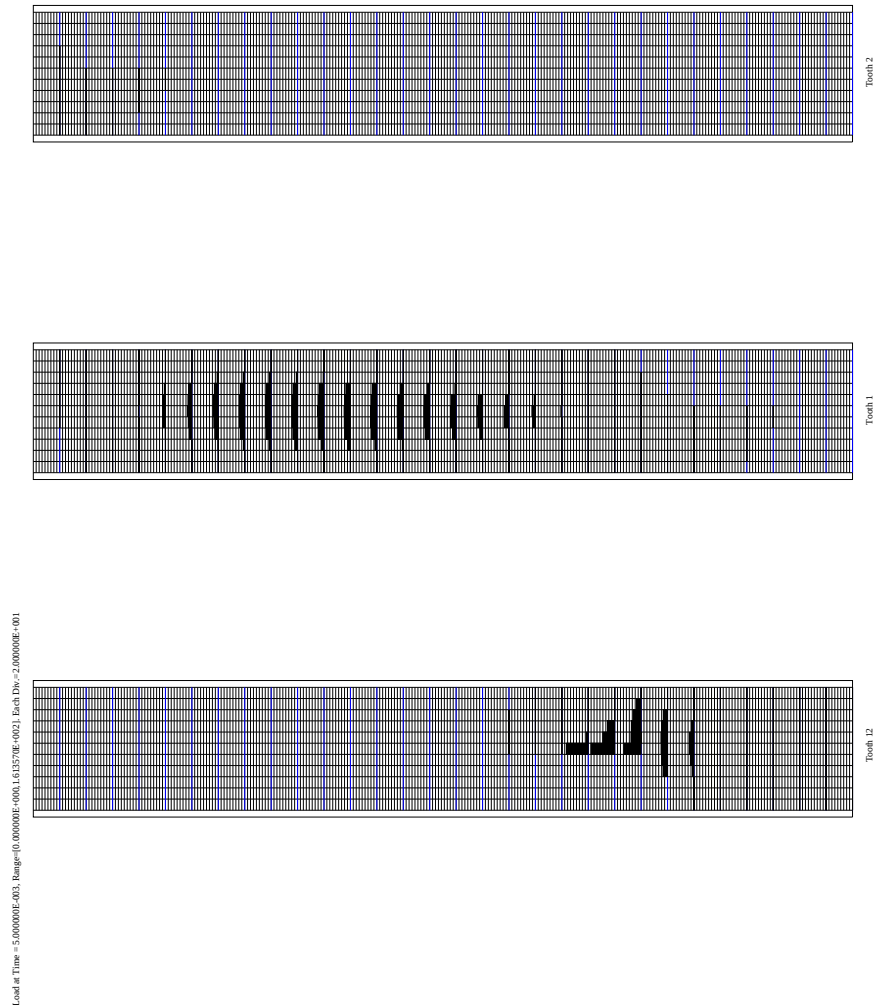


Figure 7.23: The grid load histogram generated by the GRIDLDHIST menu.

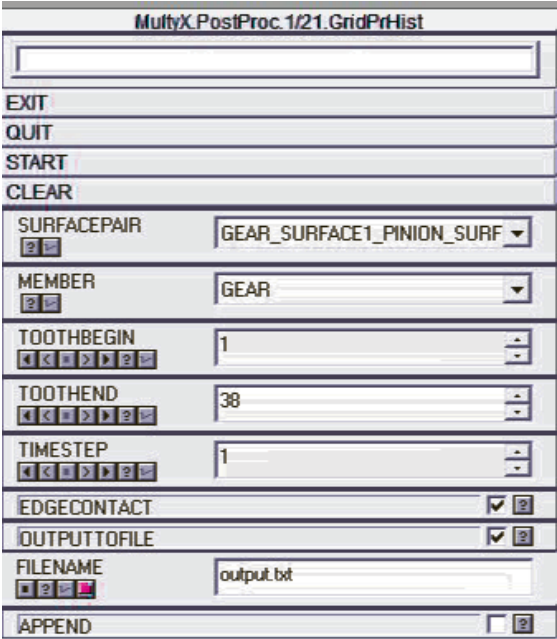


Figure 7.24: The GRIDPRHIST menu.

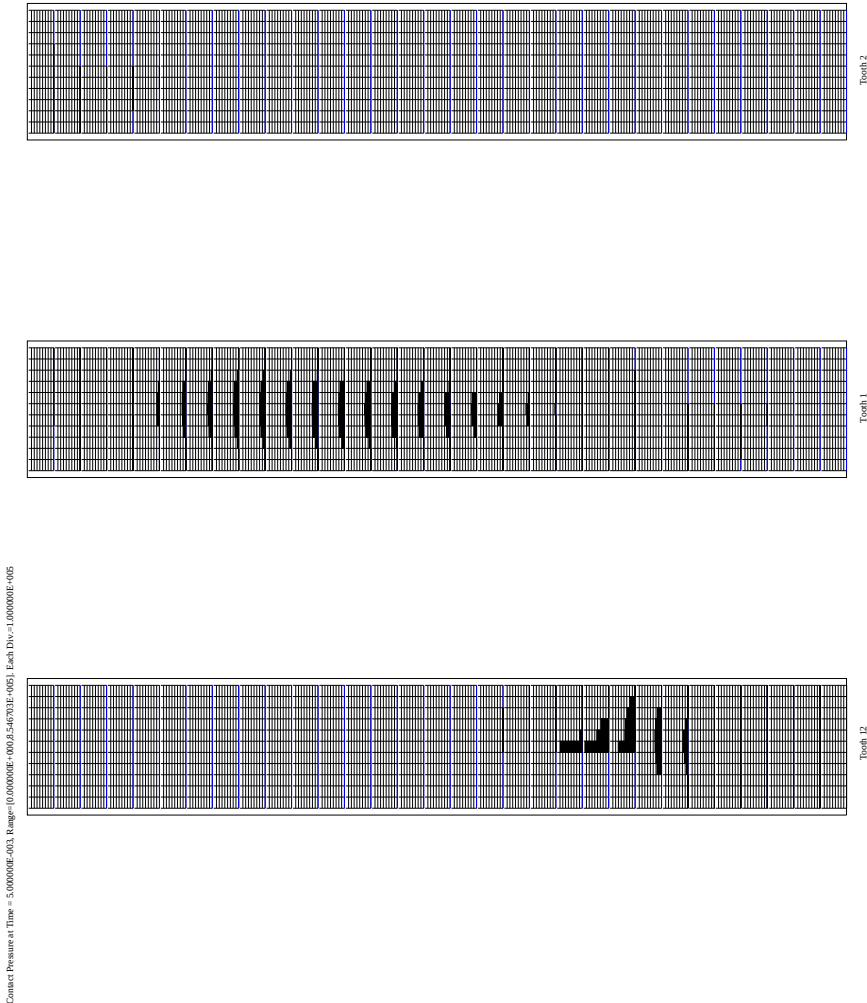


Figure 7.25: The grid pressure histogram generated by the GRIDPRHIST menu.

Figure 7.26: The SEPBEFHIST menu.

7.11 The SEPBEFHIST command

The SEPBEFHIST command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.26. This menu is used to generate a histogram of the distribution of normal separation over individual contact grid cells, in the unloaded and undeformed state. The SURFACEPAIR item selects the surface pair, and the MEMBER parameter selects one of the two bodies in this pair. The items TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND are used to select a range of surface instances (tooth numbers). There can be at most 7 teeth in this range. The item TIMESTEP selects a time step number.

Figure 7.27 shows an example of a histogram of separation in the unloaded state. Negative separation values are possible in this histogram.

7.12 The SEPAFTHIST command

The SEPAFTHIST command in the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.28. This menu is used to generate a histogram of the distribution of normal separation over individual contact grid cells, in the loaded and deformed state. The SURFACEPAIR item selects the surface pair, and the MEMBER parameter selects one of the two bodies in this pair. The items TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND are used to select a range of surface instances (tooth numbers). There can be at most 7 teeth in this range. The item TIMESTEP selects a time step number.

Figure 7.29 shows an example of a histogram of separation in the loaded state. These separation values must be either zero or positive.

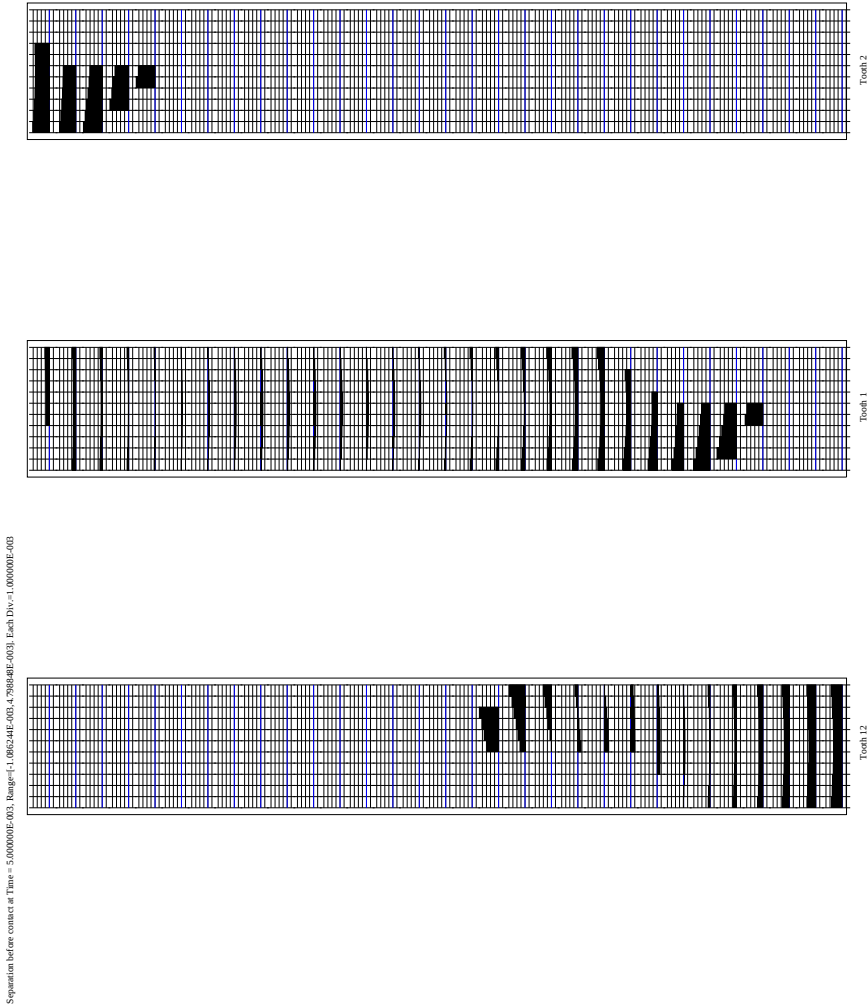


Figure 7.27: The histogram of grid separation before contact, generated by the SEPBEFHIST menu.

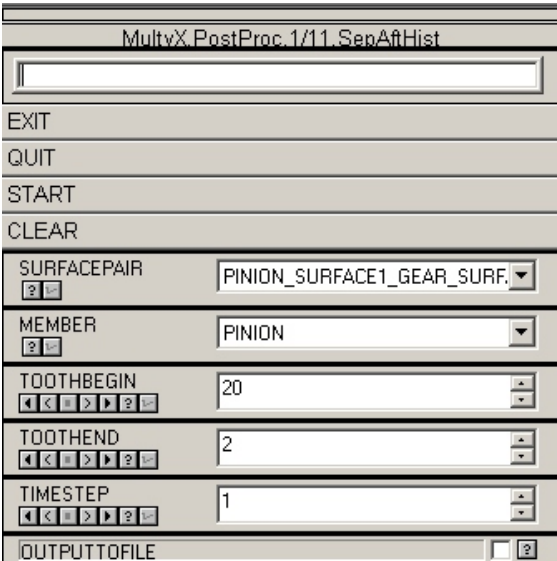


Figure 7.28: The SEPAFTHIST menu.

