

Abaqus Nonlinear Analysis Tutorial

This is one book of a four-part series, which aims to integrate discussion of modern engineering design principles, advanced design tools, and industrial design practices throughout the design process. Through this series, the reader will: Understand basic design principles and modern engineering design paradigms. Understand CAD/CAE/CAM tools available for various design related tasks. Understand how to put an integrated system together to conduct product design using the paradigms and tools. Understand industrial practices in employing virtual engineering design and tools for product development. Provides a comprehensive and thorough coverage on essential elements for product performance evaluation using the virtual engineering paradigms Covers CAD/CAE in Structural Analysis using FEM, Motion Analysis of Mechanical Systems, Fatigue and Fracture Analysis Each chapter includes both analytical methods and computer-aided design methods, reflecting the use of modern computational tools in engineering design and practice A case study and tutorial example at the end of each chapter provide hands-on practice in implementing off-the-shelf computer design tools Provides two projects at the end of the book showing the use of Pro/ENGINEER® and SolidWorks® to implement concepts discussed in the book

A simplified approach to applying the Finite Element Method to geotechnical problems Predicting soil behavior by constitutive equations that are based on experimental findings and embodied in numerical methods, such as the finite element method, is a significant aspect of soil mechanics. Engineers are able to solve a wide range of geotechnical engineering problems, especially inherently complex ones that resist traditional analysis. Applied Soil Mechanics with ABAQUS® Applications provides civil engineering students and practitioners with a simple, basic introduction to applying the finite element method to soil mechanics problems. Accessible to someone with little background in soil mechanics and finite element analysis, Applied Soil Mechanics with ABAQUS® Applications explains the basic concepts of soil mechanics and then prepares the reader for solving geotechnical engineering problems using both traditional engineering solutions and the more versatile, finite element solutions. Topics covered include: Properties of Soil Elasticity and Plasticity Stresses in Soil Consolidation Shear Strength of Soil Shallow Foundations Lateral Earth Pressure and Retaining Walls Piles and Pile Groups Seepage Taking a unique approach, the author describes the general soil mechanics for each topic, shows traditional applications of these principles with longhand solutions, and then presents finite element solutions for the same applications, comparing both. The book is prepared with ABAQUS® software applications to enable a range of readers to experiment firsthand with the principles described in the book (the software application files are available under "student resources" at www.wiley.com/college/helwany). By presenting both the traditional solutions alongside the FEM solutions, Applied Soil Mechanics with ABAQUS® Applications is an ideal introduction to traditional soil mechanics and a guide to alternative solutions and emergent methods. Dr. Helwany also has an online course based on the book available at www.geomilwaukee.com.

This book combines essential finite element (FE) theory with a set of fourteen tutorials using relatively easy-to-use open source CAD, FE and other numerical analysis codes so a student can undertake practical analysis and self-study. The theory covers fundamentals of the finite element method. Formulation of element stiffness for one dimensional bar and beam, two dimensional and three dimensional continuum elements, plate and shell elements are derived based on energy and variational methods. Linear, nonlinear and transient dynamic solution methods are covered for both mechanical and field analysis problems with a focus on heat transfer. Other important theoretical topics covered include element integration, element assembly, loads, boundary conditions, contact and a chapter devoted to material laws on elasticity, hyperelasticity and plasticity. A brief introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is also included. The second half of this book presents a chapter on using tutorials containing information on code installation (on Windows) and getting started, and general hints on meshing, modelling and analysis. This is then followed by tutorials and exercises that cover linear, nonlinear and dynamic mechanical analysis, steady state and transient heat analysis, field analysis, fatigue, buckling and frequency analysis, a hydraulic pipe network analysis, and lastly two tutorials on CFD simulation. In each case theory is linked with application and exercises are included for further self-study. For these tutorials open source codes FreeCAD, CalculiX, FreeMAT and OpenFOAM are used. CalculiX is a comprehensive FE package covering linear, nonlinear and transient analysis. One particular benefit is that its format and structure is based on Abaqus, so knowledge gained is relevant to a leading commercial code. FreeCAD is primarily a powerful CAD modelling code, that includes good finite element meshing and modelling capabilities and is fully integrated with CalculiX. FreeMAT is used in three tutorials for numerical analysis demonstrating algorithms for explicit finite element and CFD analysis. And OpenFOAM is used for other CFD flow simulations. The primary aim of this book is to provide a unified text covering theory and practice, so a student can learn and experiment with these versatile and powerful analysis methods. It should be of value to both finite element courses and for student self-study.

