

# Post Processing of Optimization Based on Truss-Like Material Model<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

According to Michell theory, topological optimal structures are truss-like continua generally, which are a kind of anisotropic non-uniform continuum.

In this paper, truss-like material distributed fields were optimized by fully-stressed criteria, based on which truss-like structures were established. Structures were analyzed by the finite element method. The densities and orientations of material at nodes were taken as design variables. A series of continuous lines were drawn according to the orientations of material at nodes in every element to form continuous polygonal lines. These lines were fixed by cubic parametric equations. Further, these cubic equations were unified expressed by aid of some parameters. By choosing proper parameters, discrete trusses with any number of members and perforated plates with any number of holes can be formed. The topological optimal structures were very close to analytical solutions. Since no intermediate densities were suppressed in optimization procedure, there were no numerical instabilities.

A numerical example was shown in Fig. 1. Only 640 four-nodes rectangular elements were used. Topological optimal perforated plates with different numbers of holes and trusses with different numbers of members were shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3, respectively.

Based on the topological optimal results, size optimization and shape optimization were needed further before application in engineering.

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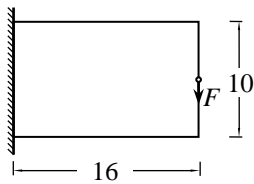


Fig.1 Mechanics

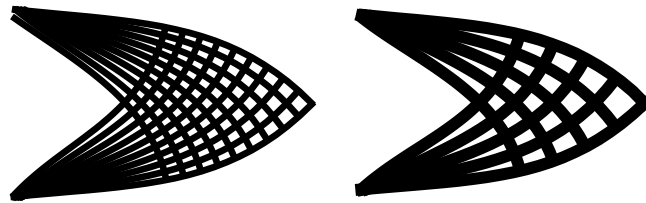


Fig.2 Topological optimal perforated plates

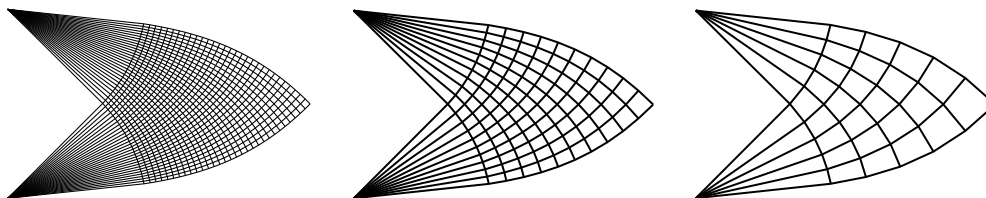


Fig.3 Topological optimal trusses

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