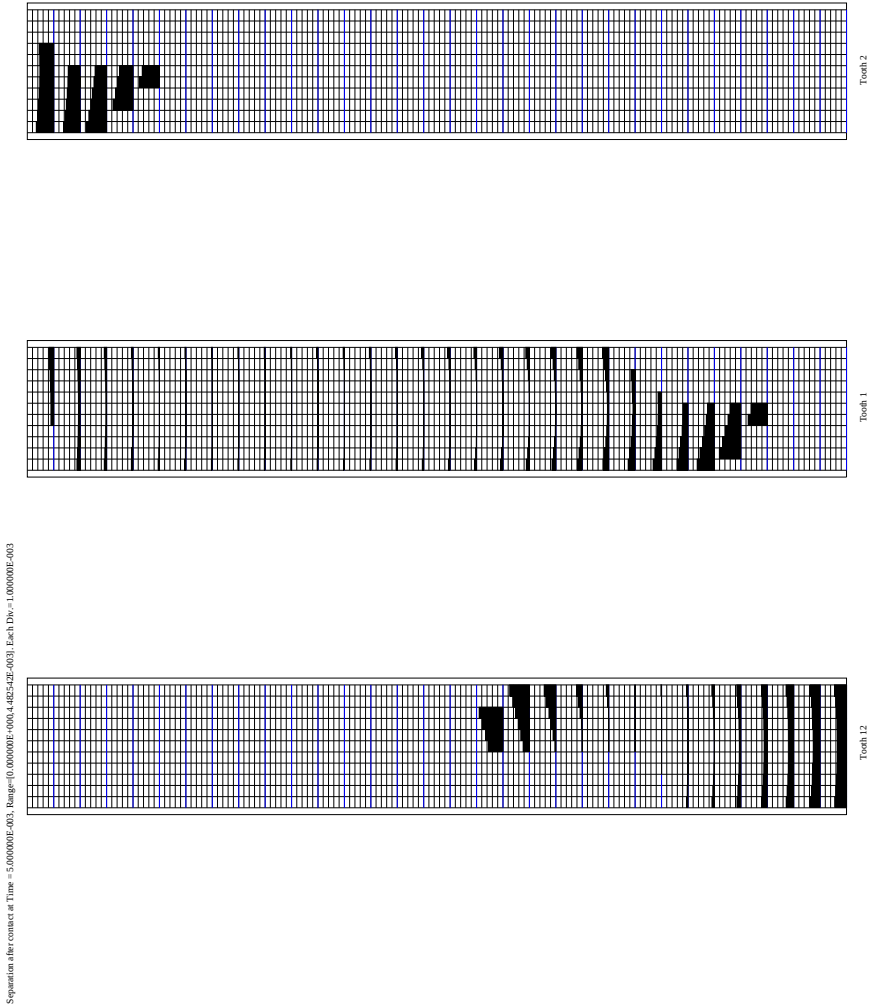


Figure 7.29: The histogram of grid separation after contact, generated by the SEPAFTHIST menu.

MultyX.PostProc.1/11.SearchStress	
EXIT	
QUIT	
CLEAR	
COMPONENT	MAXPPLSTRESS
XAXIS	SPROF
BEGINSTEP	1
ENDSTEP	11
START	
BODY	PINION
SURFACE	FILL_SURFACE1
TOOTHBEGIN	20
TOOTHEND	2
SEPTTEETH ☒ SPROFBEGIN 0.000000e+000 SPROFEND 1.600000e+001 NUMSPROF 51 TFACEBEGIN -1.000000e+000 TFACEEND 1.000000e+000 NUMTFACE 51 DEPTHBEGIN 0.0000000000e+000 DEPTHEND 0.0000000000e+000 NUMDEPTH 1 DISTMIN 0.0000000000e+000 OUTPUTTOFILE ☐	

Figure 7.30: The SEARCHSTRESS menu

7.13 The SEARCHSTRESS command

The SEARCHSTRESS command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.30. This menu is used to locate the most critical stresses in the system.

The COMPONENT box is used to select the stress component of interest. Available choices are MAXPPLSTRESS (the maximum principal normal stress s_1), MINPPLSTRESS (the minimum principal normal stress s_3), MAXSHEAR (the maximum shear stress τ_{max}), and VON-MISES (the Von Mises' octahedral shear stress s_{VM}).

Depending on selection in the XAXIS box, the stress can be displayed as a function of time (TIME), profile (SPROF), face (TFACE) or depth (DEPTH).

The stress values are computed over a range of time steps (specified by BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP), teeth (specified by TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND), location along the profile (specified by SPROFBEGIN, SPROFEND and NUMSPROF), location along the face (specified by TFACEBEGIN, TFACEEND and NUMTFACE), and depth (specified by DEPTHBEGIN, DEPTHEND and NUMDEPTH).

If the number of teeth in the range defined by TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND is 7 or less, and if the SEPTTEETH box is checked, then a separate graph is drawn for each tooth. Otherwise a single graph is drawn showing the most critical stress among all the teeth in the range.

Searching for stresses in the depth direction is a very compute intensive operation, so the number of points in the depth direction should be kept at 1 if possible. If a graph of stress vs. depth is desired, then the range of the other parameters should be restricted as much as possible.

File output is controlled by the OUTPUTTOFILE, FILENAME and APPEND items. Figure 7.31 shows an example of stress as a function of time, Figure 7.32 shows stress as a function of profile position. Sharp oscillations can be seen in this graph in the vicinity of the concentrated contact loads. Figure 7.33 shows a graph of stress vs. face.

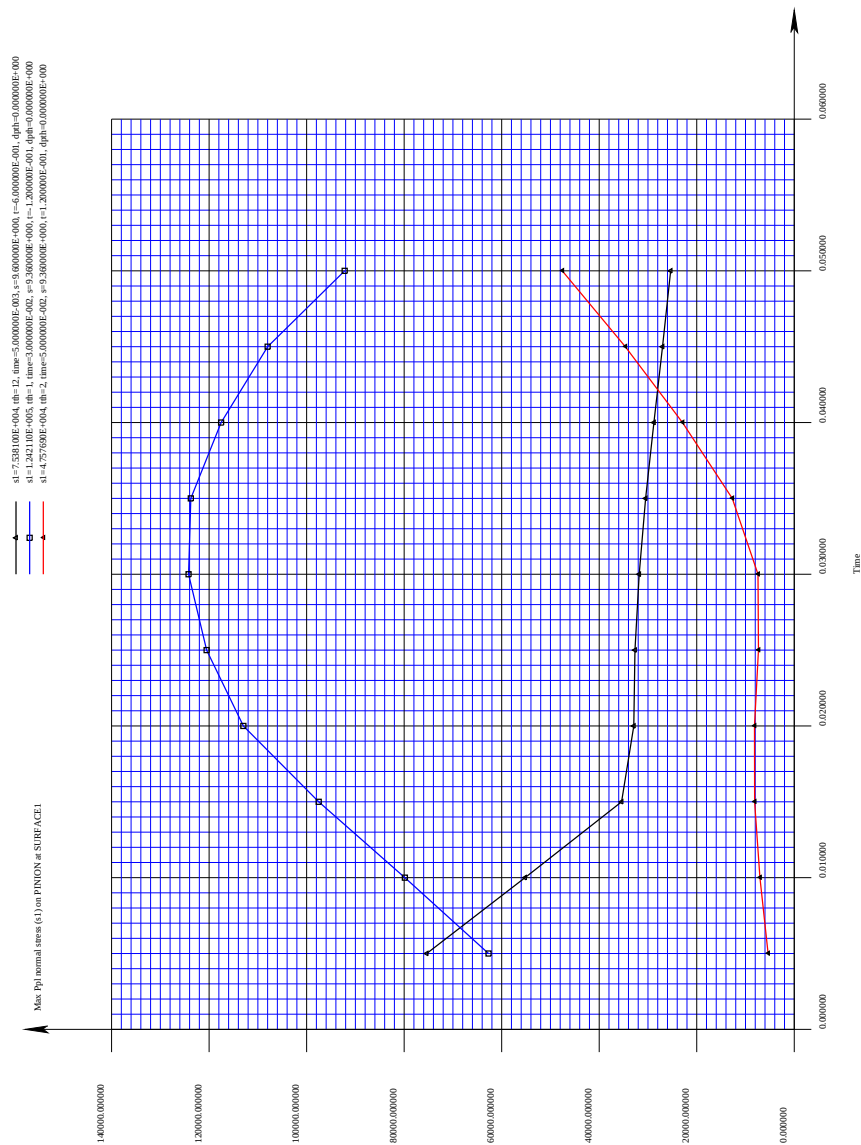


Figure 7.31: The graph of root stress vs. time generated by the SEARCHSTRESS menu.

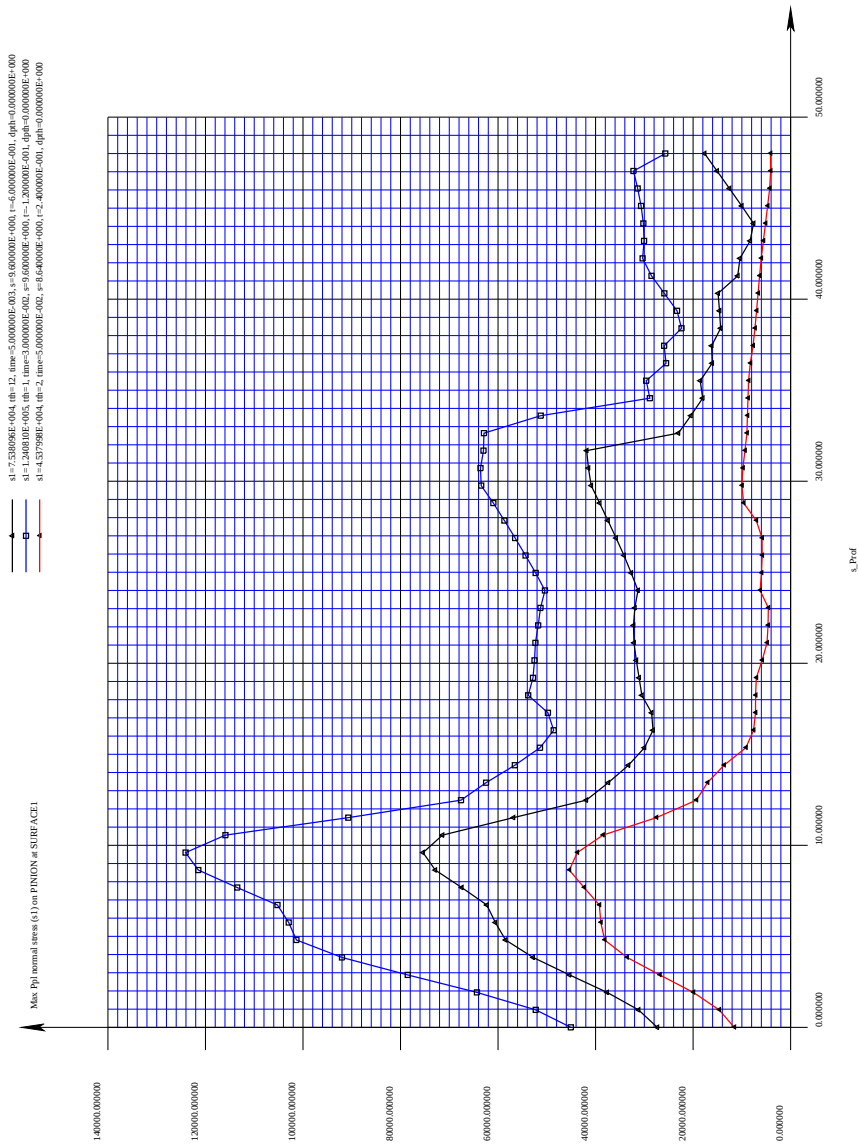


Figure 7.32: The graph of root stress vs. profile generated by the SEARCHSTRESS menu.