Mechanics of Composite Materials: Recent Advances covers the proceedings of the International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (IUTAM) Symposium on Mechanics of Composite Materials. The book reviews papers that emphasize fundamental mechanics, developments, and unresolved problems of the field. The text covers topics such as mechanical properties of composite materials; influence of microstructure on the thermoplastics and transport properties of particulate and short-fiber composites; and further applications of the systematic theory of materials with disordered constitution. The selection also explains the curved thermal crack growth in the interface of a unidirectional carbon-aluminum composite and energy release rates of various microcracks in short-fiber composites. The book will be of great interest to researchers and professionals whose line of work requires the understanding of the mechanics of composite materials.

The book covers an introduction to the computational analysis of plasticity in engineering materials and structures. The

general theory is presented which, wherever possible, is reduced to simple, one-dimensional forms to develop understanding and a good 'physical feel' for the theory. Implementations of the theory in to modern computer solution techniques are described and several examples given.

This book offers a brief introduction to the general-purpose finite element program MSC Marc, focusing on providing simple examples, often single-element problems, which can easily be related to the theory that is discussed in finite element lectures. As such, it is an ideal companion book to classical introductory courses on the finite element method. MSC Marc is a specialized program for non-linear problems (implicit solver), which is distributed by the MSC Software Corporation and commonly used in academia and industry. The documentation of all finite element programs now includes a variety of step-by-step examples of differing complexity, and all software companies offer professional workshops on different topics. Since the first edition of the book, there have been several new releases of Marc/Mentat and numerous changes. This new edition incorporates the latest Marc/Mentat software developments and new examples. The work deals with the thermomechanical mechanical behavior of microstructured materials, which has attracted considerable interest from both the academic and the industrial research communities. The past decade has witnessed major progress in the development of analytical as well as numerical modeling approaches and of experimental methods in this field. Considerable research efforts have been aimed at obtaining microstructure-property correlations and at studying the damage and failure behavior of microstructured materials. The book combines an overview of important analytical and numerical modeling approaches in continuum micromechanics and is aimed at academic and industrial researchers, such as materials scientists, mechanical engineers, and applied physicists, who are working or planning to work in the field of mechanics of microstructured materials such as composites, metals and ceramics.

Written by leading researchers and practitioners, Finite Element Analysis of Elastomers blends established knowledge in this important area with up-to-date research topics, practical hints and thought-provoking new ideas. The Editors, have compiled contributions by leading researchers and practitioners in finite element analysis (FEA): the result is an authoritative and agenda-setting volume. Finite element modelling can only be as good as the constitutive laws (material models) used, the means of obtaining and fitting the data for those models, and the accuracy of the boundary conditions. (The latter is of particular importance in cases of contact.) All three questions receive particular attention in this book, as do aspects such as the interpretation and accuracy of FE outputs, with many practical examples being given. There is a short section on fatigue and failure, where particular concerns and approaches in this challenging area are discussed. Comprehensive coverage is given to particular issues concerning the problems of working with real elastomers, especially filled materials. Key features include: Constitutive laws for hyperelastic and inelastic aspects of behaviour Appropriate test methods Curve fitting to obtain constants for constitutive laws Interpretation of finite element results Modelling of crack growth Example applications.

An overview of the virtual crack closure technique is presented. The approach used is discussed, the history summarized, and insight into its applications provided. Equations for two-dimensional quadrilateral elements with linear and quadratic shape functions are given. Formula for applying the technique in conjunction with three-dimensional solid elements as well as plate/shell elements are also provided. Necessary modifications for the use of the method with geometrically nonlinear finite element analysis and corrections required for elements at the crack tip with different lengths and widths are discussed. The problems associated with cracks or delaminations propagating between different materials are mentioned briefly, as well as a strategy to minimize these problems. Due to an increased interest in using a fracture mechanics based approach to assess the damage tolerance of composite structures in the design phase and during certification, the engineering problems selected as examples and given as references focus on the application of the technique to components made of composite materials.