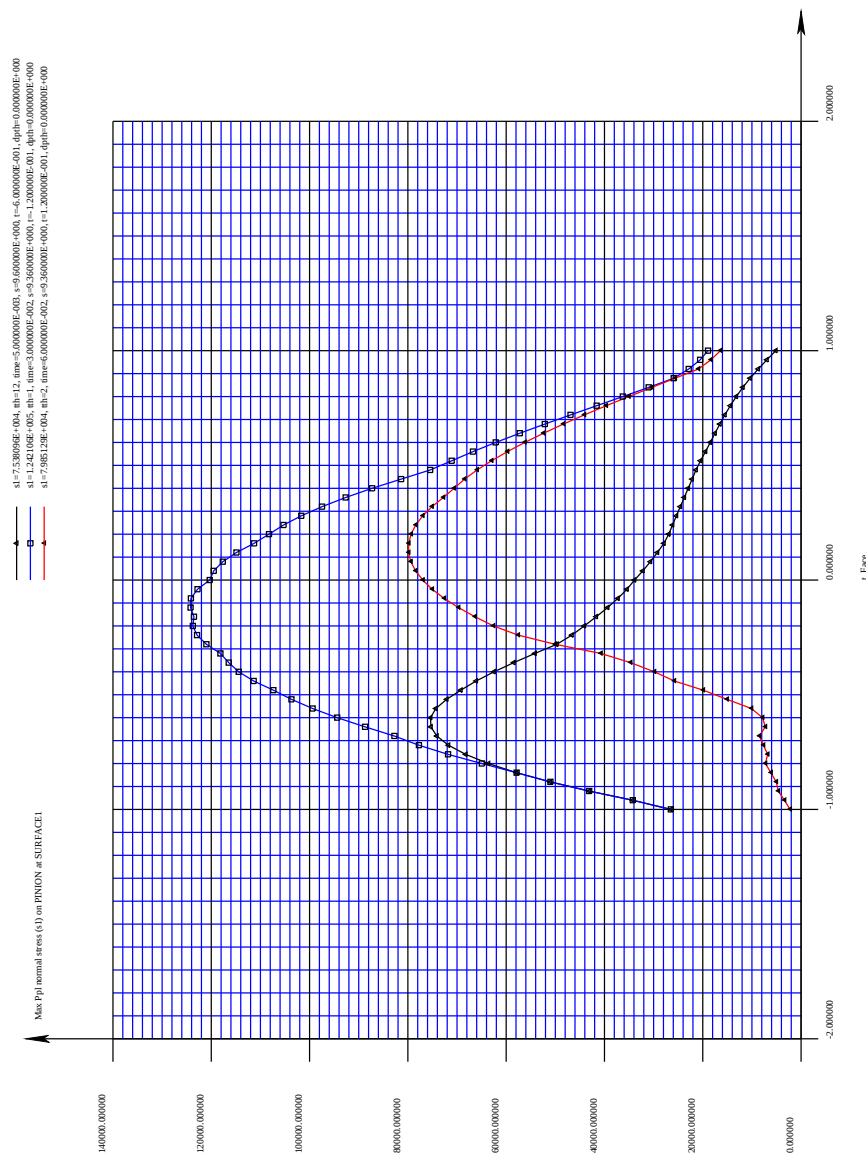


Figure 7.33: The graph of root stress vs. face generated by the SEARCHSTRESS menu.

MultyX.PostProc.1/21.Fatigue	
EXIT	
QUIT	
CLEAR	
BEGINSTEP	1
ENDSTEP	21
CRITERION	ALTERN_STRESS
YIELD_STRENGTH	1515.0000000000
ULTIMATE_STRENG...	1585.0000000000
ENDURANCE_LIMIT	700.0000000000
START	
BODY	PINION
SURFACE	SURFACE1
TOOTHBEGIN	1
TOOTHEND	10
SPROFBEGIN	
SPROFEND	
NUMSPROF	100
TFACEBEGIN	
TFACEEND	
NUMTFACE	51
DEPTHBEGIN	0.0000000000e+000
DEPTHEND	0.0000000000e+000
NUMDEPTH	1
FOCUS NEXT SEARCH	
DISTMIN	0.0000000000e+000
COLORS	
CONTOURS	
FLIP	
NTOOTHCYCLES	100000.0000000000
GRID	
OUTPUTTOFILE	

Figure 7.34: The FATIGUE menu.

7.14 The FATIGUE command

The FATIGUE command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.34. This menu is used to track fatigue within the tooth at the critical point.

The range of timesteps must be set using BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP. CRITERION is used to determine the method for finding the critical point. The method is either ALTERN_STRESS or EQUIV_PURE_STRESS. Values must then be set for YIELD_STRENGTH, ULTIMATE_STRENGTH and ENDURANCE_LIMIT. NTOOTHCYCLES specifies the number of tooth cycles over which to calculate damage. In order to get tooth cycles out of revolutions, multiply the number of gear teeth by the number of teeth.

The surface is selected by specifying the body in the BODY box and a surface in the SURFACE box. A profile and face location on this surface is specified through the SPROF and TFACE parameters, with the number of points to be evaluated specified by NUMSPROF and NUMTFACE. The depth is specified by DEPTHBEGIN and DEPTHEND, with the number of points to be evaluated specified by NUMDEPTH.

7.15 The POINTSTRESS command

The POINTSTRESS command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.35. This menu is used to track normal stresses in a specific direction at a specific point on a surface.

MultyX.PostProc.1/21.PointStress	
EXIT	
QUIT	
BODY	PINION
COORD_TYPE	SURFACE_COORDS
SURFACE	SURFACE1
TOOTHBEGIN	1
TOOTHEND	10
SPROF	0.0000000000e+000
TFACE	0.0000000000e+000
REFDIRECTION	TFACE
ANGLE	90.0000000000
START	
CLEAR	
BEGINSTEP	1
ENDSTEP	21
OUTPUTTOFILE	☒
FILENAME	output.txt
APPEND	☐

Figure 7.35: The POINTSTRESS menu.

The surface is selected by specifying the body in the BODY box and a surface in the SURFACE box. A range of teeth with up to 7 teeth is selected through the TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND items. A profile and face location on this surface is specified through the SPROF and TFACE parameters.

The direction is specified by an angle in the item ANGLE. This angle is the angle between the normal direction of interest and the profile direction (if the REFDIRECTION option is SPROF) or the face direction (if the REFDIRECTION option is TFACE). The angle is measured using the right hand rule about the outward normal to the surface.

The range of time steps is specified by the BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP items. File output is controlled by the OUTPUTTOFILE, FILENAME and APPEND items.

Figure 7.36 shows an example of the graph generated by this menu.

7.16 The PATTERN command

The PATTERN command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.37. This menu is used to create a drawing of the contact pattern on a tooth.

The surface is selected by specifying the body in the BODY box and a surface in the SUR-

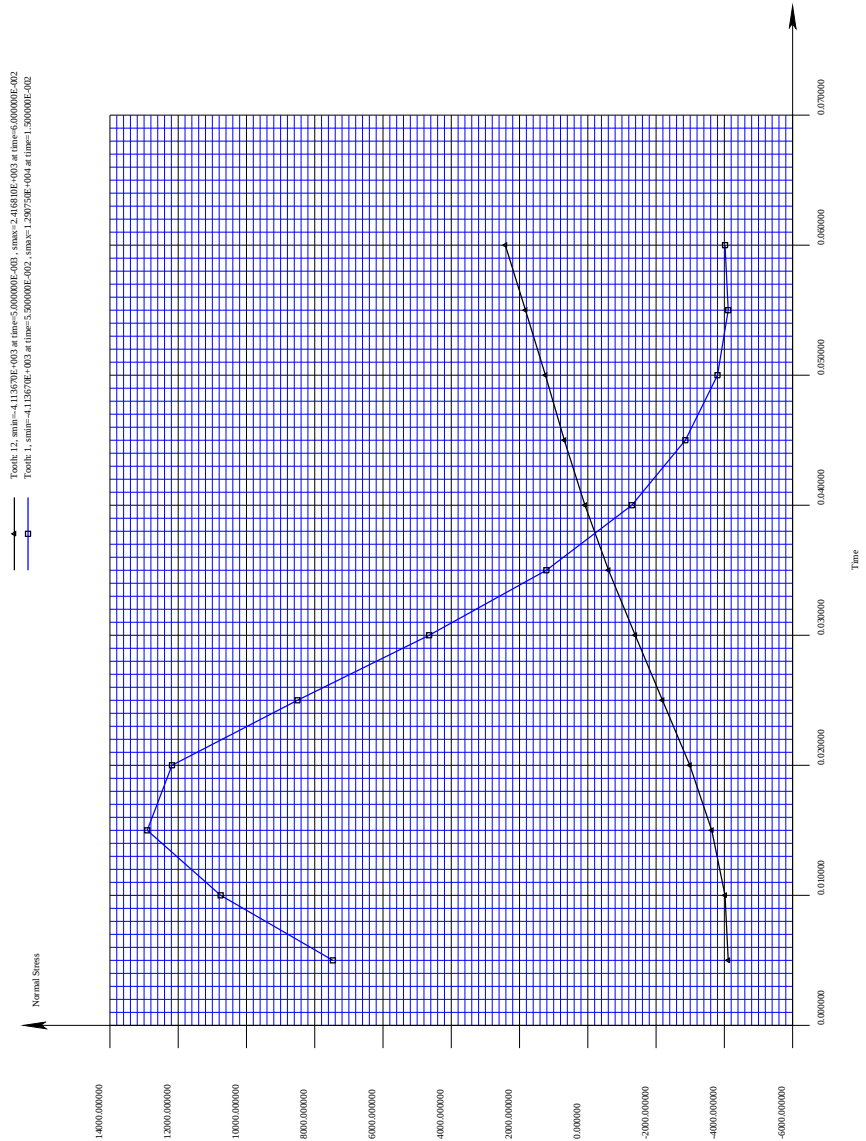


Figure 7.36: The graph of root stress vs. face generated by the POINTSTRESS menu.

MultyX.PostProc.1/21.Pattern	
EXIT	
QUIT	
START	
CLEAR	
FINDPITCHPOINT	
SURFACEPAIR 2 1	GEAR_SURFACE1_PINION_SURF ▾
MEMBER 2 1	GEAR ▾
TOOTHBEGIN 4 3 2 1 0	1 ▴ ▾
TOOTHEND 4 3 2 1 0	10 ▴ ▾
BEGINSTEP 4 3 2 1 0	1 ▴ ▾
ENDSTEP 4 3 2 1 0	21 ▴ ▾
COLORS	☐ 2 1
CONTOURS	☐ 2 1
FLIP	☐ 2 1
SMOOTH	☐ 2 1
GRID	☐ 2 1
EDGECONTACT	☒ 2 1
PRESSURETYPE 2 1	CALYX ▾
SLIDING VELOCITY	☐ 2 1
ROLLING VELOCITY	☐ 2 1
OUTPUTTOFILE	☒ 2 1
FILENAME 2 1 0	output.txt
APPEND	☐ 2 1

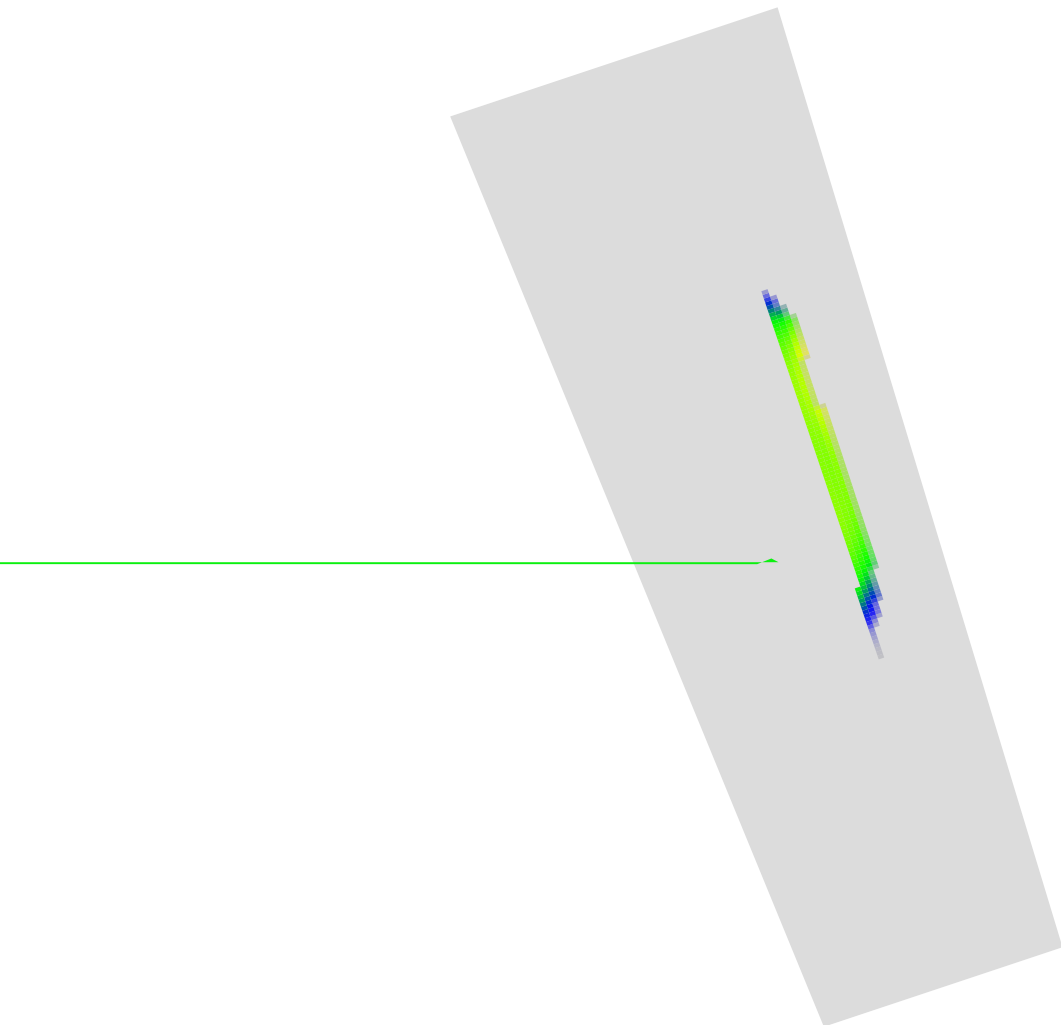
Figure 7.37: The PATTERN menu.

FACE box. A range of teeth with up to 7 teeth is selected through the TOOTHBEGIN and TOOTHEND items. The range of time steps is specified by the BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP items.

The contact pattern can be displayed in color if the COLORS box is checked, or with contour lines if the CONTOURS box is checked. If both options are selected, then a contact pattern like the one shown in Figure 7.38 will be created.

The contact pattern drawing is not three-dimensional. It is a projection of the contact surface in the $r - z$ coordinate plane.

If the SMOOTH box is checked, then the contact pressures will be smoothed by fitting a polynomial surface to the raw data.



7.17 The AUDIT command

Frequently the user needs to obtain the force and moment balance for the individual bodies in the system. The AUDIT command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) generates an equilibrium ‘audit’ of all the forces and moments acting on each body. Figure 7.39 shows the AUDIT sub-menu. The list of bodies for which this audit is to be generated is selected through a sub-menu accessed through the SELECT button in this menu. The range of time steps is specified in the BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP boxes.

The START button then displays the audit statement in the Information window. It can also be sent to an ASCII file by using the OUTPUTTOFILE, FILENAME and APPEND boxes.

A sample equilibrium audit for the pinion shaft is shown below:

```
Time=0.05
Body no.1:PINION (Origin at:[0,0,0])
=====

Contact forces:
  Exerted by:GEAR
  Total   :f [2457.605255,2268.267637,-414.6567053],
           mo[-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]
           m [-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]
Total contact force=f [2457.605255,2268.267637,-414.6567053]
                    mo[-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]
                    m [-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]

Bearing forces:
Total bearing force=f [0,0,0],
                    mo[0,0,0]
                    m [0,0,0]

Total internal force (inertial+press+body):f [0,0,0],
                                           mo[0,0,0]
                                           m [0,0,0]
Total mass & damping force                :f [0,0,0],
                                           mo[0,0,0]
                                           m [0,0,0]
Total contact force                       :f [2457.605255,2268.267637,-414.6567053],
                                           mo[-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]
                                           m [-3732.561763,2613.33,-7814.037462]
Total bearing force                       :f [0,0,0],
                                           mo[0,0,0]
                                           m [0,0,0]
Total reaction force                      :f [-2457.605255,-2268.267637,414.6567053],
                                           mo[3732.561763,-2613.33,7814.037462]
                                           m [3732.561763,-2613.33,7814.037462]
=====
Residual force (error)                   :f [0,1.364242053e-012,5.684341886e-013],
                                           mo[-4.547473509e-013,-1.182343112e-011,-9.094947018e-013]
                                           m [-4.547473509e-013,-1.182343112e-011,-9.094947018e-013]

Body no.2:GEAR (Origin at:[0,0,0])
=====

Contact forces:
  Exerted by:PINION
  Total   :f [-2456.413213,-2265.730626,435.0533685],
           mo[3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]
           m [3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]
Total contact force=f [-2456.413213,-2265.730626,435.0533685]
                    mo[3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]
                    m [3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]