Developed from the author's graduate-level course on advanced mechanics of composite materials, Finite Element Analysis of Composite Materials with Abaqus shows how powerful finite element tools address practical problems in the structural analysis of composites. Unlike other texts, this one takes the theory to a hands-on level by actually solving. There are some books that target the theory of the finite element, while others focus on the programming side of things. Introduction to Finite Element Analysis Using MATLAB® and Abaqus accomplishes both. This book teaches the first principles of the finite element method. It presents the theory of the finite element method while maintaining a balance between its mathematical formulation, programming implementation, and application using commercial software. The computer implementation is carried out using MATLAB, while the practical applications are carried out in both MATLAB and Abaqus. MATLAB is a high-level language specially designed for dealing with matrices, making it particularly suited for programming the finite element method, while Abaqus is a suite of commercial finite element software. Includes more than 100 tables, photographs, and figures Provides MATLAB codes to generate contour plots for sample results Introduction to Finite Element Analysis Using MATLAB and Abaqus introduces and explains theory in each chapter, and provides corresponding examples. It offers introductory notes and provides matrix structural analysis for trusses, beams, and frames. The book examines the theories of stress and strain and the relationships between them. The author then covers weighted residual methods and finite element approximation and numerical integration. He presents the finite element formulation for plane stress/strain problems, introduces axisymmetric problems, and highlights the theory of plates. The text supplies step-by-step procedures for solving problems with Abaqus interactive and keyword editions. The described procedures are implemented as MATLAB codes and Abaqus files can be found on the CRC Press website. An introductory textbook covering the fundamentals of linear finite element analysis (FEA) This book constitutes the first volume in a two-volume set that introduces readers to the theoretical foundations and the implementation of the finite element method (FEM). The first volume focuses on the use of the method for linear problems. A general procedure is presented for the finite element analysis (FEA) of a physical problem, where the goal is to specify the values of a field

function. First, the strong form of the problem (governing differential equations and boundary conditions) is formulated. Subsequently, a weak form of the governing equations is established. Finally, a finite element approximation is introduced, transforming the weak form into a system of equations where the only unknowns are nodal values of the field function. The procedure is applied to one-dimensional elasticity and heat conduction, multi-dimensional steady-state scalar field problems (heat conduction, chemical diffusion, flow in porous media), multi-dimensional elasticity and structural mechanics (beams/shells), as well as time-dependent (dynamic) scalar field problems, elastodynamics and structural dynamics. Important concepts for finite element computations, such as isoparametric elements for multi-dimensional analysis and Gaussian quadrature for numerical evaluation of integrals, are presented and explained. Practical aspects of FEA and advanced topics, such as reduced integration procedures, mixed finite elements and verification and validation of the FEM are also discussed. Provides detailed derivations of finite element equations for a variety of problems. Incorporates quantitative examples on one-dimensional and multi-dimensional FEA. Provides an overview of multi-dimensional linear elasticity (definition of stress and strain tensors, coordinate transformation rules, stress-strain relation and material symmetry) before presenting the pertinent FEA procedures. Discusses practical and advanced aspects of FEA, such as treatment of constraints, locking, reduced integration, hourglass control, and multi-field (mixed) formulations. Includes chapters on transient (step-by-step) solution schemes for time-dependent scalar field problems and elastodynamics/structural dynamics. Contains a chapter dedicated to verification and validation for the FEM and another chapter dedicated to solution of linear systems of equations and to introductory notions of parallel computing. Includes appendices with a review of matrix algebra and overview of matrix analysis of discrete systems. Accompanied by a website hosting an open-source finite element program for linear elasticity and heat conduction, together with a user tutorial. Fundamentals of Finite Element Analysis: Linear Finite Element Analysis is an ideal text for undergraduate and graduate students in civil, aerospace and mechanical engineering, finite element software vendors, as well as practicing engineers and anybody with an interest in linear finite element analysis.

Highlights of the book: Discussion about all the fields of Computer Aided Engineering, Finite Element Analysis Sharing of worldwide experience by more than 10 working professionals Emphasis on Practical usage and minimum mathematics Simple language, more than 1000 colour images International quality printing on specially imported paper Why this book has been written ... FEA is gaining popularity day by day & is a sought after dream career for mechanical engineers. Enthusiastic engineers and managers who want to refresh or update the knowledge on FEA are encountered with volume of published books. Often professionals realize that they are not in touch with theoretical concepts as being pre-requisite and find it too mathematical and Hi-Fi. Many a times these books just end up being decoration in their book shelves ... All the authors of this book are from IITs & IISc and after joining the industry realized gap between university education and the practical FEA. Over the years they learned it via interaction with experts from international community, sharing experience with each other and hard route of trial & error method. The basic aim of this book is to share the knowledge & practices used in the industry with experienced and in particular beginners so as to reduce the learning curve & avoid reinvention of the cycle. Emphasis is on simple language, practical usage, minimum mathematics & no pre-requisites. All basic concepts of engineering are included as & where it is required. It is hoped that this book would be helpful to beginners, experienced users, managers, group leaders and as additional reading material for university courses.