Bearing forces:
Total bearing force=f [0,0,0],
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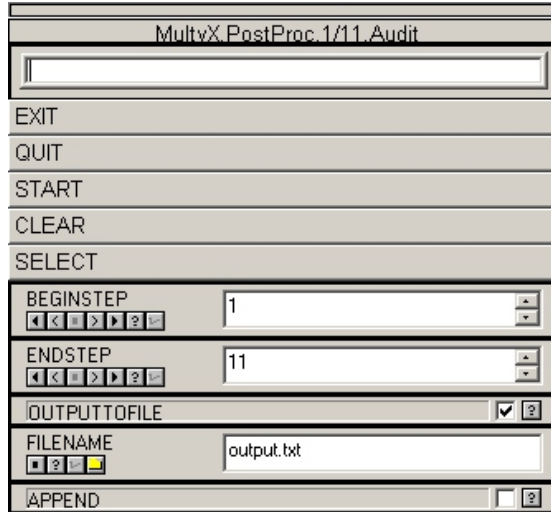


Figure 7.39: The AUDIT menu.

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mo[0,0,0]
m [0,0,0]

Total internal force (inertial+press+body):f [0,0,0],
mo[0,0,0]
m [0,0,0]

Total mass & damping force      :f [0,0,0],
mo[0,0,0]
m [0,0,0]

Total contact force             :f [-2456.413213,-2265.730626,435.0533685],
mo[3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]
m [3787.851508,-2604.563245,7809.750003]

Total bearing force             :f [0,0,0],
mo[0,0,0]
m [0,0,0]

Total reaction force            :f [2456.413213,2265.730626,-435.0533685],
mo[-3787.851508,2604.563245,-7809.750003]
m [-3787.851508,2604.563245,-7809.750003]

=====
Residual force (error)          :f [-1.364242053e-012,-9.094947018e-013,5.684341886e-014],
mo[1.364242053e-012,4.547473509e-013,0]
m [1.364242053e-012,4.547473509e-013,0]

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The forces (and moments) are broken down into contact forces, bearing forces, internal forces, mass and damping forces and reaction forces. The reaction forces are the forces exerted by the reference frame constraints.

Two values for the moments are displayed. In the above example, `mo` refers to the moments computed about the origin of the pinion shaft body. `m` stands for the moment computed about the origin of the fixed reference frame. The moments about the fixed reference frame are more useful in comparing the action and reaction acting on different bodies.

Regardless of the origin about which the moments are computed, the X Y and Z components of each force and moment always refer to the fixed reference frame.

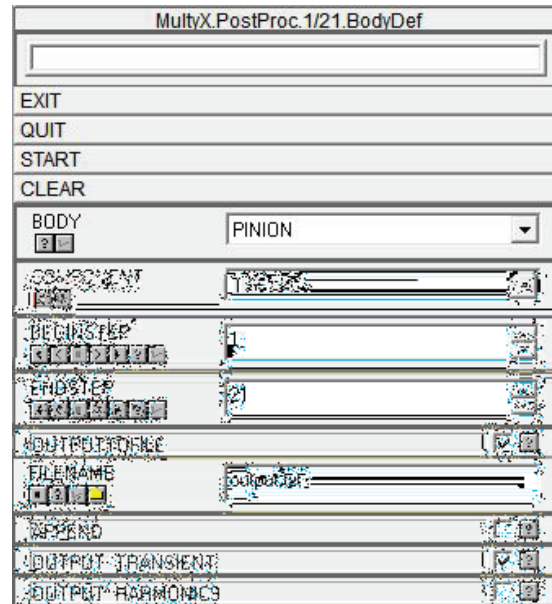


Figure 7.40: The BODYDEFLECTION menu.

7.18 The BODYDEFLECTION command

The BODYDEFLECTION command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.40. This menu is used to generate a graph (Figure 7.41) of a component of the rigid body type motion of a body as a function of time. The six components of motion that can be graphed are the 3 translation motions u_x , u_y and u_z , and the three rotation components θ_x , θ_y and θ_z . These components are calculated in the reference frame attached to the body. The rotation components are displayed in Radians. The θ_z component of the body deflection is used to study the transmission error.

7.19 The BODYREACTION command

The BODYREACTION command of the post-processing menu (Figure 7.3) leads to the menu shown in Figure 7.42. This menu is used to generate a graph (Figure 7.43) of a component of the body frame reaction as a function of time. The six force components that can be graphed are the three forces F_x , F_y and F_z , and the three moments M_x , M_y and M_z . These components are calculated in the reference frame attached to the body. The moments are computed about origin of this reference frame.

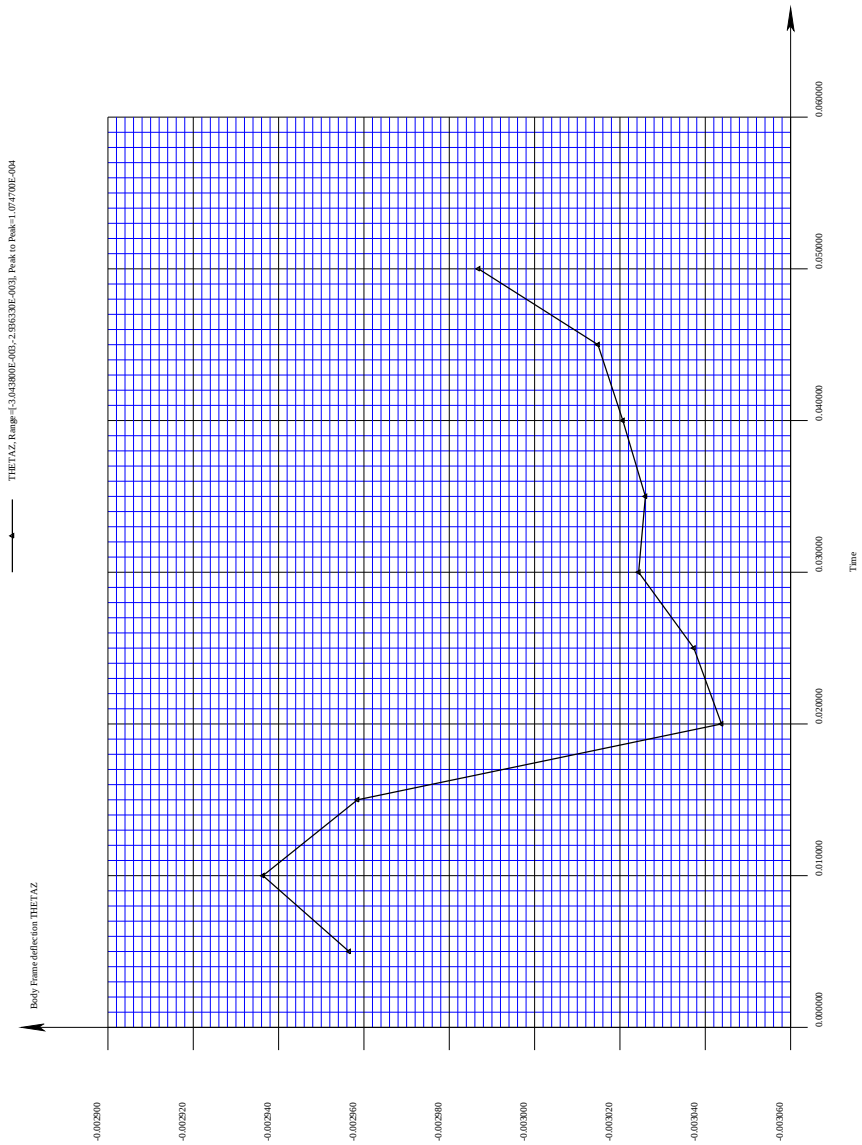


Figure 7.41: The graph generated by the BODYDEFLECTION menu.

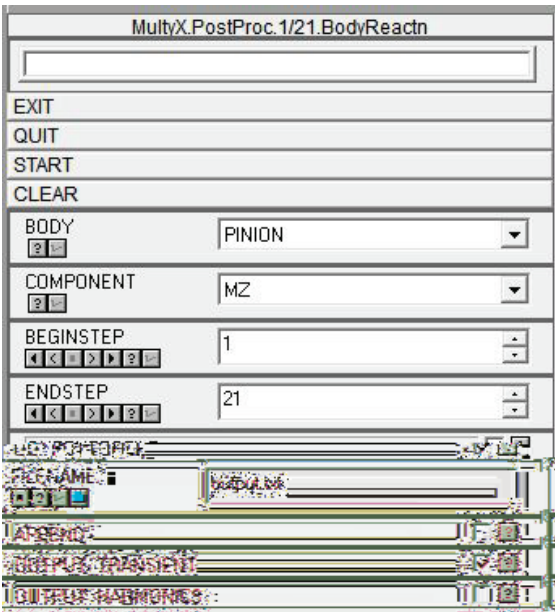


Figure 7.42: The BODYREACTION menu.

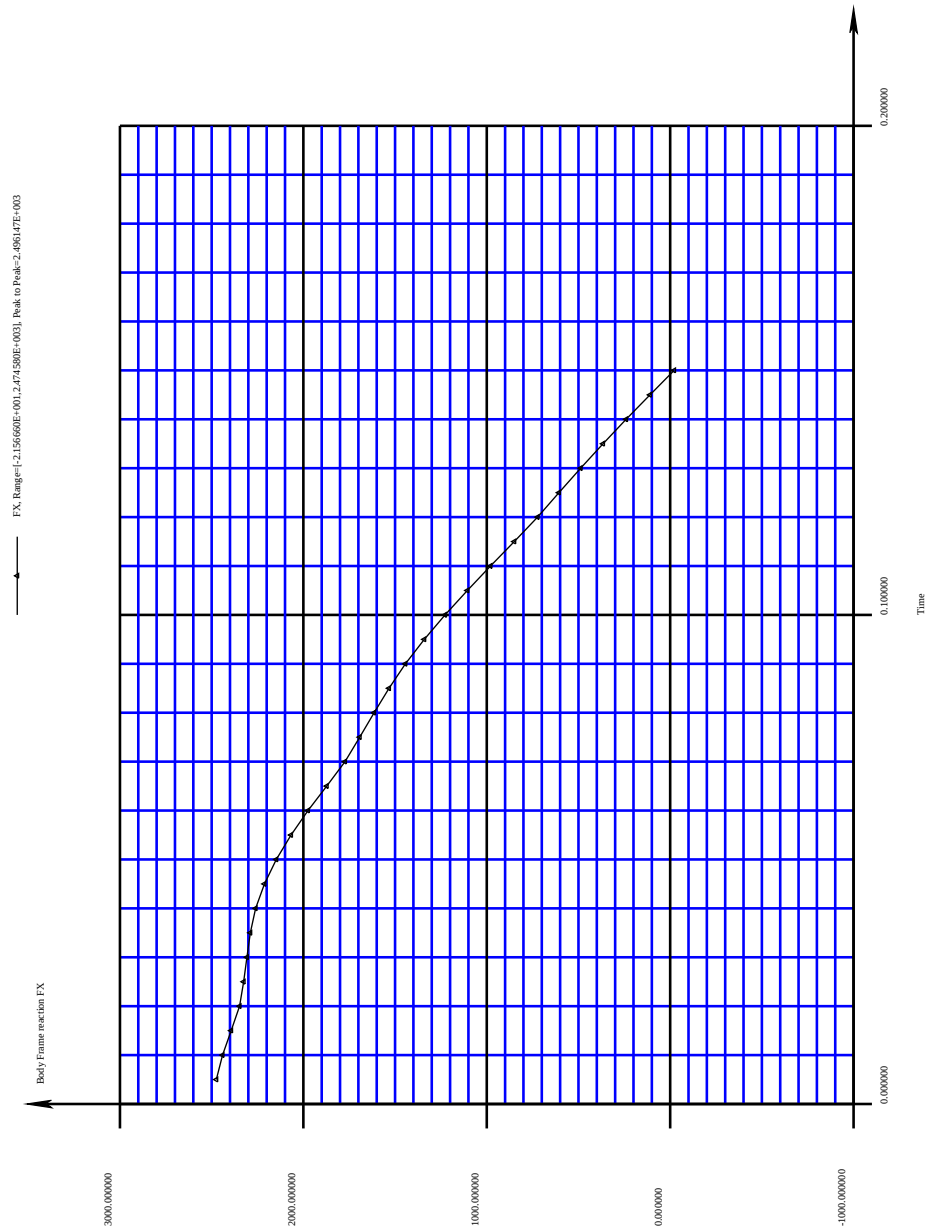


Figure 7.43: The graph generated by the BODYREACTION menu.

Chapter 8

Pre and Post processing using IglassViewer

IglassViewer is a very powerful tool for pre and postprocessing gear models and results. Several features have been added to the Multyx program so as to enhance the compatability with IglassViewer. Thus it can be considered as a program which enables the user to view pre and postprocessing files generated by an external code. Note that the IglassViewer graphics window is independent of the guide graphics window. The advantage of using IglassViewer over guide program for pre and postprocessing is that it is more faster, efficient and more simple to operate. Also, you can visualise the models in their dynamic mode which is not possible using the Guide program. Following sections gives a detailed explanation of the procedure for creating the pre and postprocessing iglass files and also the various functions associated with the iglass program.

8.1 Generating an Iglass file for preprocessing

The GENIGLASSFILE command in Figure 7.1 will lead to a menu shown in Figure 8.1 using which you can generate a preprocessing file for Iglass. The filename is specified in the IGLASS-FILENAME menu. The time at which the user wants to visualise the model can be specified in the TIME menu. The user can also visualise the model at a sequence of time steps by entering the number of steps in the NTIMESTEPS menu. The DELTATIME menu is the value of time increment between successive writes to the iglass file. The POPUPIGLASS menu if turned on will automatically open up the Iglass graphical window after the Iglass file is generated. If it is not turned on, only the data file for iglass will be created, and iglass will have to be started manually. Using the SELECT menu in Figure 8.1 the user can select the bodies to be displayed in the Iglass graphical window. Click on the START button in Figure 8.1 to generate the Iglass preprocessing file. After the file is generated and if the POPUPIGLASS menu is turned on a separate Iglass window will open showing the reference axes and the gear bodies (selected in the SELECT menu). An example of the Iglass preprocessing window for a Hypoid gear pair is shown in Figure 8.2. As shown in Figure, it has 3 menus- View, Bodies and Attributes. The Attributes menu is used more commonly in the postprocessing mode. The 'Exit' button in each menu will close the Iglass graphics window.

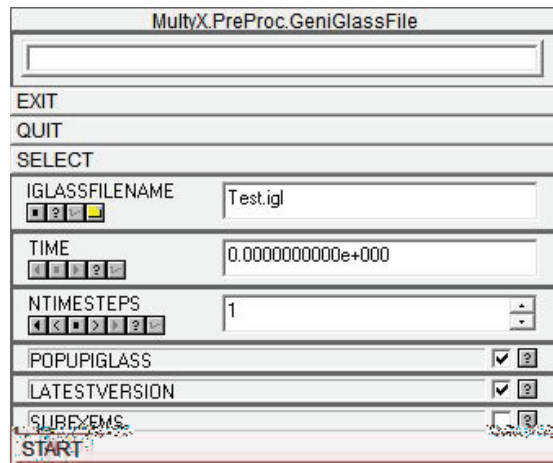


Figure 8.1: The generate Iglass file menu

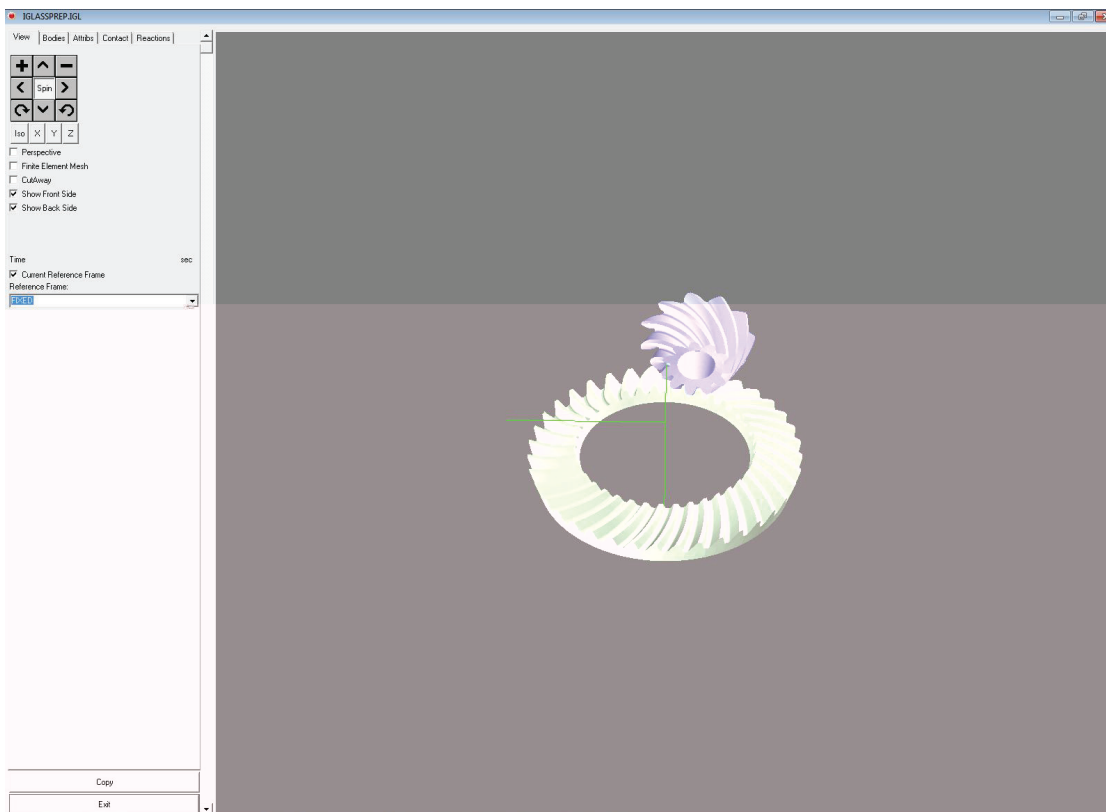


Figure 8.2: An example of an Iglass preprocessing window.

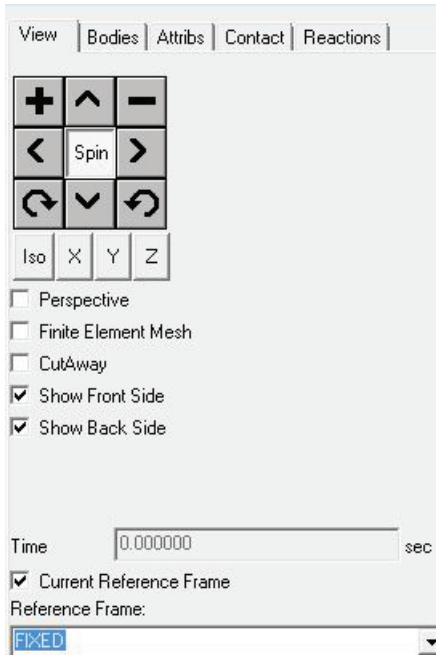


Figure 8.3: Iglass preprocessing view menu

8.2 View menu

The View menu is shown in Figure 8.3. Table 8.1 shows the common tasks performed by some of the buttons displayed in the Iglass window.

Apart from all the features shown in Table 8.1 you can also rotate the model using the left mouse button. Drag the left mouse button in the direction you want to rotate the model in the iglass graphics window. Also the model can be moved in the graphics window in any directions you want using the right mouse button. Drag the right mouse button in the direction you want to move the model in the iglass graphics window.

8.2.1 Finite element mesh

The finite element mesh model can be visualised if the ‘Finite Element Mesh’ item is selected. Figure 8.4 shows the finite element mesh model of the gear bodies in iglass preprocessing.

8.2.2 Cutting plane

Using the cutting plane switch shown in Figure 8.5 you can visualise the model along a section. This feature is especially useful in pre and post processing of complicated models with a large number of internal gears. The cutting plane can be selected along the +ve and -ve X, Y and Z axes. Using the button below the cutplane switch you can select the cutting plane at various points along the axis chosen by the cut plane switch option.

8.2.3 Selecting the time step

User can visualise the model at a particular timestep in iglass pre-processing using the ‘Time’ slider shown in Figure 8.6.

Table 8.1: Common buttons in Iglass pre and postprocessing window

Button	Purpose
	Zoom In
	Zoom Out
	Move the model upwards (If Spin is turned OFF)
	Move the model downwards (If Spin is turned OFF)
	Move the model towards right (If Spin is turned OFF)
	Move the model towards left (If Spin is turned OFF)
	Rotate the model upwards (If Spin is turned ON)
	Rotate the model downwards (If Spin is turned ON)
	Rotate the model towards right (If Spin is turned ON)