This book aims to provide the practical information to perform complex contact analysis in Abaqus. The book mainly consists of tutorials providing intensive instructions to perform analysis of contact problems. During such analysis it is very common to face convergence difficulties. Special sections are devoted to diagnose such difficulties and take the corrective action. The cae models to practice the exercises are also provided for the student edition of the Abaqus.

While previously available methodologies for software – like those published in the early days of object technology – claimed to be appropriate for every conceivable project, situational method engineering (SME) acknowledges that most projects typically have individual characteristics and situations. Thus, finding the most effective methodology for a particular project needs specific tailoring to that situation. Such a tailored software development methodology needs to take into account all the bits and pieces needed for an organization to develop software, including the software process, the input and output work products, the people involved, the languages used to describe requirements, design, code, and eventually also measures of success or failure. The authors have structured the book into three parts. Part I deals with all the basic concepts, terminology and overall ideas underpinning situational method engineering. As a summary of this part, they present a formal meta-model that enables readers to create their own quality methods and supporting tools. In Part II, they explain how to implement SME in practice, i.e., how to find method components and put them together and how to evaluate the resulting method. For illustration, they also include several industry case studies of customized or constructed processes, highlighting the impact that high-quality engineered methods can have on the success of an industrial software development. Finally, Part III summarizes some of the more recent and forward-looking ideas. This book presents the first summary of the state of the art for SME. For academics, it provides a comprehensive conceptual framework and discusses new research areas. For lecturers, thanks to its step-by-step explanations from basics to the customization and quality assessment of constructed methods, it serves as a solid basis for comprehensive courses on the topic. For industry methodologists, it offers a reference guide on features and technologies to consider when developing in-house software development methods or customising and adopting off-the-shelf ones.

Designing structures using composite materials poses unique challenges, especially due to the need for concurrent design of both material and structure. Students are faced with two options: textbooks that teach the theory of advanced mechanics of composites, but lack computational examples of advanced analysis, and books on finite element analysis

Intended for use by advanced engineering students and professionals, this volume focuses on plastic deformation of metals at normal temperatures, as applied to strength of machines and structures. 1971 edition.

Solving Nonlinear Problems with Abaqus

1. Are you using ABAQUS for FEM simulations and would like to increase your efficiency? 2. After deciding to learn Python scripting, did you find it to be challenging and time consuming? 3. Did you find yourself demotivated and lost because of the scarcity of relevant learning resources or step-by-step tutorials? 4. Would you like to automate a lot of

repetitive tasks that have to be performed on a daily basis? This unique book is author's sincere attempt to address these concerns by providing full python scripts for 9 problems from different categories with detailed comments and step-by-step explanations. Practice one chapter a day with this book and turbo-charge your ABAQUS skills in just 10 days. All the scripts in the book have been thoroughly tested and validated. So, the scripts as such or the ideas can be used to unleash the true potential of Python scripting for ABAQUS. Also, in the long run, some of these little-known techniques will become a part of your mental framework, which will help you reduce the trivial errors in FEM simulations and let you focus your energies on actual problem solving.