	Rotate the model towards left (If Spin is turned ON)
	Rotate the model clockwise (If Spin is turned ON)
	Rotate the model counterclockwise (If Spin is turned ON)
	View the model in an isometric view
	View the model in the Y – Z plane
	View the model in the X – Z plane
	View the model in the X – Y plane

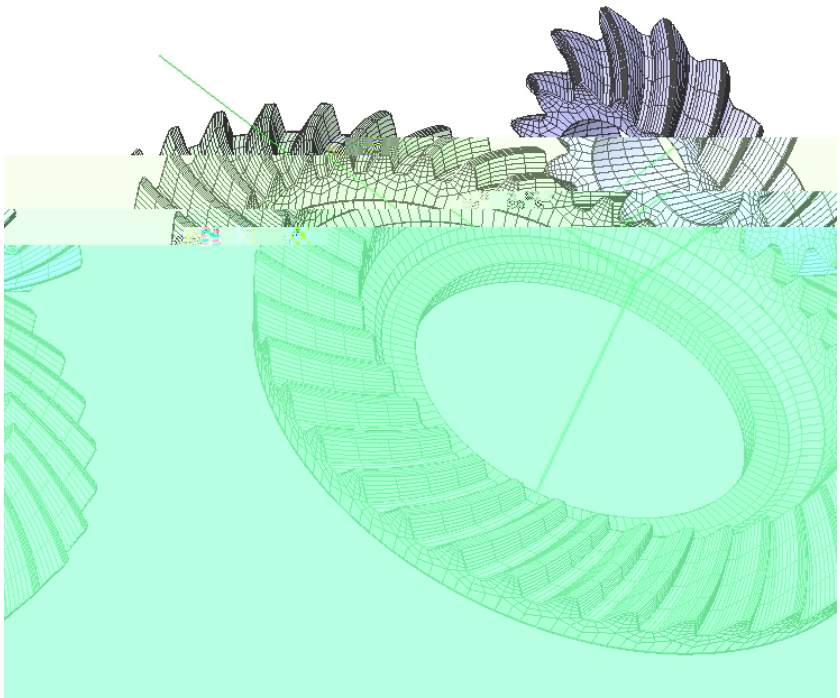


Figure 8.4: Finite element mesh model of the gear bodies



Figure 8.5: The cutting plane switch.

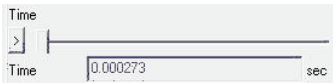


Figure 8.6: The time slider.

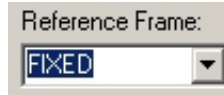


Figure 8.7: The reference frame switch.

8.2.4 Reference frames

The default reference frame is the FIXED reference frame. Both, the pinion and the gear appear to move when observed from the FIXED frame. The model will align itself to this reference frame when the iglass window pops up. The reference frame can be aligned to a body member using the reference frame switch shown in Figure 8.7. If you select the GEAR as the reference frame the reference frame origin will coincide with the origin of the gear. The gear appears stationary when observed from the GEAR reference frame, and the pinion orbits around it. If the PINION option is selected then the reference frame origin aligns itself to the origin of the pinion.

8.3 The Bodies menu

The 'Bodies' menu is shown in Figure 8.8. The body member can be turned on or off by clicking on the member name in the Bodies menu. User can view the tooth and the rim sector separately for each gear body.

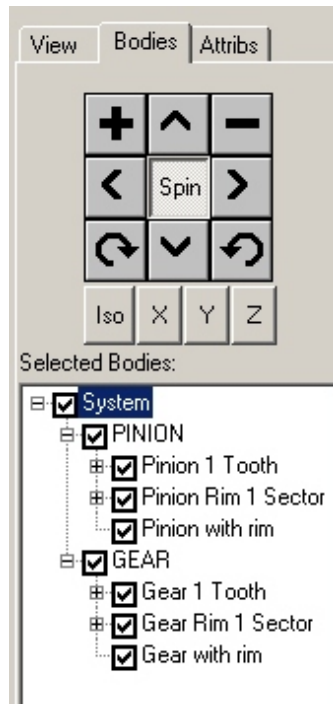


Figure 8.8: Iglass preprocessing Bodies menu

8.4 Post processing using iglass

The GENIGLASSFILE command in Figure 7.3 leads to the generate iglass file menu shown in Figure 8.9 for post processing in iglass. BEGINSTEP and ENDSTEP menus shown in Figure 8.9 define the range for which you want to check for results. Note that these menus are independent of the GOTOPOSN menu shown in Figure 7.3.

An example of an iglass post processing window is shown in Figure 8.10.

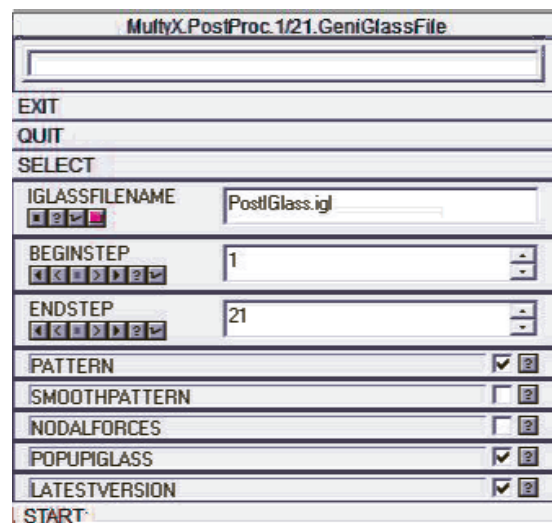


Figure 8.9: The generate iglass file menu for post processing.

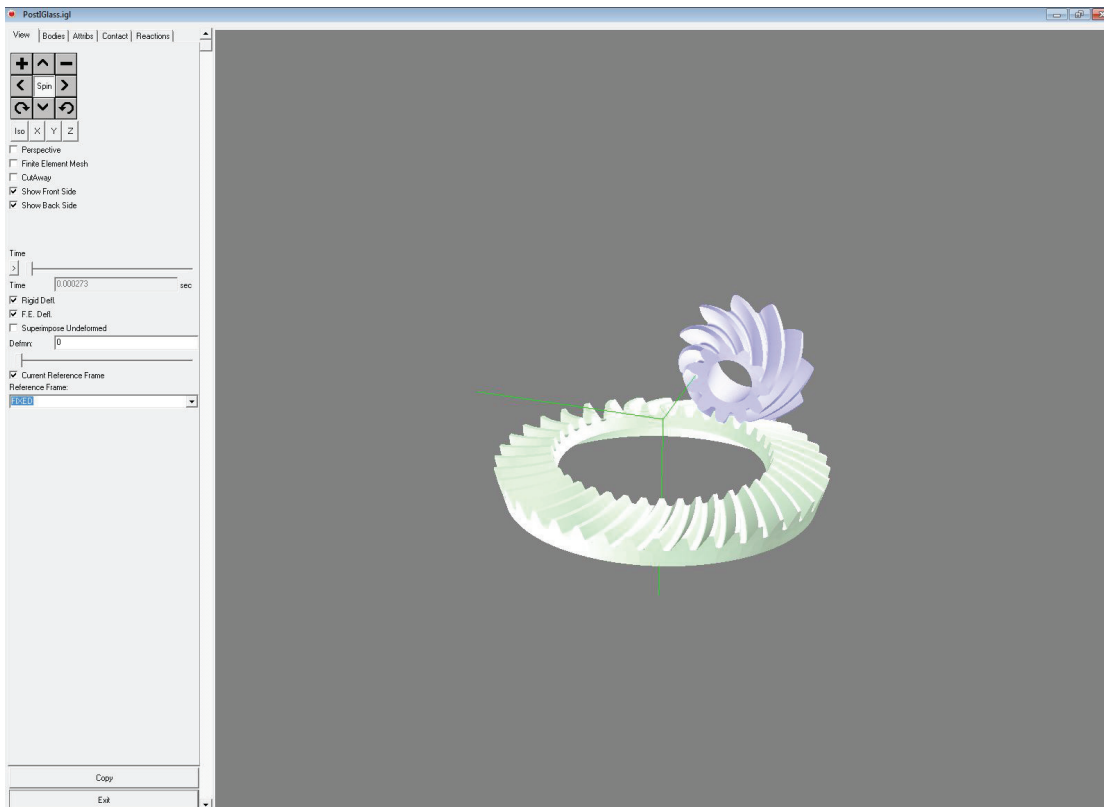


Figure 8.10: Iglass in post processing mode.

8.5 Features specific to iglass post processing

The time switch shown in Figure 8.11 is used to run the simulation of the model in the post processing iglass window. You can look at the simulation at a particular time step by dragging the slider along the scale. The 'Definn'(deformation) slider shown in Figure 8.12 is used to view the deformed shaped of the gear bodies. The 'Rigid Defl' and the 'F.E.Defl' shows the rigid body deflection and the finite element deflection of the bodies. The magnification scale of deformation can be adjusted using the slider.



Figure 8.11: The time slider.

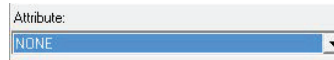


Figure 8.13: The attribute switch.

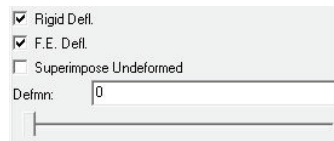


Figure 8.12: The deformation slider.

The ‘Attribs’ menu is shown in Figure 8.14. The attribute menu shown in Figure 8.13 is used to check for contours for different component of results. The available options are DISPLVECTOR, MAXPPLNORMAL, S2PPLNORMAL, MINPPLNORMAL, MAXSHEAR, VONMISES and ERRORESTIMATE. The DISPLVECTOR will pop up a component switch using which the contour for displacement vector in the X, Y and Z directions can be displayed. MAXPPLNORMAL, S2PPLNORMAL, MINPPLNORMAL, MAXSHEAR, VONMISES menus show their respective stress contours. The ERRORESTIMATE menu is used to display the stress error estimate. This error estimate is computed from the magnitude of the inter-element stress discontinuity.

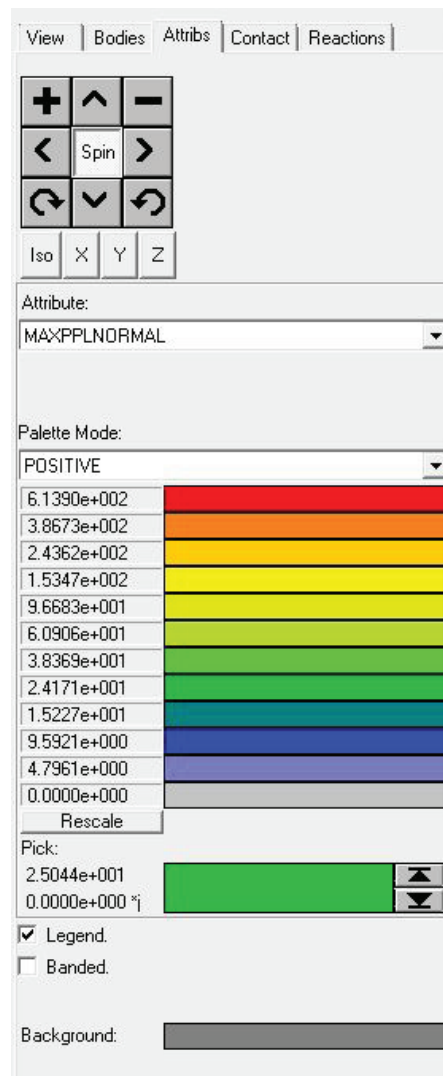


Figure 8.14: The iglass postprocessing Attribute menu.

The colors for minimum and maximum stress contours can be controlled using the palette mode menu shown in Figure 8.14. A POSITIVE mode will align the scale from 0 (minimum stress) to a maximum positive value (maximum stress). A NEGATIVE mode will align the scale from 0 to a negative value. The BOTH type mode will align the scale from the maximum negative value (minimum stress) to a maximum positive value (maximum stress). So as to find the stress at a node, double click on the gear body. The finite element nodes are now visible as shown in figure 8.15. Clicking once on the node will show the stress at that nodal point in the 'pick' item of the Palette menu.

Double clicking on the 'Background' button will popup the 'Color' window shown in Figure 8.16 using which you can change the background color of the iglass graphics window.

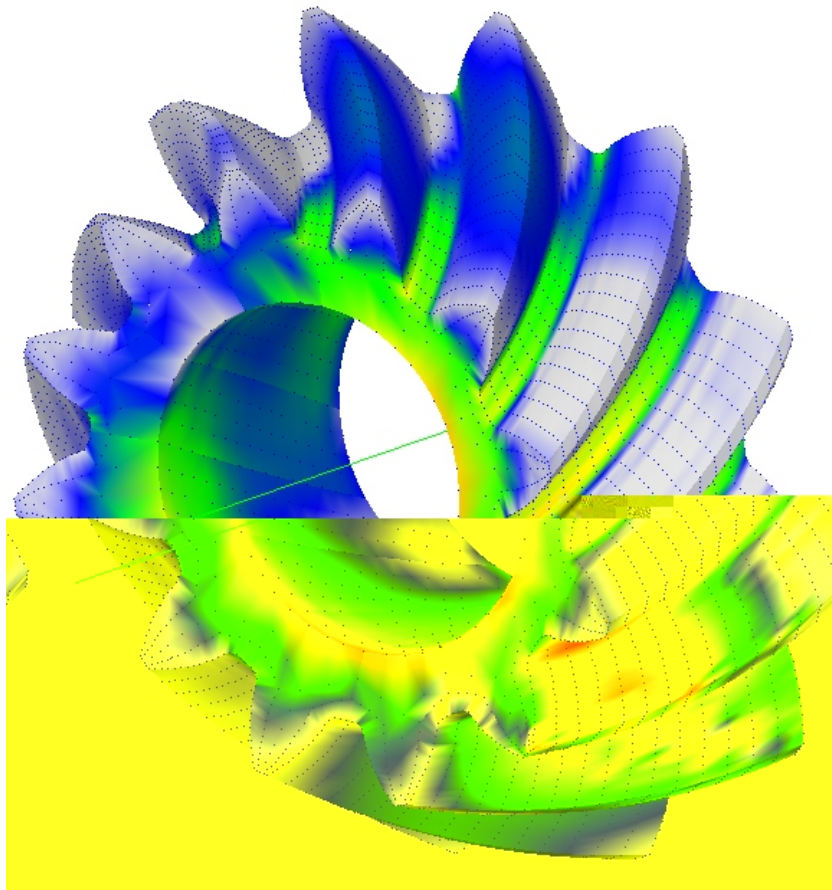


Figure 8.15: Picking a nodal point to examine stresses.

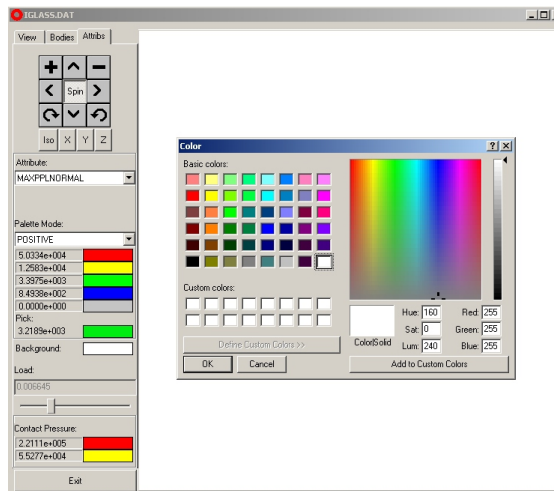


Figure 8.16: The background color popup window switch.

The 'Contact' menu is shown in Figure 8.17. The Contact pattern legend is used to read the contact pressure on the contacting surfaces. The contact pressure slider is used to show the contact pressures on the bodies, Figure 8.18.

The 'Reactions' menu is shown in Figure 8.19. The directions of the bearing forces and moments can be visualised using the Bearing Force and Bearing moment sliders. The directions of the body reaction force and the body reaction moment can also be visualized by using the appropriate sliders. The magnification scale of the forces and the moments can be adjusted using the respective sliders.

The EXIT button will take you out of the iglass post processing window.

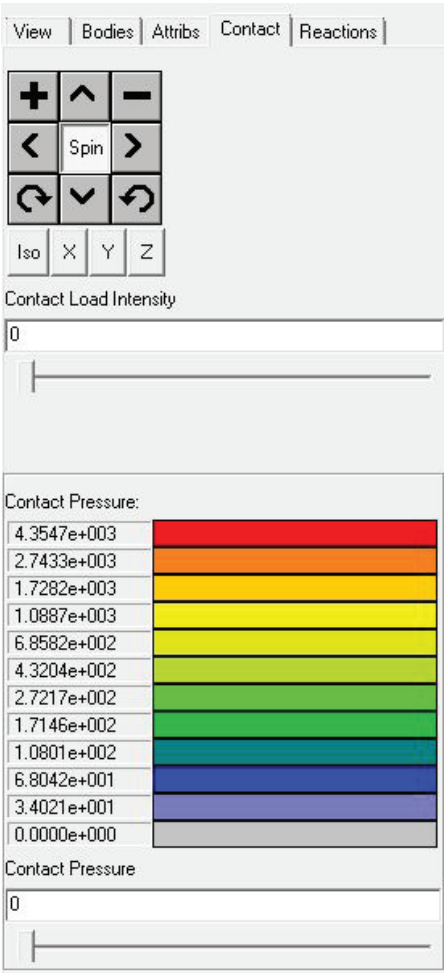


Figure 8.17: The iglass postprocessing Contact menu.

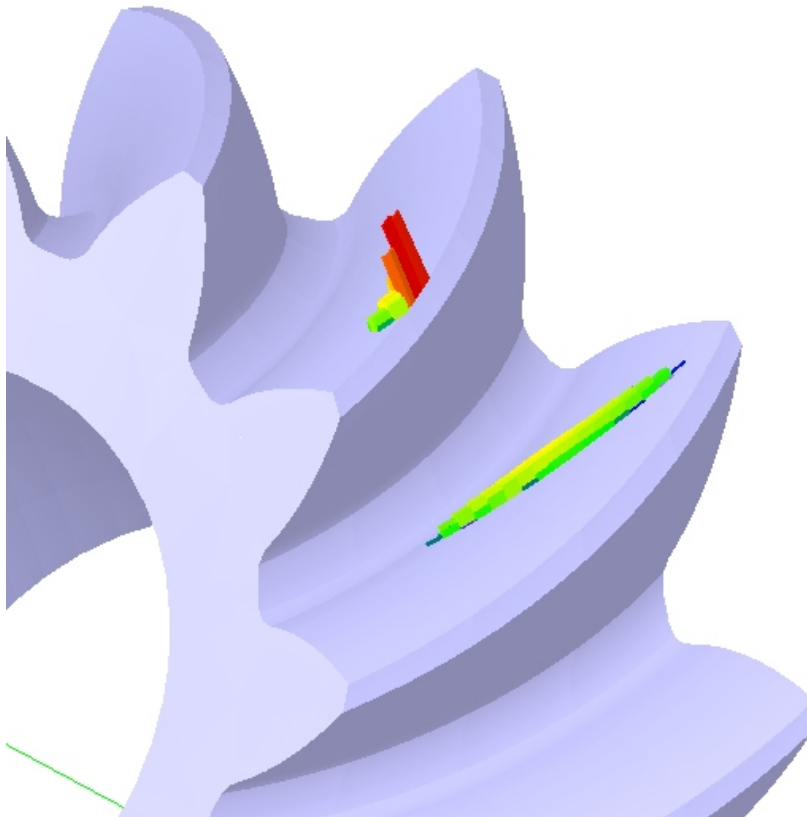


Figure 8.18: The contact pressure distribution on the pinion teeth.

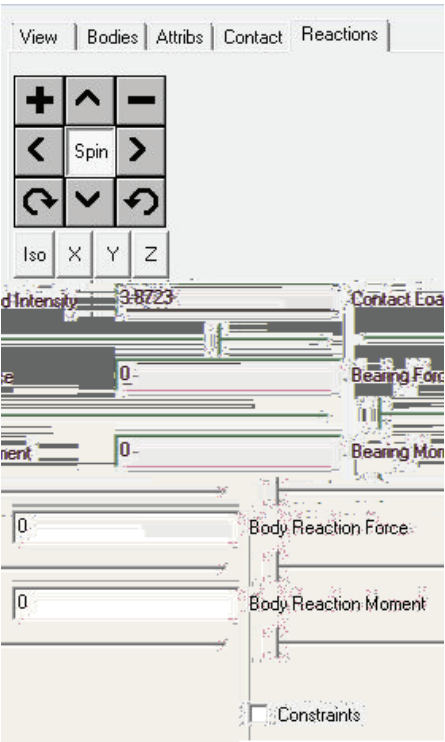


Figure 8.19: The iglass postprocessing Reactions menu.

Appendix A

Tooth Mesh Templates

The finite element meshes in the *HypoidFaceMilled* package are created with very little input from the user. The user does not need to provide any of the node numbering and element connectivity information to the model generator. This information is read by the program from pre-existing files called ‘template’ files.

Figures A.1 through A.4 show the element connectivity and element numbering scheme used in the four standard templates. The orientation of the element coordinate system is indicated by the notch in one of the corners of each element. The range of the surface profile coordinate s for the two contact surfaces is also shown.

The element orientation for the rim sector is shown in Figure A.5.

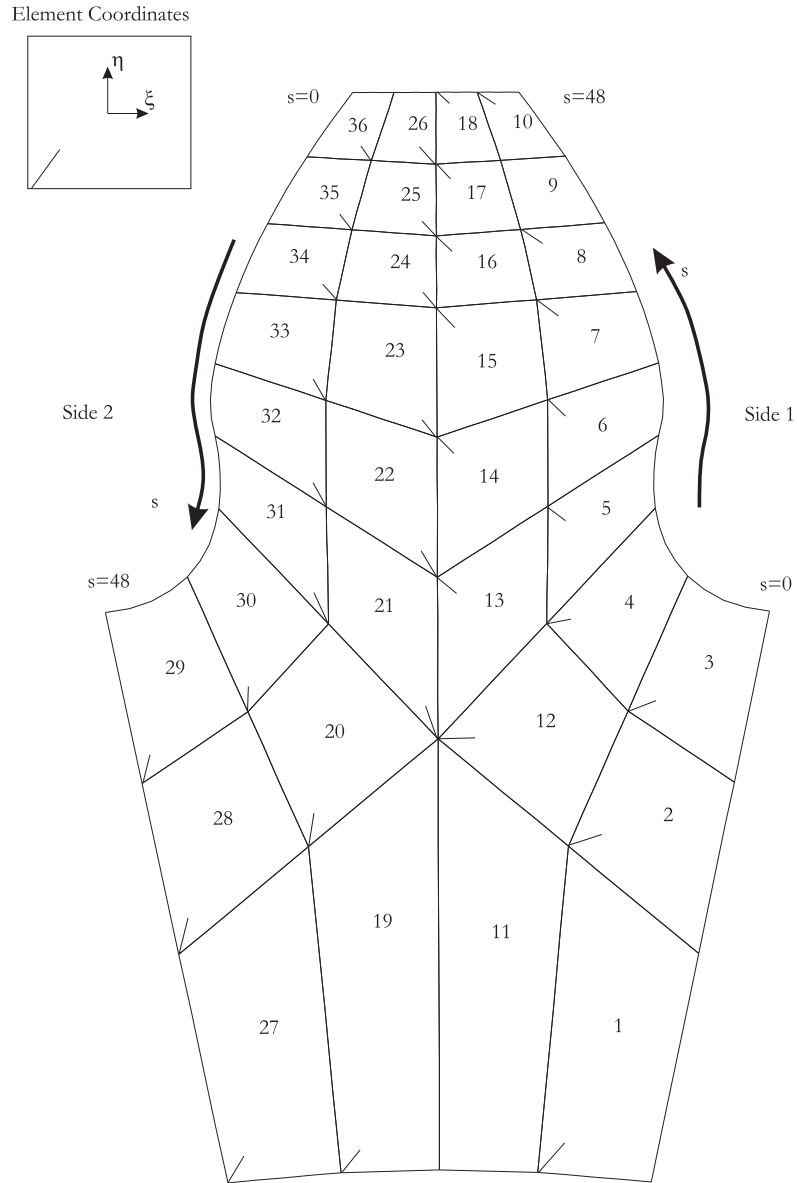
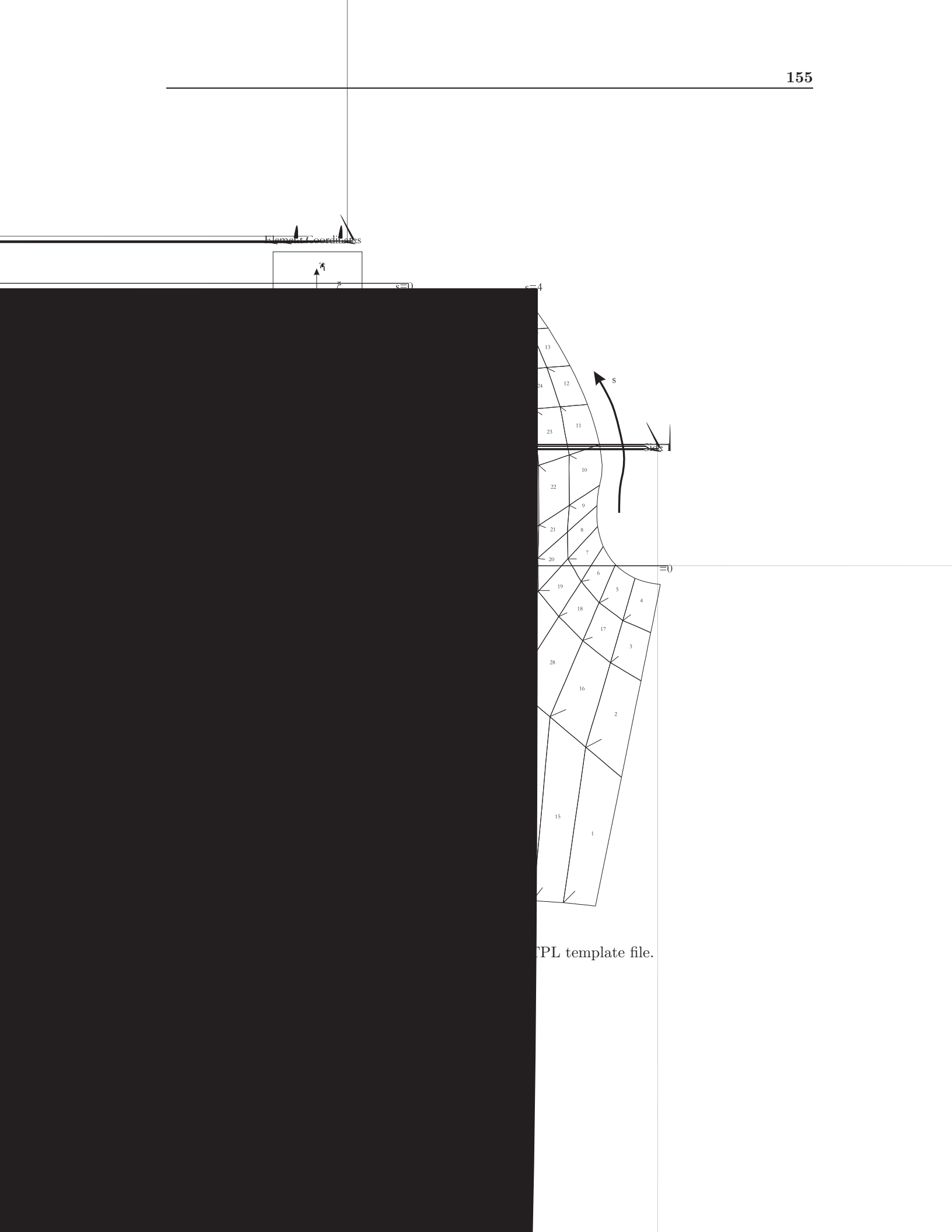
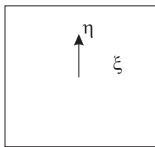


Figure A.1: The MEDIUM.TPL template file.

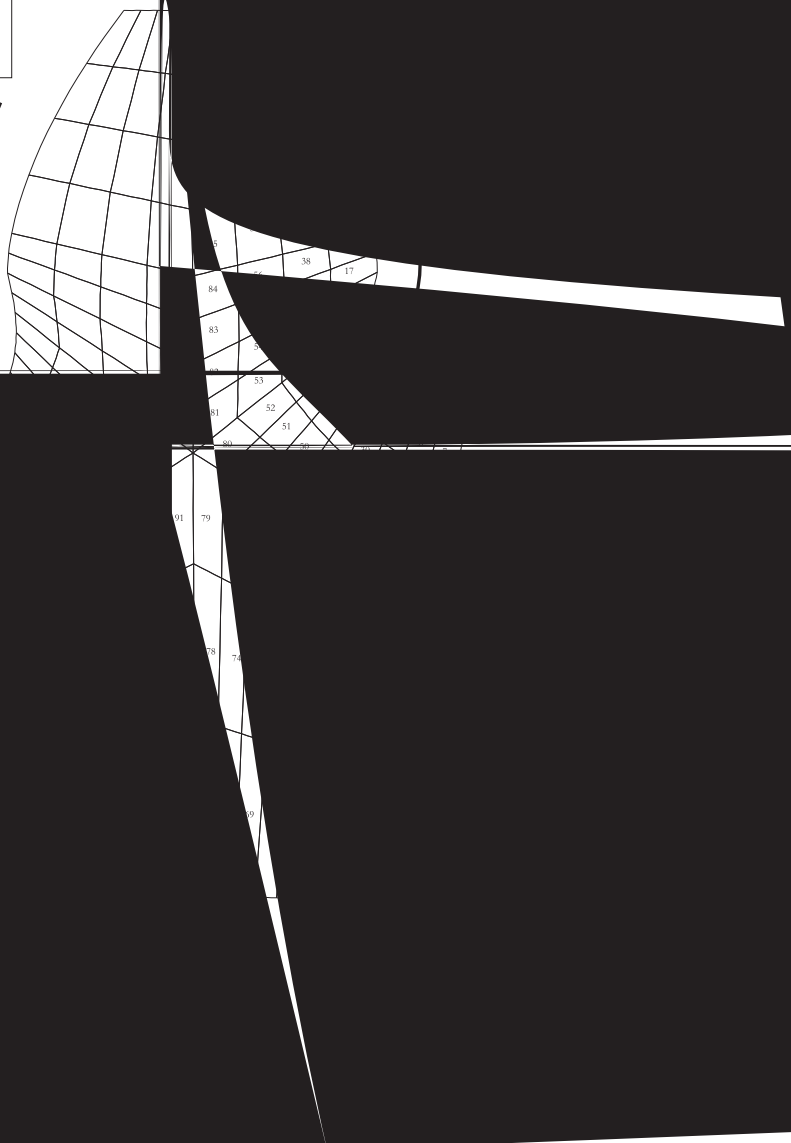


CPL template file.

Element Coordinates



Side 2



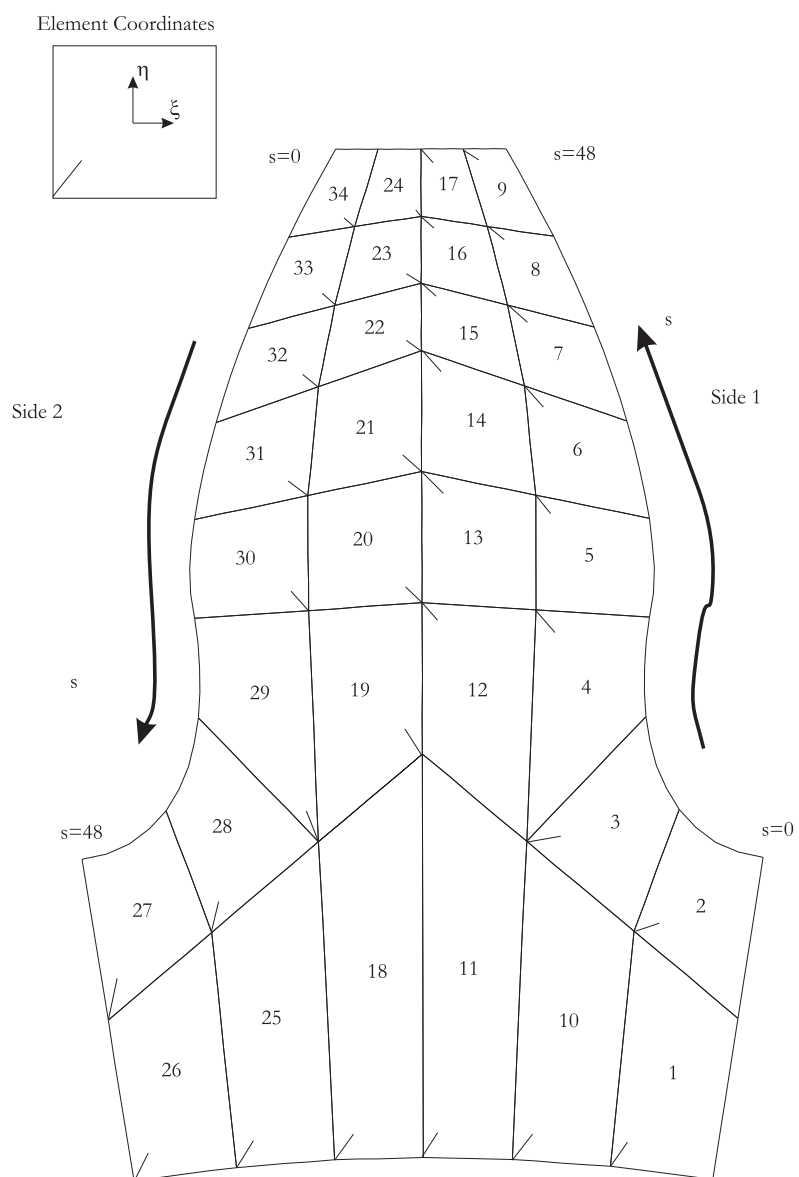


Figure A.4: The THINRIM.TPL template file.

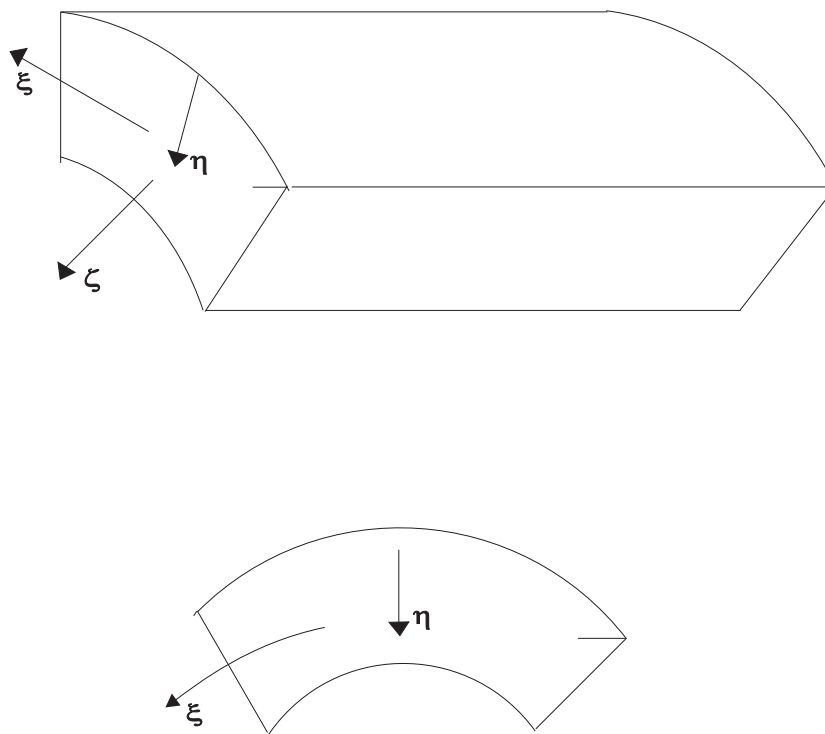


Figure A.5: Element orientation for the rim sector

Appendix B

Special Analysis File

If the hypoid gear is manufactured using the Gleason's manufacturing process then the finite element analyst is given a special analysis file by the gear manufacturer. This file contains the design data used for the manufacturing of the hypoid gear. An example of a special analysis file record is shown in Table B.1.

Table B.1: An example of Special Analysis File Record

ITEM	RECORD 7	GEAR DATA
1	ADDENDUM	0.129287
2	DEDENDUM	0.366338
3	CLEARANCE	0.058615
4	WHOLE DEPTH	0.495625
5	PITCH ANGLE	1.271058
6	FACE ANGLE	1.291448
7	ROOT ANGLE	1.216421
8	OUT. DIA	10.508751
9	BACK ANGLE	1.271058
10	FRONT ANGLE	1.271058
11	DELTA R	0.540584
12	GR	0.063690
13	BO	1.352146
14	BI	0.881508
15	PABCP	0.136397

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