Finite Element Analysis Applications and Solved Problems using ABAQUS The main objective of this book is to provide the civil engineering students and industry professionals with straightforward step-by-step guidelines and essential information on how to use Abaqus(R) software in order to apply the Finite Element Method to variety of civil engineering problems. The readers may find this book fundamentally different from the conventional Finite Element Method textbooks in a way that it is written as a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) publication. Its main focus is to teach the user the introductory and advanced features and commands of Abaqus(R) for analysis and modeling of civil engineering problems. The book is mainly written for the undergraduate and graduate engineering students who want to learn the software in order to use it for their course projects or graduate research work. Moreover, the industry professionals in different fields of Finite Element Analysis may also find this book useful as it utilizes a step-by-step and straightforward methodology for each presented problem. In general, the book is comprised of eleven chapters, nine of which provide basic to advance knowledge of modeling the structural engineering problems; such as extracting beam internal forces, settlements, buckling analysis, stress concentrations, concrete columns, steel connections, pre-stressed concrete beams, steel plate shear walls, and, Fiber Reinforce Polymer (FRP) modeling. There also exist two chapters that depict geotechnical problems including a concrete retaining wall as well as the modeling and analysis of a masonry wall. Each chapter of this book elaborates on how to create the FEA model for the presented civil engineering problem and how to perform the FEA analysis for the created model. The model creation procedure is proposed in a step-by-step manner, so that the book provides significant learning help for students and professionals in civil engineering industry who want to learn Abaqus(R) to perform Finite Element modeling of the real world problems for their assignments, projects or research. The essential prerequisite technical knowledge to start the book is basic fundamental knowledge of structural analysis and computer skills, which is mostly met and satisfied for civil engineering students by the time that they embark on learning Finite Element Analysis. This publication is the result of the authors' teaching Finite Element Analysis and the Abaqus(R) software to civil engineering graduate students at Syracuse University in the past years. The authors hope that this book serves the reader as a straightforward self-study reference to learn the software and acquire the technical competence in using it towards more sophisticated real-world problems. -Hossein Ataei, PhD, PE, PEng University of Illinois at Chicago -Mohammadhossein Mamaghani, MS, EIT Syracuse University

Structural Integrity Research of the Electric Power Research Institute presents the result of the mission of the Electric Power Research Institute to conduct research and development promoting the clean, safe, and economical generation of power by the utility industry. This book covers nuclear plant design, licensing, and regulation questions. Organized into 13 chapters, this book begins with an overview of the primary motivations for structural integrity research, including insights into reactor safety from probabilistic risk assessments and the increasing costs of plant structural components. This text then examines the SIMQUAKE series of field tests on model containment structures. Other chapters consider the methodology for realistically predicting fluid-structure interaction transient loads and the structural response of the reactor vessel, core support barrel, and core. This book discusses as well the ABAQUS finite element program. The final chapter deals with high-amplitude dynamic tests. This book is a valuable resource for engineers.

This book gives Abaqus users who make use of finite-element models in academic or practitioner-based research the in-depth program knowledge that allows them to debug a structural analysis model. The book provides many methods and guidelines for different analysis types and modes, that will help readers to solve problems that can arise with Abaqus if a structural model fails to converge to a solution. The use of Abaqus affords a general checklist approach to debugging analysis models, which can also be applied to structural analysis. The author uses step-by-step methods and detailed explanations of special features in order to identify the solutions to a variety of problems with finite-element models. The book promotes: • a diagnostic mode of thinking concerning error messages; • better material definition and the writing of user material subroutines; • work with the Abaqus mesher and best practice in doing so; • the writing of user element subroutines and contact features with convergence issues; and • consideration of hardware and software issues and a Windows HPC cluster solution. The methods and information provided facilitate job diagnostics and help to obtain converged solutions for finite-element models regarding structural component assemblies in static or dynamic analysis. The troubleshooting advice ensures that these solutions are both high-quality and cost-effective according to practical experience. The book offers an in-depth guide for students learning about Abaqus, as each problem and solution are complemented by examples and straightforward explanations. It is also useful for academics and structural engineers wishing to debug Abaqus models on the basis of error and warning messages that arise during finite-element modelling processing.

This book aims to provide the practical information to perform finite element analysis of nonlinear problems in Abaqus. It presents only the basic theory that is necessary for an analyst involved in performing analysis using commercial software. The book presents 27 hands-on tutorials providing intensive instructions to perform analysis of nonlinear problems. During such analysis it is very common to face convergence difficulties. Special sections are devoted to diagnose such difficulties and take the corrective action. The cae models to practice the exercises are also provided for the student edition of the Abaqus. Please visit the following page for further details and to download contents in PDF:

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The topology optimization method solves the basic engineering problem of distributing a limited amount of material in a design space. The first edition of this book has become the standard text on optimal design which is concerned with the optimization of structural topology, shape and material. This edition, has been substantially revised and updated to reflect progress made in modelling and computational procedures. It also encompasses a comprehensive and unified description of the state-of-the-art of the so-called material distribution method, based on the use of mathematical programming and finite elements. Applications treated include not only structures but also materials and MEMS. The successful design and construction of iconic new buildings relies on a range of advanced technologies, in particular on advanced modelling techniques. In response to the increasingly complex buildings demanded by clients and architects, structural engineers have developed a range of sophisticated modelling software to carry out the necessary structural analysis and design work. *Advanced Modelling Techniques in Structural Design* introduces numerical analysis methods to both students and design practitioners. It illustrates the modelling techniques used to solve structural design problems, covering most of the issues that an engineer might face, including lateral stability design of tall buildings; earthquake; progressive collapse; fire, blast and vibration analysis; non-linear geometric analysis and buckling analysis. Resolution of these design problems are demonstrated using a range of prestigious projects around the world, including the Buji Khalifa; Willis Towers; Taipei 101; the Gherkin; Millennium Bridge; Millau viaduct and the Forth Bridge, illustrating the practical steps required to begin a modelling exercise and showing how to select appropriate software tools to address specific design problems.

The subject of computational plasticity encapsulates the numerical methods used for the finite element simulation of the behaviour of a wide range of engineering materials considered to be plastic – i.e. those that undergo a permanent change of shape in response to an applied force. *Computational Methods for Plasticity: Theory and Applications* describes the theory of the associated numerical methods for the simulation of a wide range of plastic engineering materials; from the simplest infinitesimal plasticity theory to more complex damage mechanics and finite strain crystal plasticity models. It is split into three parts - basic concepts, small strains and large strains. Beginning with elementary theory and progressing to advanced, complex theory and computer implementation, it is suitable for use at both introductory and advanced levels. The book: Offers a self-contained text that allows the reader to learn computational plasticity theory and its implementation from one volume. Includes many numerical examples that illustrate the application of the methodologies described. Provides introductory material on related disciplines and procedures such as tensor analysis, continuum mechanics and finite elements for non-linear solid mechanics. Is accompanied by purpose-developed finite element software that illustrates many of the techniques discussed in the text, downloadable from the book's companion website. This comprehensive text will appeal to postgraduate and graduate students of civil, mechanical, aerospace and materials engineering as well as applied mathematics and courses with computational mechanics components. It will also be of interest to research engineers, scientists and software developers working in the field of computational solid mechanics.

Understand How to Use and Develop Meshfree Techniques An Update of a Groundbreaking Work Reflecting the significant advances made in the field since the publication of its predecessor, Meshfree Methods: Moving Beyond the Finite Element Method, Second Edition systematically covers the most widely used meshfree methods. With 70% new material, this edition addresses important new developments, especially on essential theoretical issues. New to the Second Edition Much more details on fundamental concepts and important theories for numerical methods Discussions on special properties of meshfree methods, including stability, convergence, accuracy, efficiency, and bound property More detailed discussion on error estimation and adaptive analysis using meshfree methods Developments on combined meshfree/finite element method (FEM) models Comparison studies using meshfree and FEM Drawing on the author's own research, this book provides a single-source guide to meshfree techniques and theories that can effectively handle a variety of complex engineering problems. It analyzes how the methods work, explains how to use and develop the methods, and explores the problems associated with meshfree methods. To access MFree2D (copyright, G. R. Liu), which accompanies MESHFREE METHODS: MOVING BEYOND THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD, Second Edition (978-1-4200-8209-8) by Dr. G. R. Liu, please go to the website: www.ase.uc.edu/~liugr An access code is needed to use program – to receive it please email Dr. Liu directly at: liugr@ucmail.uc.edu Dr. Liu will reply to you directly with the code, and you can then proceed to use the software.

Provides an up-to-date review of rotor dynamics, dealing with basic topics as well as a number of specialized topics usually available only in journal articles Unlike other books on rotordynamics, this treats the entire machine as a system, with the rotor as just one component

The First International Conference on Computational Methods (ICCM04), organized by the department of Mechanical Engineering, National University of Singapore, was held in Singapore, December 15-17, 2004, with great success. This conference proceedings contains some 290 papers from more than 30 countries/regions. The papers cover a broad range of topics such as meshfree particle methods, Generalized FE and Extended FE methods, inverse analysis and optimization methods. Computational methods for geomechanics, machine learning, vibration, shock, impact, health monitoring, material modeling, fracture and damage mechanics, multi-physics and multi-scales simulation, sports and environments are also included. All the papers are pre-reviewed before they are accepted for publication in this proceedings. The proceedings will provide an informative, timely and invaluable resource for engineers and scientists working in the important areas of computational methods.

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